The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Limited, Winnipeg, April 16, 1916.)

Wheat—Last week's wheat market was quite active and nervous, altho the range of prices for the week was not wide and at the close on Saturday, May future price was ½c higher than a week ago, with July unchanged. American markets were mostly bullish, on crop damage reports and the political situation. The Liverpool advices were bearish, and caused some reaction on this side during the latter half of the week. There was an improved demand for cash wheat, and a lot of export business was reported worked. Terminal elevators at the lake front are full and car receipts will necessarily be light until the opening of navigation relieves congestion. Latest advices indicate the heaviest ice is in the vicinity of the Soo.

Oats—Markets were active and a lot of trading in futures was done. There was a good demand for cash oats for delivery either spot or at the opening of navigation. Better prices resulted in some big deals, and the demand continues good.

Barley—Barley prices show an advance of 3½c per bushel for the week. There is an improved demand for cash barley, with offerings light.

Flax—Futures advanced in price during the first half of the week, but later there was a reaction and on Friday May flax closed seven cents lower than on Thursday.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	May	July	Oct.
April 11	116½	116½	112½
April 12	116½	117½	113½
April 13	114½	114½	110½
April 14	113½	114	110½
April 15	114	114½	110½
April 17	113½	113½	109½
Week ago	161½	160½	124½
Year ago			
Oats—			
April 11	43½	43½	
April 12	43½	43½	
April 13	43½	43½	
April 14	43½	43½	
April 15	43½	43½	
April 17	44	43½	
Week ago	42½	42½	
Year ago	66½	66½	
Flax—			
April 11	193	194½	
April 12	193½	193½	
April 13	191	192	
April 14	184	185½	
April 15	184½	186½	
April 17	187	188	
Week ago	190½	192½	
Year ago	180	183	186½

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, April 15)

No. 1 hard wheat, 2 cars	$1 23½
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 22
No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	1 22
No. 1 northern wheat, 4 cars	1 20
No. 1 northern wheat, 2 cars	1 21
No. 1 northern wheat, 2 cars	1 19
No. 1 northern wheat, 1 car	1 19½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1 18½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1 18
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	1 18½
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1 19
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1 19
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	1 18½
No. 3 wheat, part car	1 13½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 13
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 16
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 13½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1 16½
No grade wheat, 1 car smut	1 00
No grade wheat, part car	1 00
NS 4 wheat, 1 car frost	1 11½
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1 13
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 09½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1 11½
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car mixed	1 02
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1 08
No grade durum wheat, 1 car can't clean	1 02
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car mixed	1 01
No. 2 durum wheat, 1 car	1 08
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	42½
Standard grade white oats, 1 car	41½
Mill oats, 1 car	38½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	42
Standard grade oats, 2 cars	41½
Sample oats, 1 car, f.o.b.	41½
No grade white oats, 1 car, sample	41½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	41½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	32½
No. 3 rye, part car	93
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	93
Sample barley, part car	68
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	66
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	70
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	69
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, wheaty	67
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	67
Sample grade barley, 1 car	66½
No. 2 flax, 1 car	2 02½
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2 06½
No. 2 flax, 1 car	2 06½
No. 1 flax, part car, dockage	2 08½
No grade flax, 1 car	1 97½

GRAIN IN INTERIOR TERMINAL ELEVATORS

Movement of grain in the interior terminal elevators for the week ending Wednesday, April 12, was as follows:—

Elevator	Grain	Rec'd during week	Ship'd during week	Now in store
Moose Jaw	Wheat	64,731.26	174,834.10	2,636,037.00
"	Oats	19,825.26	8,271.06	517,742.14
"	Barley			22,771.32
"	Flax	3,609.54		62,879.11
Claggett	Wheat	93,685.00	6,753.00	709,085.00
"	Oats	63,014.00	6,229.00	597,972.00
"	Barley	2,613.00		14,624.00
"	Rye		1,148.00	
"	Flax	1,247.00		2,500.00
"	Mix'd Grain	98,470 lbs		440,620 lbs
Banks-town	Wheat	458,853.30	448,568.10	1,514,476.00
"	Oats	132,193.03	6,421.26	848,026.22
"	Barley	7,827.45		55,237.08
"	Flax	19,609.42		146,484.40

CANADIAN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Week ending April 14, 1916.—

