

The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Ltd., August 26, 1912.)

Wheat—The last few days of the past week has seen the fair demand which was going on 1 Nor., 2 Nor., and 3 Nor. fall off to a great extent. Saturday and today there have been practically no buyers for 1 and 2 Nor., and from this on we may expect these grades to work closer to October prices. The demand for commercial grades has been good, prices generally closing higher than a week ago. There is now so little of this class of grain coming on the market that prices will likely hold steady. We do not expect a further advance.

Oats—The demand for straight grades of oats has been excellent and while offerings have been light it seems that during the last day or so that buyers are not quite so keen. We may see prices on this grain a little lower this week.

Barley—Barley has been featureless, some days there being no market whatever for No. 4.

Flax—Flax has been in good demand, prices being about unchanged.

Taken altogether the demand for off grade grains has been better throughout the past week than for some time. The prices to be got for this class of stuff have not improved any, in fact the reverse has on the whole been the case; but it has been possible to find a market for some of this stuff which previously had been absolutely unsaleable. With the close approach of the new crop it is vitally important that this off grade grain should be got out of the way, if possible, and things look a little more hopeful now in this direction. The probability is that once the new crop starts to come on the market freely it will be next to impossible to interest buyers in this old crop off grade stuff, and we cannot, judging from present indications, advise farmers who have any of this kind of grain in store to hold it for better prices. The same congested condition still exists at the terminals.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

WHEAT—	Oct.	Dec.
August 20	92	89
August 21	92	89
August 22	92	89
August 23	93	89
August 24	93	90
August 25	93	90

OATS—	Oct.	Dec.
August 20	35	35
August 21	35	35
August 22	35	35
August 23	35	35
August 24	35	35
August 25	35	35

FLAX—	Oct.	Dec.
August 20	160	159
August 21	159	159
August 22	159	159
August 23	161	161
August 24	162	162
August 25	160	160

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Aug. 24)

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car blue stem fancy	\$1.02
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	94
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	98
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car old	1.05
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car sample	92
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car old	1.05
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	99
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	98
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, blue stem	1.00
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	94
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.00
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	94
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	95
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars, blue stem	96
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, blue stem, to arrive	1.06
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, old, to arrive	1.05
Monday	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	94
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, choice	94
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, thin	99
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,500 bu., to arrive	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,000 bu., to arrive	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 14,400 bu., to arrive	93
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu., to arrive Aug.	98
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu., blue stem, to arrive	96
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu., to arrive Aug.	98
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,000 bu., blue stem, to arrive	98
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6,000 bu., to arrive Aug.	93

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3,000 bu., to arrive in Aug.	99
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2,000 bu., settlement	99
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,700 bu., to arrive in August	94
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, soft	95
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	96
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	91
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, soft	96
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	98
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, old	1.00
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, smutty	89
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, soft	96
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	90
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	98
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	93
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars, old	1.01
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	93
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, smutty	91
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1,700 bu., to arrive Aug.	94
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	90
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	89
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	88
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	92
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	88
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, f.o.b.	99
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	88
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	96
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, soft, smutty	88
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	92
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	91
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, old	95
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	85
Rejected wheat, 1 car	86
Rejected wheat, 1 car	94
No grade wheat, 1 car, old	96
No grade wheat, 1 car	73
No grade wheat, 2 cars	92
No grade wheat, 1 car, tough, smutty	85
No grade wheat, 1 car, hot	89
No grade wheat, 5 cars	87
No grade wheat, 3 cars, tough, smutty	87
No grade wheat, 1 car, o.w.b.	87
No grade wheat, 1 car	93
No grade wheat, 1 car, stained, part tough	87
No grade wheat, 1 car	90
No grade wheat, 3 cars	86
No grade wheat, 2 cars	86
No grade wheat, 1 car, blue stem	93
No grade wheat, 1 car	85
No grade wheat, 1 car	91
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	95
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	95
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car, to arrive, ten days	94
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car, to arrive	93
No. 1 durum wheat, 1,000 bu., to arrive, ten days	94
No. 1 durum wheat, 700 bu., to arrive, ten days	93
No. 2 hard winter wheat, 1 car, new	91

