The Farmers' Market

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, March 13, 1914)

Wheat—Good general trade and active, very unsettled market this week; the tone at the last being firm with final figures showing the May up about 11 cents, while the July gained about 11½ cents. At the outset, the market ruled decidedly strong, with the "shorts" and new investors good buyers, and on the advance the first of the week May touched $1.55, an advance of nearly 19 cents in four days. The early news and surrounding conditions were generally regarded as favorable to the "bull" or buying side, and speculative offerings comparatively light. Strength was based chiefly on the advance abroad, further liberal export sales, high premiums for the cash articles and continued wet and unfavorable weather in the Argentine. The smaller Western marketings and showing of the visible were helps to higher prices. The cash demand during the whole period in view was very good both for immediate and future delivery, the buying being all for exporters' account.

Oats—Oats advanced about 2½ cents for the week in sympathy with strength in wheat and in American coarse grains. Cash demand fair for all grades.

Barley—Demand good, a little better particularly for the lower grades, and prices are about 3 cents over last sales.

Flax—Market has been decidedly better during the last couple of days, and final figures show the May up about 16 cents and the July 15 cents, when compared with last sale about a week ago.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	May	July	Oct.
Wheat—			
March 9	152¼	152	117
March 10	149¾	149½	114¾
March 11	150¾	150¾	115
March 12	152⅛	152½	115½
March 13	153⅛	152¾	115⅝
March 15	155¾	155	117
Oats—			
March 9	64	64¼	....
March 10	63¾	63¾	....
March 11	63¾	63⅝	....
March 12	64⅛	64¼	....
March 13	65⅛	65½	....
March 15	66½	66¾	....
Flax—			
March 9	166⅞	169⅞	....
March 10	167⅞	169⅞	....
March 11	171⅞	174¾	....
March 12	175⅛	177⅞	....
March 13	182	183½	....
March 15	187	193¾	....

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, Mar. 13)

No. 1 Northern	
1 car	$1.50
2 cars	1.52
1 car—billing	1.52⅞
1 car	1.52¾
2 cars	1.50⅝
No. 2 Northern	
1 car	1.47¾
1 car	1.47½
2 cars	1.47
1 car	1.49½
1 car	1.45⅞
No. 3	
2 cars	1.47⅞
1 car—b.b.	1.37¾
2 cars	1.45
1 car	1.46¾
1 car	1.46½
1 car	1.44½
No. 4	
1 car	1.38⅞
1 car	1.31½
1 car	1.36⅞
Part car	1.40
1 car	1.36⅜
1 car	1.33½
Rejected	
1 car—b.b.	1.35½
No Grade	
1 car	1.30
Screenings	
1 car	11.00
1 car	26.75
Corn	
2 cars—No. 4 mixed	.67
1 car—No. 3 mixed	.67¾
7 cars—No. 3 yellow	.69½
1 car—No. 3 yellow	.68½
1 car—No. 2 yellow	.69½
1 car—No. 4 mixed	68½
1 car—No. 4	67½
Oats	
3,500 bu.—No. 3, white, to arrive	.56¾
1 car—No. 4, white	.56
1 car—No. 4, white	.56¼
3 cars—No. 3 white	.57½
3 cars—No. 3 white	.56¾
5 cars—No. 4 white	.56¼
Part car—No. 4 white	.56
Rye	
1,000 bu—No. 2, to arrive	1.15
1 car—No. 2	1.15
1,500 bu—No. 2, to arrive	1.16
Barley	
3 cars—sample	.74
1 car—sample	.73
Part car—No. 1 feed	.72
1 car—No. 2 feed	.75½
Flax	
Part car—No. 1	1.97½
Part car—N.G.	1.85½
Part car—No. 1 dock	1.98
1 car—No. 1 dock	2.02

COARSE GRAIN AND CORN

(Millers' Prices)

Bran in casks, per ton	$24.00	$25.00
Shorts in sacks, per ton	26.00	27.00
Barley chop, per ton	38.00	
Oat chop, per ton	39.00	41.00
Feed Corn—		
Whole, per ton, in bulk	31.00	32.00
Whole, per ton, sacked	32.00	33.00
Cracked, per ton, in bulk	32.00	33.00
Cracked, per ton, sacked	33.00	

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Calgary, March 13.—Receipts of cattle at this end of the yard have been about even with last week, and hog shipments have fallen off considerably. Hogs—Eastern demand raised prices to $7.20 for selects, the highest price paid for a considerable time, and we look for a sustained hog market at this price, higher or lower fluctuations depending upon Eastern markets. Beef Steers and Butcher Stock—Very choice steers have reached a $7.40 to $7.50 top, with good butcher steers selling at $6.50 upwards. Choice cows, etc., as quoted. Stockers and Feeders—Good grade stockers are in big demand. Stocker steers at $5.50 to $5.75; stock cows, $50 to $65. Two-year-old heifers, $45 to $50, and yearlings, $35 to $40.

