

# GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

## WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, February 5, 1912)  
 Wheat.—Our market has held quite steady and strong for the past week, in fact the strength in the market has been surprising in view of the big receipts. It may be traced largely to the fact that cables for nearby months, March in particular, have come very strong, the "shorts" in March in the British markets being nervous over the delay in Argentine shipments. Nor for some years have we had at this season such a good demand for wheat for immediate shipment, and it is quite trying to see our big stocks here held in the terminals when they could very readily enter into consumption at real good prices. Today, Monday, there came a sensational flurry in the market, which lasted only a short time, and the market has closed lower than Saturday. Reports of winter killing over the wheat belt in the United States came to hand occasionally, also the world's visible is decreasing more rapidly than usual at this time of the year, but this is a most hopeful sign for our own crop. Russia is not the big shipper she usually has been along in these months.

In these days when new freight tariffs are being made over night, and our government is said to be straining efforts to secure new routes for our Western crops, farmers should study most carefully and watch the daily papers for changes in tariffs, as the announcement of today may be out of date tomorrow. Meantime, it may be stated generally that flax and barley should be held back a little while until the rates to Duluth can be made the same as to Port Arthur or Fort William. A rapid decrease in the world's visible is a good forecast for strength in the markets in early summer.

Many cars, especially on the Canadian Northern, which were originally billed to Port Arthur, are now being diverted to Duluth, but the demand there will be quite as good as to Port Arthur, so that farmers will be glad to receive more prompt returns than if the cars had to continue to go to Port Arthur and lie there some weeks under load.

Oats.—The exceeding heavy receipts have told a little on the oat market in the last couple of days, and prices have receded slightly in sympathy with a temporary lull in the American markets. We do not expect to see much change in the immediate future. Farmers should test their oats most thoroughly for germination before using it for seed, as the oat crop is very disappointing as to grade this year.

Barley.—The demand for this grain has not been quite so good, and is dull.

Flax.—This cereal has had one bulge in the past week, and has declined again. It will likely run its usual erratic course.

### WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—		OLD	NEW			
Jan. 31	Jan. 96	May	May	July		
Jan. 31	96	101	100	102	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, velvet	1.06
Feb. 1	96	101	100	102	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, velvet	1.06
Feb. 2	102	101	103	103	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2,000 bu. to arr.	1.08
Feb. 3	102	102	103	103	No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu. to arr.	1.07
Feb. 5	102	101	103	103	No. 3 wheat, 1 car, kings heads	1.03
Feb. 6	102	102	103	103	No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1.03
					No. 3 wheat, 5 cars	1.04
					No. 3 wheat, 17 cars	1.04
					No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.04
					No. 3 wheat, 1 car, f.o.b.	1.04
					No. 3 wheat, 5 cars	1.03
					No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	1.04
					No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	1.03
					No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.02
					No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.02
					No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.02
					No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	1.00
					No. 4 wheat, 9 cars	1.01
					No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.01
					No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.03
					No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.01
					Rejected wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.93
					Rejected wheat, 1 car, frost stained	.93
					Rejected wheat, 1 car, frost	.87
					No grade wheat, 1 car	1.01
					No grade wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.98
					No grade wheat, 1 car	1.00
					No grade wheat, 2 cars	1.01
					No grade wheat, 1 car	.98
					No grade wheat, 1 car	.96
					No grade wheat, 1 car	1.02
					No grade wheat, 1 car, wet, soft	.90
					No grade wheat, 1 car, wet, frost	.92
					No grade wheat, 1 car	.96
					No. 1 Western wheat, 1 car	1.02
					No. 2 Western wheat, 1 car	1.00
					No. 4 Western wheat, 1 car	1.01
					Sample Montana wheat, 1 car	1.06
					No grade corn, 2 cars	.56
					No grade corn, 3 cars	.56
					No grade corn, 3 cars	.57
					No grade corn, 1 car, wet	.54
					No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.50
					No. 3 oats, 1 car	.49

### Tough Wheat

Tough wheat prices February 6 were: No. 2, 83 1/2 cents; No. 3, 80 1/2 cents; No. 4, 76 1/2 cents; No. 5, 66 1/2 cents; No. 6, 56 1/2 cents; feed 51 cents.

### MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, February 5)

No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	81.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.07
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 7 cars	1.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.08
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.07
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 12 cars	1.06
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.06
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 4 cars	1.05
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 1 car, velvet	1.07

### WINNIPEG AND MINNEAPOLIS PRICES

The following were the closing prices for grain on the Winnipeg and Minneapolis markets on Monday last, February 5. 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	97c.	\$1.07 1/2
No. 2 Nor. cash wheat	94c.	\$1.05 1/2
No. 3 Nor. cash wheat	90c.	\$1.03 1/2
May wheat	102c.	\$1.07
July wheat	103c.	\$1.07 1/2
No. 3 White oats	34c.	47c. to 48c.
Barley	46c. to 47c.	90c. to \$1.26
	Winnipeg	Chicago
Beef Cattle, top	\$5.25	\$8.60
Hogs, top	\$7.50	\$6.45
Sheep, top	\$5.50	\$6.90

No. 3 white oats, 5,000 bu. to arr. 49 1/2 making 15 cents; wethers, 13 cents; and No. 4 white oats, 6 cars 49 1/2 ewes, 12 cents per pound.