No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car, South Dakota	89
No. 3 hard winter wheat, 1 car	89
No. 3 mixed wheat, 1 car	88
No grade mixed wheat, 1 car	89
No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars	78
No. 3 corn, 1 car	77
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	31
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, to arrive	30
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, choice	31
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, transit	30
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	30
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	29
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, old	31
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	29
No. 3 oats, 3 cars	28
No grade oats, 1 car, heating	27
No grade oats, 1 car	28
No grade oats, 1 car	29
Sample oats, 1 car, o.w.b.	30
No. 2 rye, 1 car, choice	45
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	43
No. 2 rye, 1 car	44
No. 2 rye, 8,200 bu., to arrive	45
No. 2 rye, 5,000 bu., to arrive by Sept. 30	44
No. 3 rye, 1 car	43
No grade rye, 1 car	43
No grade rye, 2 cars	42
No grade rye, 1 car, to go out	42
No grade rye, 1 car	41
No grade rye, 1 car	36
No grade rye, 1 car	39
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	52
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	56
No. 4 barley, 1 car	47
No. 4 barley, 1 car	50
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	48
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	50
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	51
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	53
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car, tough	51
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	44
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	49
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, black oats	46
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	47
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, wild oats	46
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	46
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, black oats	43
No grade barley, 3 cars	50
No grade barley, 1 car, smutty	44
No grade barley, 1 car	48
No grade barley, 1 car, wild oats, tough	44
No grade barley, 1 car, tough	50
No grade barley, 1 car	46
No grade barley, 1 car	45
No grade barley, 1 car, hot	40
Sample barley, 1 car	52
Sample barley, 2 cars	47
Sample barley, 1 car	50
Sample barley, 1 car, oats	49
Sample barley, 1 car	53
No. 1 flax, 1 car	1.90
No. 1 flax, 35 sacks	1.83
No. 2 flax, 1 car	1.83

LIVERPOOL MARKETS

Liverpool, Aug. 21.—Closing prices on today's market were as follows:

Manitoba No. 1 Nor.	Exhausted
Manitoba No. 2 Nor.	\$1.19
Manitoba No. 3 Nor.	1.17
October	1.09
December	1.07

Wheat.—Market opened with shorts covering and good speculative buying. The weaker American cables were offset here by the continued wet weather in the United Kingdom and reports of serious damage. Following the opening there was further heavy covering and after opening 1 to 1 higher further advanced 1 to 1.

Spot markets strong and 1 to 1 higher with Manitoba grades leading the advance and cargoes were firmly held with light arrivals. There are fewer and firmer Russian offers due to the wet

weather, and European advices state, and are confirmed, that a serious outlook is anticipated as a result of continued rain and all shipments will be late with the quality much lowered. At the close the market was strong with shorts excited and prices 1 to 1 higher than yesterday with near months leading the advance.

Corn situation surrounding coarse grain strong as a result of corn is firmly supported and closed 1 to 1 higher. The firmness of Plate offers, scarcity of spot and the demand for nearby parcels offset by lower American cables.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKET

Liverpool, Aug. 25.—John Rogers & Co. state to-day that owing to the large number of Irish cattle coming into the Birkenhead market there has been a drop of 1 cent per pound in the prices of both States and Canadian steers, quotations now being from 13 to 13 1/2 cents per pound.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal western markets on Saturday, August 24 were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Chicago
1 Nor. wheat	\$0.98	98
2 Nor. wheat	98	98
3 Nor. wheat	\$0.98	98
3 White oats	40c	31c
Barley	50c	35.4c
Flax No. 1	1.70	1.91
October wheat	93	91
December	90	98
Beef Cattle, top	6.00	10.50
Hogs, top	9.00	8.00
Sheep	5.00	5.40