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Ft. William and Pt. Arthur Ter.	27,566,989	9,549,509	1,946,258
In Vessels in Can. Ter. Harbors	2,447,386	974,211	
Total	30,620,364	12,651,793	2,114,318
At Buffalo and Duluth	5,412,425	1,299,000	124,000
Total this week	38,180,175	14,925,104	2,238,318
Total last week	38,424,088	15,208,524	2,113,562
Total last year	14,542,843	5,493,563	729,042

STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Port William, April 14, 1916.—

1916 Wheat	This Year		Last Year	
1 Hard	68,107	00	12,377	40
1 Nor.	13,908,012	40	2,170,218	10
2 Nor.	5,313,114	40	3,785,906	40
3 Nor.	3,535,254	10	3,330,900	30
No. 4	2,060,756	30	1,638,913	00
Others	3,051,744	10	1,409,445	10
This week	27,566,989	10	This week	12,347,761 10
Last week	27,314,943	50	Last week	10,703,055 00
Increase	252,045	20	Increase	1,644,706 10
Oats				
1 C.W.	403,261	19		248 18
2 C.W.	4,550,367	07		982,882 23
3 C.W.	2,025,017	11		822,890 04
Ex 1 Fd.	788,033	29		519,243 20
Others	2,082,829	21		1,542,738 07
This week	9,549,509	19	This week	3,868,003 06
Last week	9,485,338	30	Last week	3,565,160 28
Increase	64,170	23	Increase	302,842 12
Barley			**Flaxseed**	
3 C.W.	998,057	33	1 N.W.C.	844,732 34
4 C.W.	574,663	11	2 C.W.	93,194 34
Rej.	120,187	00	3 C.W.	35,091 06
Feed	48,768	16	Others	29,541 12
Others	174,562	00		
This week	1,946,238	12	This week	1,002,559 30
Last week	1,878,665	43	Last week	983,172 46
Increase	67,572	17	Increase	19,196 40
Last year's total	457,632	43	Last year's total	1,264,184 54

SHIPMENTS

1916	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Flax
(lake)				
(rail)	1,495,402.30	474,161.21	2.00	20,863.18
1915				
(lake)	265,237.00			
(rail)	49,684.00	29,472.00	1,340.00	

INSPECTIONS

Winnipeg, April 17.—There are 900 cars in sight for inspection.

The Livestock Markets

Toronto, April 14.—Receipts at Toronto were light this week and cattle remained steady. A few odd choice Easter steers changed hands at $8.75 to $9.00. Stocker loads of selects went from $7.25 to $7.85. Butcher cows and bulls went readily. Receipts of small meats were meagre. Most of 2,000 swine sold at $11.65 off cars.

Calgary, April 15.—The Livestock Department of the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. Ltd. reports last week's Alberta stockyards receipts as: Horses, 293; cattle, 1,381; hogs, 3,289. This week's were: Horses, 343; cattle, 1,131; hogs, 2,317; and this week's a year ago were: Horses, 317; cattle, 336; hogs, 2,241.

Outward shipments were three cars cattle to New Westminster, one car to Nicola, one car to Vancouver, and one mixed car to Vernon. Ten cars hogs to Toronto, eight cars to Winnipeg, two to Moose Jaw, two to New Westminster, and one to Victoria.

The fat cattle trade showed no steadier tone and choice steers were selling at $7.50 to $7.60, which is only equal to the price ruling here last year. Hogs advanced to $10.75 Wednesday and to $10.90 Thursday and yesterday. (This week a year ago $9.25). We look for a decrease in hog prices next week and advise shippers to be careful of this high market. We sold a carload of 94 hogs for the U.F.A. at Crossfield, which realized $2,926.29, the most valuable load ever sold at the Calgary stockyards, and handled 26 per cent. of the hog receipts at the yards. Our shipments this week included cars from the following points: Lomond, Amisk, Sedgewick, Provost, Hardisty, Hayter, Czar, Cadogan, Consort, New Norway, Daltroy, Barons, Crossfield, Craigmyle, Delia, Three Hills, Delburne and Huxley. Sheep receipts were nil, but there is a steady demand for fat and stocker sheep.

Winnipeg, April 14.—The Livestock Department of The Grain Growers' Grain Co. Ltd. reports last week as follows: Receipts of livestock at the Union stockyards, Winnipeg, this week were: Cattle, 950; calves, 100; sheep and lambs, 10; hogs, 3,000.