No. 4 white oats, 1 car 49 1/2

No. 4 white oats, 4 cars 49

No. 4 white oats, 2 cars 48 1/2

No. 3 oats, 2 cars 47 1/2

No. 3 oats, black oats, 1 car 47 1/2

No. 3 oats, 1 car seedy 48 1/2

No. 3 oats, 1 car, sample 48

No. 3 oats, 1 car 48

No. 3 oats, 1 car 48 1/2

No. 3 oats, 1 car 49

No grade oats, 1 car wet 46 1/2

No grade oats, 1 car 46 1/2

No grade oats, 1 car 48

No. 2 rye, part car 87 1/2

No. 2 rye, part car 88

No. 2 rye, part car, poor 88

Sample rye, 48 sacks 86

No. 4 barley, 1 car 1.18

No. 1 feed barley, part car 1.11

No. 1 feed barley, 1 car 1.08

No. 1 feed barley, 1 car 1.15

No. 1 feed barley, 1 car 1.06

No. 1 feed barley, 1 car 1.20

No. 2 feed barley, 1 car 1.15

Sample barley, 1 car 1.10

Sample barley, 1 car 1.08

Sample barley, 1 car .95

Sample barley, 2 cars .98

Sample barley, 2 cars 1.00

Sample barley, part car 1.10

Sample barley, 1 car 1.05

Sample barley, 1 car 1.16

Sample barley, 2 cars 1.11

No. 1 flax, part car, dockage 2.13

No. 1 flax, 1 car 2.13

No. 1 flax, 1 car, choice 2.14

No. 1 flax, part car 2.12

No. 1 flax, 1 car 2.12

No. 2 flax, 1 car, elevator 2.02

No grade flax, 1 car 1.55

No grade flax, 1 car 1.90

No grade flax, 2 cars 2.00

No grade flax, part car 1.97

No grade flax, 1 car, heating 1.50

No grade flax, 1 car 1.96

### LIVERPOOL LIVE STOCK

Liverpool, Feb. 5.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable to-day, that trade held very firm in the Birkenhead market, the undertone was strong and there is every indication of prices improving. States and Canadian steers making from 13 1/2 to 14 1/2 cents per pound. The sheep trade was also firm, lambs

### CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange) February 2.

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Tl visible	2,724,680	4,824,522	1,619,987
Last week	21,932,403	4,833,051	1,551,648
Last year	13,976,008	7,561,346	477,512
Ft. William	8,027,824	1,732,660	232,828
Pt. Arthur	5,136,990	1,394,754	401,561
Depot Hbr.		120,807	
Meaford	49,568	6,453	
Mid. Tiffin	1,050,444	105,605	115,175
Collingwood	35,497		
Goderich	360,074	212,879	16,489
Sarnia, Pt. Ed.	133,842	30,500	1,712
Pt. Colborne	253,921	122,412	
Kingston	52,113	59,829	7,900
Prescott	172,950	6,000	
Montreal	178,902	353,133	107,550
Quebec	8,139	114,748	70,532
St. John, N.B.	723,817	2,347	41,429
Victoria Hbr.	491,993	24,500	

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
Thorold	52,000		
Sarnia	228,388		
Pt. Colborne	215,000		
Midland	190,000		
Goderich	108,521		
Ft. William	3,027,335		
Pt. Arthur	1,534,063	82,000	
	5,355,307	82,000	
Duluth	130,000	233,000	
Buffalo store	201,289	170,790	339,790
Buffalo, afloat	363,992	52,000	275,021
	595,281	455,895	604,811

### TORONTO LIVE STOCK

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Union stock yards receipts to-day, 53 cars with 1,000 head of cattle, 21 calves, 412 hogs, 100 sheep and lambs and 18 horses.

With a short run of only 53 cars all told, the market to-day promptly recovered from the successive severe spells of weakness which characterized the operations last week. Business to-day was more brisk and active all round and prices were probably about 10 cents higher on the general run of cattle and very firm for choice quality. Among the latter were four choice steers which were the talk of the market, brought in from Seaford. The four averaged 1,650 pounds each. Bidding strong, and they were finally sold at 89 per cwt.

Choice butcher cattle, which sold from \$6.15 to \$6.50; medium to good loads of butcher sold firm at \$5.50 to \$6 and common mixed butchers at \$4 to \$5.

Sheep and lambs steady on last week's prices. With a very short run, ewes \$4 to \$4.75; bucks, \$4 to \$4.50; lambs, \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Hogs—Market firm at 10c. advance made at the week end market last week, selects, \$6.60; fed and watered, \$6.25 f.o.b.

### QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from JAN. 31 to FEB. 6, INCLUSIVE

DATE	WHEAT								OATS		BARLEY				FLAX				
	1*	2*	3*	4	5	6	Feed	Rej. 1 1	Rej. 1 2	Rej. 1 2	Rej. 2 2	Rej. 1* Needs	Rej. 2* Needs	2 cw. 3 cw.	3	4	Rej. Feed	1NW 1Man. R.	
Jan. 31	96 1/2	93 1/2	88 1/2	82 1/2	72 1/2	62 1/2	57 1/2			40 1/2	34 1/2								
Feb. 1	96 1/2	93 1/2	88 1/2	82 1/2	72 1/2	62 1/2	57 1/2			41	35						47	46	
2	97	94	90	83	73	63	58			41 1/2	35						47	46	
3	97	94	90	83	73	63	58			41 1/2	35	67	57	47	46		47	46	
5	97 1/2	94 1/2	90 1/2	83 1/2	73 1/2	63 1/2	58 1/2			40 1/2	35						47	46	
6	98	95	90 1/2	83 1/2	73 1/2	63 1/2	58 1/2			41	35						47	46	191