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Receipts

(Week ending Aug. 24)

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C.P.R.	987	746	157
C.N.R.	966	554	155
G.T.P.	225	51	14
Midland Ry.	...	...	480
Total last week	2178	1351	804
Total previous week	1720	1591	930
Total year ago	1484	1410	536

Disposition

Batchers, east	24
Stockers, west	314
Local consumption	1640

Cattle

A light supply of cattle for the first part of the week sent up prices a full quarter, the price of choice steers getting back to \$6.00. For the balance of the week the receipts were quite heavy, bringing the total well above the 2,000 mark. The demand continued strong all week, and clearances were easily made every day. One of the top shipments of the week consisted of 137 head western steers and heifers of an average weight of 1050 lbs., which brought \$5.65. The bulk of the cattle, however, were medium grades of mixed butchers with prices generally around \$4.50 and \$5.00. A keen demand exists for stockers and feeders.

Hogs

The receipts of hogs during the week were under average, and prices ruled strong at 9 cents. Many more choice ones could be disposed of at the same figure with the usual cut on roughs and stags.

Sheep

No change occurred in the sheep and lamb market. The receipts were small. Best lambs bring \$6.50 and \$7.00, and best sheep from \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Country Produce

Butter

The rainy weather of last week helped the butter trade in two ways; the abundant rains kept pasture lands in the best condition, and held back the harvest operations. The consequence was that the farmers were able to send in good sized lots. But it is thought this will be the last week for even average receipts for a month or two, as the harvest will leave no time for making more butter than required for their households with so many extra harvesters. Fancy dairy is firm at 23 cents, with No. 1 dairy bringing 20 cents and good round lots 18-20 cents.

Eggs

Eggs are scarcer than ever, and the higher quotation of a week ago, 22 cents, is still in force. With the commencement of harvesting supplies will drop still lower, so that dealers think another rise will occur before long.

Potatoes

After holding up fairly well until the Winnipeg market was deluged with the new potatoes, prices took the expected slump last week. Dealers are quoting 60 cents a bushel which is 15 or 20 cents lower than the previous week. An abundant supply of this staple food is now an accomplished fact, and the quality is good.

Milk and Cream

No change occurred in milk and cream prices. The supplies were much more abundant than the dealers were expecting. While the unreasonable spell of cold wet weather is hitting almost everybody, the dairy people are benefiting, both in large receipts and in the favorable cool weather for keeping and shipping milk, cream and butter. Sweet cream commands 27 cents and so long as butter brings up to 23 cents, no lowering is looked for.

Hay

Big shipments of hay came in to the Winnipeg market last week, depressing wild hay from \$12.00 to \$11.00 a ton. No. 1 Red Top is still bringing \$13.00 and No. 1 Timothy holds firm at \$16.00 to \$15.00.

Quotations in Store Fort William and Port Arthur from August 20 to August 26 inclusive

Date	WHEAT							OATS					BARLEY				FLAX			
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	1 CW	2 CW	Est Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	No. 3	No. 4	Ref.	Feed	1 NW	1 Man	Ref.	Cond
August																				
20	105½	104½	101	89	71½	61½	59½	40½	39	40	39	34	50	45	..	..	170	168	..	121
21	105½	104½	100½	89	72	61½	59	41	39	40½	39½	35	50	..	..	..	170	168	127	141
22	105½	..	100½	89½	72½	62½	59	41½	39½	40½	40	35½	50	..	..	..	170	168	158	121
23	..	..	..	89½	73	62½	59	42	40	40½	40	36	50	..	..	..	170	168	158	121
24	..	..	98½	89½	73	62½	59	42	40	41½	40½	36	50	45½	..	..	170	168	158	121
25	..	..	98½	89½	73½	62½	..	42	40	41½	40½	36	50	45½	..	..	170	168	158	121