Receipts of cattle included a few cars of real choice steers. This kind sold at high prices, bringing from $8.25 to $8.40 with a few odd head at $8.50. The percentage of real good fat cattle coming forward is small and this should be a good time to ship this kind. All classes of cattle this week were in strong demand. Stockers and feeders continue to be sought. We do not look for much change in values for next week. Very few calves are offered. Choice veal calves weighing 125 to 200 lbs. bring $7.50 to $8.50; common to fair $6.00 to $7.00.

There are not many sheep or lambs coming. Good quality sheep sell at $6.75 to $7.50, and choice lambs $8.00 to $9.00.

The market opened Monday with select hogs selling at $10.40 fed and watered. On Tuesday we sold selects at $10.45 and Wednesday at $10.65. Thursday the price advanced to $10.85, and on Friday the closing quotation was $10.95. With hog values holding high in the East we look for prices to continue strong.

WINNIPEG and U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, April 15, were:—

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.14	$1.21½
2 Nor. wheat	1.12½	1.19½
3 Nor. wheat	1.08½	1.16½
3 white oats	.41½	.42½
Barley	.55-62½	64-72
Flax, No. 1	1.85	2.12
Futures—		
May wheat	1.14	1.17½
July wheat	1.14½	1.17½
Oct. wheat	b 10½	.....

Country Produce

WINNIPEG PRODUCE—Note: All prices are f.o.b. Winnipeg unless otherwise stated.

Butter—Butter prices stand the same as last week and creamery butter is coming forward in large quantities now. Several Western shipments have been made to Vancouver and it is quite possible before another week or two at the most that prices will decline somewhat.

Eggs—Eggs are still pouring in here and prices are scarcely as solid as they were last week. The big egg supply will run well into June and slightly lower prices may be expected soon, 19 and 20 cents is the average.

Potatoes—Potatoes are standing at 65 to 75 cents per bushel, the same as last week. Western potatoes are still coming in.

Cream—Cream is coming in in large quantities now even in spite of fearful roads and bad washouts on the railways. Another week or so will see still larger amounts and a maintenance of present prices can scarcely be expected. About 75 per cent. of the cream is sour and as stated previously here, the only way to ensure a good price is to deliver A1 quality stuff.

Raw Furs—The A. & W. Nesbitt, London, England, sale of raw furs is on and prices on some varieties of fur show an advance over sales held there during the past year. The Canadian furs already sold in the sales resulted as follows: Wolf, bear, red fox, silver fox, wild cat, house cat, lynx, badger and marten sold at the same prices as in last January sales. Cross fox, wolverine and otter 20 per cent. higher. White fox 15 per cent. higher. Ermine 30 per cent. higher than last January sales, while mink was neglected.

Sole leather is decidedly firm at Ontario points. Tanning materials are scarce. Tanners continue to experience difficulty in getting hides and skins of the kind they require, and also dyes and tanning materials. This scarcity of raw stock material is resulting in constant advances in price. On many lines of leather buyers cannot feel that the price they are quoted today will hold good for twenty-four hours. This is making it very difficult for them to make prices on shoes to the jobbing and retail trade.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from April 11 to 17 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex 1 Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	Rej.
Apr.																				
11	115½	113½	109½	107½	99½	90½	85½	42½	41	41	39½	39½	59	54	50	50	191	188	..	..
12	116½	114½	110½	107½	99½	91½	86	42½	41	41	39	39	63	58	53	53	191	186	..	..
13	114	112½	108½	106½	96½	88	83½	43	41½	41½	39½	39½	..	..	54½	54½	189	186	..	..
14	113½	111½	107½	105	96	88½	83½	43	41	41	40	39	62½	57½	55	55	182½	179½	..	..
15	114	112½	108½	105½	96	88	84	43	41½	41	40	40½	62½	57½	55	55	182	180	..	..
17	113½	111½	107½	105½	96	88	83½	44	42	42	41½	40½	63	57½	55	55	183	183½	..	..
Week ago	113½	112	108½	105½	97½	89½	84½	42	40½	40½	38½	38½	59	54	50	50	188½	185½	..	
Year ago	160½	159½	157½	151½	149	145	..	66	63½	62	62½	61½	..	..	..	..	178½	175½	..	

