The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Ltd., January 29, 1916)

Wheat—The wheat markets during the week ended January 29 have been less one-sided than previous weeks. There have been some reactions, such as are generally expected, no matter how strong the undertone may appear. These reactions may be of short duration. It is true the production of the wheat-growing countries has been enormous, but in spite of the high level of prices large sales at the seaboard are being made, and exporters continue to buy our futures, taking advantage of the break in prices which occur. The reported damage to the American winter wheat by exposure does not appear to have any influence on prices as yet.

Oats—Oats prices have remained quite steady during the week, and anything in the way of cash offerings is easily disposed of.

Barley—Barley prices are 2½c lower than a week ago, with little business being done.

Flax—Flax prices closed 2½c lower than a week ago. The amount of trading in flax futures is small, and at the present high level, prices are easily influenced by small buying or selling pressure.

The movement of grain during the past week has been limited and difficult owing to the severe storms. Country roads are almost impassable and the railway companies can scarcely operate their passenger trains on account of the heavy snowfalls.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July
Wheat—		
January 25	133½	132½
January 26	133½	131½
January 27	133½	132½
January 28	132½	131½
January 29	130½	129½
January 31	127½	127
Week ago	132	131½
Year ago	155½	152½
Oats—		
January 25	51½	50½
January 26	51½	51
January 27	51	50½
January 28	50½	50
January 29	50	49
January 31	47½	47½
Week ago	50½	50
Year ago	68½	68½
Flax—		
January 25	224	
January 26	222	
January 27	221½	
January 28	220½	
January 29	217½	
January 31	214	
Week ago	222½	
Year ago	167½	168½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Jan. 28)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$1 42
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 42½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 41
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,200 bu., arrive	1 37
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 39
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1 37
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1 37½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 40
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1 38
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 34
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 34½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 32
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 33½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 35
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 34½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 34
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 34
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1 34½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1 33
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 30
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 32½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1 24½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 22½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 31½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 31½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 33½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 32½
No. 3 apelta, 1 car, f.o.b.	1 25
No grade wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	1 17
Sample grade mixed wheat, 1 car	1 27½
No. 4 mixed wheat, 1 car, soft and smut	1 20
No. 2 western wheat, 2 cars	1 29½
No grade durum wheat, 1 car	1 22
No. 3 durum wheat, 1 car	1 21½
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car, mixed	1 24½
No. 1 durum wheat, part car, mixed	1 28½
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car	1 35½
Sample grade oats, 1 car, mixed	42
No. 5 corn, 1 car, mixed	68
No. 6 yellow corn, 1 car	67
No. 6 corn, mixed, 1 car	62
Sample grade corn, 1 car, mixed	45
No. 4 white oats, 4 car	49
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, o.w.b.	49½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, short rate	50½
Standard white oats, 1 car	52
Sample grade white oats, 1 car	49½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	50
Sample grade barley, 1 car	76½
Sample grade barley, 2 cars	73½
No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	74
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	76
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	76½
No. 1 feed barley, 4 cars	75
No. 4 barley, 1 car	76½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	75½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, thin	74½
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	74½
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	73½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	78
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars, f.o.b.	75½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	76
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	75½
No. 1 flax, 47 sacks	2 30
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2 34½
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2 36½

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Fort William, Jan. 28, 1916.

1916 Wheat	This Year		Last Year	
1 hard	84,308.20		46,452.30	
1 Nor.	19,652,057.40		743,384.50	
2 Nor.	4,656,476.20		1,386,682.00	
3 Nor.	2,902,315.00		801,512.30	
No. 4	1,462,589.40		465,402.40	
Others	2,592,176.10		1,779,159.00	
This week	22,349,963.10	This week	5,186,293.30	
Last week	21,676,745.40	Last week	5,132,926.20	
Increase	673,157.30	Increase	53,367.10	
Oats				
1 C.W.	119,805.02		4,113.08	
2 C.W.	4,041,131.08		433,020.13	
3 C.W.	1,888,309.16		342,234.24	
Ex. 1 Fd	643,467.33		148,631.08	
Others	1,508,301.28		932,215.00	
This week	8,200,614.19	This week	1,860,264.19	
Last week	7,937,713.27	Last week	1,872,068.33	
Increase	262,900.26	Decrease	11,804.14	
Barley		**Flaxseed**		
3 C.W.	680,167.39	1 N.W.C.	650,327.30	
4 C.W.	350,244.28	2 C.W.	74,775.27	
Rej.	77,372.30	3 C.W.	30,332.46	
Feed	56,971.32	Others	28,694.43	
Others	152,288.02			
This week	1,326,244.35	This week	784,128.34	
Last week	1,274,742.29	Last week	784,031.20	
Increase	51,502.06	Increase	97.14	
Last year's total	249,550.31	Last year's total	774,532.53	

