

# GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of the Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, March 18, 1912.)

**Wheat.**—Another week has seen the higher grades hold steady and strong, and in very good demand, while the lower grades have continued to be a little weaker. The spreads on tough wheat have widened, and at Duluth much dried grain is now being sold at 3c. under straight grade, and tough grain is 10c. to 10½c. under, while formerly the farmers would expect their dried grain to bring 1c. under straight grade, and tough 4c. to 6c. under straight grade. Assuredly, the shippers of low grade grain are in the hands of the buyers just now. One might expect to see the percentage of tough and damp grain very greatly increased now that winter threshing is on at many points, but this is not the case, for only a slightly greater percentage of off-grade grain is coming ahead than in the month of January. This will go to show that at many points parties are getting cars who are not entitled to them. Farmers having tough, damp, or wet grain, and who cannot get cars, should make an affidavit as to all the circumstances, and forward same to the warehouse commissioner, with a strong letter asking that they be allowed cars, if necessary, out of their turn. Assuredly, the elevators are now taking every advantage of this provision in the act.

The export demand has been fair, and much stuff has been wanted for immediate shipment, but the complete embargo declared by the C.P.R. against all shipments out of the Canadian Northern Terminals, and Grand Trunk Pacific Terminals, has made stuff in those houses very hard to sell, in fact, tough and off grade stuff is practically unsaleable. There is yet time however, for a crop scare across the Winter Wheat States, and we need hardly expect this year to pass without the appearance of that hardy perennial. After all, it seems that our farmers will do best to keep back their one, two and three Northern for midsummer shipment, as there are evidences that the higher grades will then be in better demand. The upheaval caused by the Coal Strike in Great Britain at the present time, has doubtless had its effect upon Great Britain's buying power, but we look for a keener demand once the strike has been settled.

**Oats.**—The situation in oats is almost unchanged, except that 2 C.W. oats are not wanted at Duluth at all, and the other grades are very slow to sell. Farmers doubtless wonder why all grain should not bring just as good a price if stored in bond at the United States Terminals, as at Canadian Terminals. Really they should, but there are much fewer buyers of grain bonded at Duluth and West Superior, and they seem to have the situation much in their own hands. For instance, 1 and 2 Northern have been bringing from ½c. to a full cent less than if in store at the Canadian Terminals, and 2 C.W. oats are to-day not wanted in Duluth or West Superior except at 1½c. under Fort William price. On the other hand, 4, 5, 6, and feed wheat have been in a little better demand at the U.S. points than at the Canadian Terminals.

Barley.—Almost no change in the situation on this grain. The Minneapolis market has not improved.

**Flax.**—This grain has held quite steady until to-day, Monday, when it took a little bulge in sympathy with Duluth flax. The offerings seem to be absorbed alright, but the Crushers of Flax will not be dictated to, and insist on getting it at about their own price.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—	Old		New		July
	Mar.	May	Mar.	May	
Mar. 13	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½
Mar. 14	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½
Mar. 15	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½
Mar. 16	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½
Mar. 18	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½
Mar. 19	101½	101½	100½	100½	102½

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, March 18)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 12 cars	\$1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 12 cars	1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.07
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 6 cars	1.06½

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car, choice	1.07½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 10 cars	1.05½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 14 cars	1.05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, choice	1.07½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, part velvet	1.05½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 5 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, velvet	1.06
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.05½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.02½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, king heads	1.02½
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.01½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, dockage	1.03½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.05½
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.00½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.98½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.99½
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.00½
Rejected wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.92
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.99½
Rejected wheat, part car	.95
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.88
No grade wheat, 1 car	.98½
No grade wheat, 1 car	.99
No grade wheat, 2 cars, frost	.88
No grade wheat, 1 car, frost	.89
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.02½

### WINNIPEG AND MINNEAPOLIS PRICES

The following were the closing prices for grain on the Winnipeg and Minneapolis markets on Monday last, March 18. A study of these figures will show what the Canadian farmers lose through being barred from the United States markets. It must be remembered that the Minneapolis grades are of a lower standard than those required by the Winnipeg inspection, and all Canadian No. 2 Northern and much No. 3 Northern wheat would grade No. 1 Northern at Minneapolis.

	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
No. 1 Nor. cash wheat	98½c.	\$1.07
No. 2 Nor. cash wheat	95c.	\$1.05
No. 3 Nor. cash wheat	90c.	\$1.03
May wheat	101½c.	\$1.06
July wheat	102½c.	\$1.07½
No. 2 White oats	87c.	51½c.
Barley	45c.-62c.	70c. to \$1.26

  

	Winnipeg	Chicago
Beef Cattle, top	\$6.25	\$8.75
Hogs, top	\$7.50	\$6.97½
Sheep, top		\$7.60