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

LIVESTOCK	Winnipeg April 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Toronto April 13	Calgary April 15	Chicago April 15	St. Paul April 15
Cattle	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c	$ c $ c
Choice steers		7 50-8 00	8 25-8 50	7 50-7 60	9 00-9 85	7 75-9 00
Best butcher steers and heifers	7 75-8 25	7 40-7 75	8 00-8 25	7 00-7 50	9 00-9 50	6 00-7 50
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6 75-7 50	7 00-7 25	7 00-8 00	6 00-7 00	6 50-8 75	6 50-7 75
Best fat cows	6 25-7 00	6 00-6 50	6 75-7 00	5 75-6 25	4 85-6 25	5 25-6 50
Medium to good cows	5 25-6 00	4 75-5 50	5 75-6 75		4 20-9 10	4 75-5 25
Common cows	4 25-5 00	4 00-4 25	5 25-5 75	4 25-5 75	3 75-4 75	3 75-4 25
Canners	2 50-3 75		4 25-4 75	2 50-3 00	2 65-3 00	
Choice heifers	6 75-7 50	6 50-7 00	8 00-8 25	7 00	5 75-7 65	5 50-7 75
Fair to good heifers	5 75-6 50		7 25-7 75	5 50-6 00		
Best cows	5 50-6 50			4 00-5 00		
Best bulls	5 50-6 25	4 50-5 00	6 75-7 75	4 75-5 50	7 00-8 00	4 25-7 00
Common bulls	4 50-5 25	4 00-4 25	5 25-6 00	4 00-4 75	5 50-6 85	3 50-6 25
Best feeding steers	6 50-7 00	6 00-6 25	7 25-7 75	6 00-6 50	8 00-8 25	6 00-7 75
Best stocker steers	6 00-6 75	5 50-6 00	7 00-7 50		6 75-8 50	4 75-7 75
Best milkers and springers (each)	$65-$80	$60-$70	$70-$80	$75-$85		
Fair milkers and springers (each)	$45-$55	$45-$50	$50-$75	$55-$60		$45-$75
Hogs						
Choice hogs	$10.95	$8.15	$11.25	10 75-10 90	$9 50-$9 75	$9 50-$9 60
Heavy sows	$8 25-$8 75	$5 50-$6 00	$8 50-$8 75		$8 25-$8 60	
Stags	$5 50-$7 00	$4 50			$5 50-$5 25	
Sheep and Lambs						
Choice lambs	$8 00-$8 00	$7 50-$8 00	$10 00-12 50	$10 00	$9 25-11 00	$8 50-$9 75
Best killing sheep	$6 75-$7 50	$6 00-$6 50	$8 00-$9 50	$8 00-$9 00	$9 00-$9 10	$6 00-$9 75

COUNTRY PRODUCE	Winnipeg April 17	Winnipeg Year Ago	Calgary April 5	Saskatoon April 15	Regina April 15	Brandon April 15
Butter (per lb.)						
Extra dairy	24c-26c	28c-30	30c-32½c		28c	27c
No. 1 dairy	20c	23c	25c-27½c	22c	25c	26c
Good round lots	17c-19c	18c-20c	22c	20c	23c	25c
Eggs (per doz.)						
Subject to candling				20c		
New laid	19 20c	16 17c	25c	22½c	19c	25c
Potatoes						
In sacks, per bushel, new	65c-75c	50c-55c	85c	80c-75c	75c	90c
Milk and Cream						
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	32c	34c	34c-36c		35c	35c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter fat)	32c	31c	30c-33c			32c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)		$2 00	54c per lb. of butter-fat			$2 50
Dressed Poultry						
Spring chickens	17c	18c	20c-23c	20c	20-22c	20c
Fowl	13c-14c	12½c	20c	18c	18c-20	16c
Ducks	14c	15c	20c	18c		
Geese	14c	13-14c		18c		
Turkeys	18c	18c-20c	25c	20c	22c	20c
Hay (per ton)						
No. 1 Red Top	$13	$12-$14				
No. 1 Upland	$14	$11-$13	$9	$10-$12		$12
No. 1 Timothy	$15	$15-$17	$14	$12		
No. 1 Midland	$12	$9-$11		$10		
No. 2 Timothy	$1.82 bus					