SHIPMENTS

	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
1916				
(lake)				
(rail)	1,128,579.20	295,229.25	4,576.30	41,627.08
1915				
(lake)				
(rail)	300,391.00	132,185.00	21,682.00	985.00

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending Jan. 28, 1916.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	22,349,963	8,200,614	1,326,244
Depot Harbor	287,200		
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	1,236,255	2,340,372	
Total	29,685,193	13,265,165	1,633,442
At Buffalo and Duluth	9,682,698	421,815	117,851
Total this week	40,604,056	16,027,352	1,751,293
Total last week	42,552,518	16,086,010	1,704,083
Total last year	13,249,347	6,034,326	723,310

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

For the week ending Wednesday, January 26, there was in store at the interior terminal elevator, Saskatoon: Wheat, 1,355,151.10 bushels; oats, 170,053.28 bushels; barley, 13,849.29 bushels; flax, 27,658.41 bushels. During this period shipments were 57,831 bushels of wheat and receipts: Wheat, 160,329.50 bushels; oats, 64,622.12 bushels; barley, 7,913.44 bushels; and flax, 3,399.34 bushels. In store in the Calgary elevator there is: Wheat, 30,530 bushels; oats, 96,110 bushels; barley, 7,211 bushels; and flax, 76,396 pounds. Receipts were: Wheat, 6,538 bushels; oats, 8,553 bushels; and barley, 2,484 bushels. In store in the Moose Jaw elevator there is: Wheat, 469,167 bushels; oats, 56,980 bushels; barley, 4,032.04 bushels; and flax, 7,068.11 bushels. Receipts during this period were: Wheat, 243,646.50 bushels; oats, 18,112.02 bushels; and barley, 3,557.24 bushels. Shipments were: Wheat, 40,716.40 bushels; oats, 6,827 bushels; and barley, 7,801.22 bushels.

The Livestock Markets

South St. Paul, Jan. 28.—Estimated receipts at the Union stockyards today: Cattle, 1,000; calves, 400; hogs, 12,000; sheep, 300; cars, 158.

Cattle—Outlet for cattle today was about the same as on the preceding day. Only a limited quota of stock arrived. Killers of good to choice quality were particularly scarce. Demand for stockers and feeders was not broad, but sellers succeeded in getting rid of desirable stuff without difficulty. Dairy cow demand continued dull with prices mostly at $40 to $65 a head. Veal calves dropped another quarter and topped at $9.75.

Hogs—There was very little trade in the hog department during early rounds today. Outside news of a strong nature induced sellers to hold out for sharply higher terms and such early sales as were reported showed at least 10 to 20 cents advance and even further boost was cited in some cases. Sales were quoted from $7.30 to $7.60 with bulk between $7.40 and $7.50, but there was meager business up to a late hour on which to base quotations.

Sheep—For sheep and lambs the outlet today was about steady. Only a handful of stock reached the yards and scarcity obscured to some extent the weakness noted in the trade early in the week.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The mild weather has proved a weakening factor in the local livestock market this week. Packers find the movement of meats small in volume. Yesterday butchers sold slowly, and there was a big mid-week run. The result was the prices remained at the lower levels reached on Tuesday. Choice butchers sold at $7.25 to $7.50, good from $6.85 to $7.25, medium from $6.35 to $6.85, and common from $5.75 to $6.35.

Cows and bulls were steady, better grades going at $6.00 to $6.75, and common and medium at $5.00 to $6.00. Canners and cutters were steady, canners going at $3.25 to $4.00, and cutters at $4.00 to $4.75.

