

GRAIN MARKETS

Wheat—Oats—Barley—Flax

REPORTS from every part of the west agree in giving the area prepared for the 1916 crop as the smallest for many years back. There was very little summer-fallowing done last year in comparison with other years, even where farmers were in a position to do the work, and in a great many districts in this province and Alberta the scarcity of feed and the poor condition of overtasked farm horses put it out of the question to prepare the land as it should have been worked for next year's crop.

Where the crop was the heaviest this year is naturally where the least work was done to prepare for next year's crop. Where there were thousands of acres all black and ready for the seed drill last fall there are the same acres this year in many cases without one furrow turned. Most of this land will be put in without being plowed, simply disked in on the stubble, or the stubble burned, and there will be a great deal of spring plowing if there should be an early spring, but by no possible combination of favorable weather conditions can there be so much area sown to wheat in the West next year, or the land sown be

in such condition to give another record harvest.

The Saturday Press and Prairie Farm has held the opinion all through the year that wheat prices could not fall to a low figure in 1915, no matter how heavy a crop was raised, owing to the conditions in Europe. It is now quite apparent that the winter wheat crop of the United States was very greatly damaged after harvesting, and that even with Australia's record crop, and the promise of about an average yield in the Argentine, wheat prices should continue high for another year.

While Russia's surplus wheat for 1914 as well as for 1915 is still unsold, there is no prospect of this being available for world markets for a considerable period of time, probably not until the close of the war.

The Balkan nations, where a very large amount of wheat is grown every year, are all at war or preparing for war, and will probably be the scene of terrible fighting early next spring. This year there was a good crop of wheat in Great Britain, a fair crop in France and Italy, but there has been a heavy drain on the agricultural laborers of all these countries during the year, and in all likelihood the cereal crop of these countries will be decreased next year, while the needs of wheat will be greater than ever. The decrease in the winter wheat acreage in the United States for next year's crop is estimated at 20 per cent.

The scarcity of cars on the Goose Lake line has been felt as a great hardship by thousands of farmers unable to sell their wheat, and with creditors pressing for their money. It is now quite apparent that a great deal of this crop will not be moved out of the country until next spring, and it is more than likely that a considerable proportion of the 1915 wheat crop will be moving to the market while the 1916 crop is ripening for the harvest. The scarcity of cars may prove a blessing in disguise, as the farmers who sold their wheat a couple of months ago are now envying those unable to get even open bins in which to store their grain.

Professor E. H. Oliver will give an address at the Victor school house on Wednesday evening, January 12th at 7.30, on "The Educational System in Saskatchewan."

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References: Bank of Toronto, Northern Crown Bank and Commercial Agencies.

SPECIAL GRAIN LETTER

December 9th., 1915.

Herewith we give you the fluctuations for the day:—

Winnipeg Cash Prices		Futures		Wheat		Oats		Flax	
No.	Grade	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close
No. 1 Nor.	1.08 7-4	Dec.	1.07 1-4	1.07	1.08 3-4	1.07	1.08 3-4	1.07	1.08 3-4
No. 2 Nor.	1.06	May	1.11 1-4	1.10 3-4	1.12 5-8	1.10 3-4	1.12 5-8	1.10 3-4	1.12 5-8
No. 3 Nor.	1.02 1-4								
No. 4 Nor.	.99								
No. 5 Nor.	nil								
No. 6 Nor.	nil								
Feed oats	.35 3-8	Dec.	.38 1-4	.38 3-8	.38 1-8	.39 3-8			
2 C.W. Oats	.38 5-8	May	.41 5-8	.42 1-4	.41 5-8	.42			
3 C.W. Oats	.35 3-8								
3 Barley	nil								
4 Barley	nil								
1 N.W. Flax	1.81	Dec.	1.80 1-2	1.81 1-4	1.80 1-2	1.81			
2 N.W. Flax	1.78	May	1.87 3-4	1.88 1-4	1.87 3-4	1.88 1-4			

Chicago Wheat		Corn		Oats	
Open	Close	Open	Close	Open	Close
Dec.	1.15 3-4	1.18	.70	.71 5-8	.42 1-8
May	1.17 1-16 7-8	1.18 7-8	.72 1-4	.73 5-8	.45 1-4
July	1.09 1-2 1.09	1.11 1-8			.45 5-8

Minneapolis Wheat				Chicago Mess Pork			
	Open		Close		Open		Close
Dec.....	1.10		1.12 1-8	Dec.....			\$16.75
May.....	1.13 1-8	1.13	1.14 1-2	Jan.....	18.45		18.82

Liverpool spot unchanged to half lower, Canadians and Winters 1 1-2 lower. Inspections wheat 1054, oats 237 and flax 14. Today's Winnipeg market opened 3-8 to 3-4 lower, Chicago 3-8 to 1-2 lower and Minneapolis unchanged to 1-8 lower than yesterday's close. Following the opening all the markets gradually became stronger prices advancing 2 to 2 1-2 cents from the opening figures. Winnipeg closed 1 to 1 1-4 higher, Chicago 1 1-2 to 2 higher and Minneapolis 1 3-8 to 1 3-4 higher than yesterday. Winnipeg oats closed unchanged to 1-2 higher and flax 1-4 higher. Oats in Chicago closed 5-8 higher and corn 1 3-8 to 2 1-8 higher than yesterday. Today's Winnipeg market was strong in sympathy with the American markets. Demand for cash wheat still good. No special news.

Yours truly,
McCALLUM & VANNATTER.

Closing Prices—Winnipeg Futures		Winnipeg Cash Prices	
Wheat	10th-Fri.	11th-Sat.	13th-Mon.
Dec.	1.05	1.05 1-4	1.07 5-8
May	1.07 5-8	1.08 3-8	1.10 7-8
Oats	.39	.39 1-4	.39
Dec.	.39	.39 1-4	.38 3-4
May	.41 1-4	.41 3-4	.41 7-8
Flax	1.80	1.78 1-2	1.81 1-4
Dec.	1.86 7-8	1.85 1-2	1.88 1-4
May		1.88 1-4	1.88
No. 1 Nor.	1.05	1.05 1-2	1.07 3-4
No. 2 Nor.	1.02 1-2	1.04 3-4	1.05 1-4
No. 3 Nor.	.99	.99 1-4	1.01 1-4
No. 4 Nor.	.97	.94 1-4	.97 1-4
No. 5 Nor.	nil	nil	nil
No. 6 Nor.	nil	nil	nil
Feed Oats	.36	.36 1-4	.36
2 C.W. Oats	.39	.39 1-4	.39
3 C.W. Oats	.36	.36 1-4	.36
3 Barley	nil	nil	nil
4 Barley	nil	nil	nil
1 N.W. Flax	1.80	1.78 1-2	1.81
2 N.W. Flax	1.77	1.75	1.78
Dec.	1.12 5-8	1.13 7-8	1.15 1-8
May	1.14	1.15	1.17 1-4
Dec.	1.06 3-4	1.07	1.09 3-4
May	1.09 5-8	1.10	1.12 1-2
Dec.	nil	\$16.20	\$16.25
Jan.	nil	18.05	18.15
May	nil	18.05	18.50

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