No grade wheat, 1 car	.97½	No grade flax, 1 car, warm	1.85
No grade wheat, part car	.96	No grade flax, 112 sacks, sample	1.81½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, choice	.51	No grade flax, 47 sacks, sample	1.76½
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.51		
No. 4 white oats, 1 car, sample, seedy	.49½		
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.50		
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.50		
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.50		
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.48		
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.49		
No grade oats, 1 car	.50		
No grade oats, 1 car	.48½		
No grade oats, part car, seedy	.47		
No grade oats, 1 car, very seedy	.47		
No grade oats, 1 car, seedy	.49		
Sample oats, 1 car, seedy	.50		
Sample oats, 1 car	.50		
No. 2 rye, 1 car	.88		
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	.89		
No grade rye, 1 car	.87		
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.26		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.91		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	1.14		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.13		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.03		
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.95		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.96		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, wheaty	.98		
No. 2 feed barley, part car, thin	.90		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.88		
No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	.90		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	1.02		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car, wheaty	.90		
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.93		
No grade barley, 1 car	.95		
No grade feed barley, 1 car	.90		
No grade feed barley, 1 car	.96		
No grade feed barley, 1 car, bin burnt	*.90		
Sample barley, 3 cars	.96		
Sample barley, 2 cars	1.12		
Sample barley, 1 car	.83		
Sample barley, 1 car	.94½		
Sample barley, 1 car	.85		
No. 1 flax, part car	2.05		
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.05		
No. 1 flax, 1 car	2.06½		
No. 1 flax, 1 car, dockage	2.05½		
No. 1 flax, 10,000 bu., to arr.	2.04		
No. 1 flax, 500 bu., settlement	2.05		
No. 2 flax, part car	2.00		
No. 2 flax, 1 car	1.96½		
No. 2 flax, 1 car	1.99½		
No. 2 flax, 1 car, poor	1.95		
No. 2 flax, 1 car	2.00		
No grade flax, part car	1.90		
No grade flax, 1 car	1.94½		
No grade flax, part car	1.80		

### STOCKS IN TERMINALS

Total wheat in store Fort William and Port Arthur on March 15 was 16,128,638.10 bushels, as against 15,833,966.40 last week and 7,871,002.20 last year. Total shipments for the week were 1,202,635.20 last year 160,261. Amount of each grade was:

	1912	1911
No. 1 Hard	5,660.10	4,499.10
No. 1 Nor.	551,298.50	1,077,747.50
No. 2 Nor.	1,823,772.00	2,032,747.50
No. 3 Nor.	2,597,476.30	2,005,943.40
No. 4	2,518,234.30	1,038,402.20
No. 5	1,445,873.30	586,204.40
Other grades	7,208,923.10	1,125,851.30
Total	16,128,638.10	7,871,002.20

### Stocks of Oats

No. 1 C.W.	34,301.20	219,448.00
No. 2 C.W.	809,955.16	3,387,895.12
No. 3 C.W.	388,977.16	427,641.22
Ex. 1 Feed	815,724.19	
No. 1 Feed	864,725.17	
No. 2 Feed	280,377.03	
Others	597,916.12	971,460.41
Total	3,790,978.01	5,006,446.29
Barley	719,789.42	340,092.46
Flax	89,004.53	358,513.08

### Shipments

Oats	374,980.06
Barley	2,603.20
Flax	58,638.51

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, March 18.—Union Stock Yards—Receipts, 87 cars, with 1,672 head of cattle, 44 calves, 294 hogs and 94 sheep and lambs. Trade fair, market strong for general run of good medium butcher cattle, prices in this class holding good and steady with last week. For heavier class of cattle prices barely held their own and were, if anything, a little easier than last week. Heavy cattle were not quite up to that of last week, while a week ago several choice loads topped the market at the high mark of \$7.25, today \$7.50. Choice butcher sold equal to the best export at about \$7, and medium choice at \$5.50 to \$6.80; good to choice fat cows, firm at \$5 to \$6.60; bulls steady at \$4.25 to \$5.50; milch cows dull and very few wanted. Lambs steady to firm at \$6.50 to \$8. Ewes firm at \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hog market very firm and 15 cents higher at \$7.70 fed and watered and \$7.75 f.o.b.

### WORLD'S SHIPMENTS

The world's shipments of wheat for the week were 10,768,000, last week 9,168,000, and last year 2,288,000.

	This week	Last week	Last year
Wheat	2,272,000	2,192,000	3,206,000
America	1,336,000	968,000	3,432,000
Russia	672,000	768,000	784,000
Danube	1,000,000	720,000	544,000
India	3,712,000	2,784,000	2,536,000
Argentina	1,624,000	1,640,000	1,752,000
Australia	10,768,000	9,168,000	12,288,000
Corn total	4,728,000	4,068,000	3,570,000

### QUOTATIONS IN STORE, FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR, from MAR. 13 to MAR. 19, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT										OATS		BARLEY				FLAX					
	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'	Feed	Rej. 11	Rej. 12	Rej. 13	Rej. 22	Rej. 1" Seeds	Rej. 2" Seeds	2cw. 2cw.	3	4	Rej.	Feed	1NW	1Man.	Re	
Mar. 13	97½	94½	89½	82½	70½	59½	53½	..	..	..	..	..	..	41½	36½	61	50	46	45	184½	..	..
Mar. 14	98½	95½	90½	83	71½	59½	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	41½	36½	62	50	46	45	185	..	..
Mar. 15	97½	94½	90½	82½	71½	59½	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	41½	36½	62	50	46	45	184½	..	..
Mar. 16	98	95	90½	82½	71½	59½	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	41½	36½	62	51	46	45	185	..	..
Mar. 18	98½	95½	90½	83½	71½	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	37	62	51	46	45	186	180	162
Mar. 19	98½	95½	90½	83½	71½	60½	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	42½	37½	62	51	46	45	188½	..	..