Trade was good for stockers, and, as supplies were meagre, prices were firm. Best went at $6.50 to $7.00, the latter being really fine. Milkers and forward springers were firm. Calves were steady at the recent advance, good to choice going at $9.00 to $11.00. Lambs sold firm at $10.00 to $12.00, while light ewes brought $7.00 to $8.25.

Hogs were about steady at $9.75 to $9.80, fed and watered.

Calgary, Jan. 29.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Limited reports last week's Alberta stockyards receipts were 297 horses, 508 cattle, 3,625 hogs. This week's receipts were 475 horses, 748 cattle, 2,636 hogs.

Outward Shipments—10 cars of hogs to Toronto, 1 car of hogs to New Westminster, 2 cars of hogs to Moose Jaw, 9 cars of cattle to New Westminster, 2 cars of cattle to Toronto, 2 cars of cattle to Winnipeg, 1 car of cattle to Edmonton, 1 car of cattle to Merritt.

Cattle and Hogs—We sold three cars of cattle and hogs on Thursday, fed by W. H. Wilderman, of Blackie. These cattle averaged 1125 and 1380 pounds, and sold, weighed fed and watered, at $7.00, and the hogs for $9.15. Today's hogs sold for $9.25, which is a price record. Cold weather interrupted hog shipments and some trains were delayed, making receipts lighter than usual at time of writing.

Sheep—Top yearlings, wethers and lambs, $8.00 to $8.50; ewes, $7.00.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—Receipts at the Union stockyards during the past week were: Cattle, 540; calves, 40; and hogs, 5,773.

Cattle—Receipts have been very small on account of the very stormy weather so that local demand has tended to make all butcher cattle sell strong at last week's prices. Best butcher steers are selling at $7.25 to $7.50 and odd butchers of the best reach even $7.75. Best heifers are around 7 cents. Bulls and cows are steady. As long as the supply keeps light the price will stay good, but any heavy rush would undoubtedly depress prices. There is a good enquiry for stockers and feeders, but very little of this class is coming to hand.

Hogs have been scarce. Local packers have been offering 9 cents all week, but haven't bought many selects at that figure. Most shipments sold for $9.10. Sows sell at from $6.75 to $7.25, and light pigs at from $7.25 to $8.00.

No sheep have been on the market for sale, but would sell at steady prices.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Friday, Jan. 28, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1 28½	$1 39½
2 Nor. wheat	1 25½	1 34½
3 Nor. wheat	1 23½	1 31½
3 white oats	44½	50½
Barley	53½-68	70-79
Flax, No. 1	2 13½	2 35
Futures—		
May wheat	1 32½	1 33½
July wheat	1 31½	1 31½

Country Produce

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: Prices are all f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—There is very little doing in the produce market this week. Shipments are small and slow and demand is quite ordinary. Fancy dairy butter is worth the same, 24 to 26 cents per pound; No. 1 dairy is 24 to 25 cents per pound, and round lots 21 to 23 cents per pound.

Eggs—Storms thru the west have held up shipments to some extent, but a fairly good number of eggs are coming to dealers and the price they offer for new laid eggs remains the same, namely, 35 to 40 cents per dozen. Candled eggs are still worth 25 cents per dozen.

Potatoes—It is expected that as soon as the weather allows shipments to become less risky potatoes will come forward in good quantities and hence there is a tendency to expect a drop in prices. However that may be, just now dealers are offering the same price as last week, namely, 65 cents per bushel.

Milk and Cream—There will be no change in milk and cream prices for the coming week. Sweet cream is 40 cents per pound of butter-fat delivered, sour cream is 37 cents per pound of butter-fat delivered, and milk is $2.50 per 100 pounds.

Hay—There is good demand for all classes of hay and prices remain steady.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from January 25 to 31 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2 CW	3 CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Jan. 25	129½	127½	125½	121½	114½	102½	101½	47½	44½	44½	43½	42½	69½	65	55	55	217	214	..	..
26	129	126½	124½	120	113½	102½	101	47½	44½	44½	43½	42½	69½	65	55	55	214½	211½	..	..
27	129	127½	125½	121½	114½	108	101½	47½	44½	44½	43½	42½	68	63½	55½	55½	214½	211½	..	..
28	128	125½	123½	119	112	106½	99	47	44½	44½	43½	42½	68	63½	55	55½	213	210½	..	..
29	126	123½	121½	117	110	104	97½	46½	43½	43½	42½	41½	67	62	55	55	210½	207½	..	..
31	124½	121½	118	114½	107	101½	94½	43½	41	41	40	39	65	60	55	54	207½	204½	..	..
Week ago	127½	125½	123½	118½	111½	104½	98½	46½	44½	44½	43½	42½	69½	65	55	55	215½	212½	..	..
Year ago	149½	148½	146	141½	137½	132½		66	63½	63½			84				161½	158½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg Jan. 31	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto Jan. 28	Calgary Jan. 29	Chicago Jan. 29	St. Paul Jan. 29
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers		6.75-7.00	7.50-7.85	6.70-6.90	9.70	7.00-8.75
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.25-7.50	6.25-6.50	6.85-7.00	6.00-6.70	6.30-8.15	5.75-7.75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	7.00-7.25	5.75-6.00	6.65-7.15		6.50-8.15	3.75-7.25
Best fat cows	5.75-6.25	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	3.10-8.15	4.25-6.75
Medium cows	5.25-5.50	4.50-5.75	5.10-5.60		3.10-8.10	4.25-6.75
Common cows	3.50-4.50	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.75	4.35-5.40	3.10-8.10	4.25-6.25
Choice heifers	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	7.10-7.50	5.50-6.00		4.25-6.75
Best bulls	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25		4.00-4.50		3.50-5.60
Common and medium bulls	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50				3.50-5.60
Best feeding steers	5.25-5.50	5.00-6.00	6.00-6.75	5.50-5.60		4.25-7.00
Best stocker steers	5.00-5.25	5.25-5.50	6.00-6.50			4.00-6.50
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$60-$70	$80-$100	$75-$85		
Common milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$45-$50		$55-$70		
Hogs						
Choice hogs	$9.10	$7.15	$9.75	$9.25	$7.55-$8.00	$7.10
Heavy sows	$6.25-$7.00	$6.00				
Stags	$4.50	$4.50-$4.75				
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$8.50	$7.00-$7.50	$10.50-$12.00	$8.00-$8.50	$8.25-$10.75	$8.50-$10.15
Best killing sheep	$6.00-$6.50	$5.50-$6.00	$6.50-$9.50	$7.00	$7.35-$8.00	$5.50-$7.25

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg Jan. 31	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary Jan. 21	Saskatoon Jan. 22	Regina Jan. 21	Brandon
Butter (per lb.)						
Fancy dairy	24c-26c	2 c	35c	.....	30c	28c
No. 1 dairy	24c-25c	21c	27½c-30c	30c	28c	26c
Good round lots	21c-23c	18c	25c	25c-27c	23c	24c
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling	25c	26c	.....	30c-32½c	.....	28c
New Laid	35c-40c	35c-45c	47½c-50c	50c	45c	55c
Potatoes—						
In sacks, per bushel, new	65c	55c-60c	60c	65c-70c	75c	55c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	40c	35c	35c-37c	.....	.....	.....
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	37c	30c	30c-34c	.....	.....	30
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.50	$2.25	58c per lb. of butter-fat	.....	.....	.....
Dressed Poultry						
Chickens	17c	12½c	20c-22c	15c	20c	16
Fowl	13c-14c	9c-10c	17c-19c	14c-15c	15c	14c
Ducks	18c	14c	18c-15c	14c-18c	17c	17
Geese	15c	12c	.....	15c	17c	16
Turkeys	19c	15c-17c	23c-25c	22c-25c	26c	18
Hay (per ton)						
No. 1 Red Top	$14	$14	.....	.....	$20	
No. 1 Upland	$12	$12	$9	.....	$12	$11.50
No. 1 Timothy	$16	$15	$14	$12	.....	.....
No. 1 Mixed	$11	$10-$11		$10-$12	.....	.....