Steers, choice export, $7.00 to $7.50; steers, butcher, $6.50 to $7.00; heifers, common to choice heavy, $5.00 to $6.25; cows, choice, $5.50 to $6.25; cows, common, $4.50 to $5.00; cows, canner, $1.75 to $3.00; stags, $4.75 to $6.00; oxen, thin to very choice, $4.25 to $5.00; bulls; $4.25 to $5.00; veal calves, 400 to 500 lbs., $6.00, veal calves, 200 to 400 lbs., $6.50 to $7.00; feeding steers, 500 to 1,200 lbs., $5.50 to $6.00; feeding heifers, $5.50 to $5.75; springers, choice, $60 to $75; springers, common, $40 to $60; calves and yearlings, $5.00 to $6.00; hogs, $7.10 to $7.20 for selects weighed off cars.

(These prices are those quoted by The Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company Limited—Livestock Department.)

LIVERPOOL MARKET

Liverpool, March 13.—Wheat opened firm, with offers lighter on American strength. At the opening parcels were 3½ higher, with the spot market steady and millers absorbing to fill immediate needs. Later the market eased on fine weather in the Argentine and expectations of larger shipments to the United Kingdom this week. Indian news continues less favorable for harvesting. The general outside demand is moderate, and it is thought the influence of the Dardanelles is still a factor.

Corn stagnant. Steadier American cables were offset by continued excellent prospects in the Argentine.

Buenos Ayres wheat closed steady, ¼ to ½ higher. There is a good business doing in wheat, and exporters are buying freely. The freight situation has been partially relieved, and this assists exporters. Corn and oats firm.

RECORD PRICE FOR FLAXSEED

Duluth, Minn., March 13.—Flaxseed broke all records on the Duluth board of trade today when it sold above the $2.00 mark on "natural results." Cash went at $2.01, May at $2.02, and July at $2.03, showing an all-round rise over yesterday's close of 6½ to 7 cents. Heavy demand by crushers, short stocks and delayed Argentine shipments, together with small acreage for the new crop were the controlling factors. Once before on the local market flax crossed the $2.00 level in 1912.

ST. PAUL LIVESTOCK

South St. Paul, March 13.—Receipts at the yards oday were: 300 cattle, 1,800 hogs and 500 sheep. Prices for killing cattle ranged from, steers, $4.50 to $7.75; cows and heifers, $4.50 to $6.40; canners, $3.50 to $4.00; bulls, $3.50 to $5.75; cutters, $4.00 to $4.50; veal calves, $3.50 to $9.00. Market steady; veal calves steady. Stockers and Feeders—Feeding steers, 900 to 1,100 lbs., $4.50 to $6.85; stock steers, 500 to 900 lbs., $4.00 to $6.40; stock cows and heifers, $4.00 to $6.00; s ock bulls, $4.25 to $5.50. Market slow. Hogs ranged from $6.55 to $6.70, with bulk price of $6.65. Market 5 cents higher. Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, $4.00 to $9.25; yearlings, $6.00 to $8.00; bucks, $3.00 to $4.50; wethers, $5.25 to $7.50; ewes, $3.00 to $7.25. Sheep and lambs steady.

WINNIPEG AND U.S. PRICES

Closing prices on the principal westner markets on Saturday, March 13, were:

Cash Grain	Winnipeg	Minneapolis
1 Nor. wheat	$1.51	$1.52¾
2 Nor. wheat	1.50	1.50½
3 Nor. wheat	1.47¼	1.48½
No. 3 yellow corn		.69½
3 white oats	.60½	.58
Barley	76-69	71-80
Flax, No. 1	1.78	2.01
Futures—		
May wheat	1.53¼	1.46¾
July wheat	1.52¾	1.41
Oct. wheat	1.15⅝	Sept. 1.11¼
	Winnipeg	Chicago
Beef Cattle, top	$7.75	$8.75
Hogs, top	7.35	6.95
Sheep, yearlings	..	9.00

Winnipeg Livestock

Stockyard Receipts

There have been received during the past week at the Union stockyards: 448 cattle, 20 calves, 14,659 hogs, and 9 sheep.

Cattle

The general tendency of the cattle market during the past week has been somewhat upward. Supplies have been low, particularly of the choice kind, and some very good steers have sold as high as $7.75. The prices on the whole have been about steady, demand being very good for all choice stock received. The better grades have scored a 25 cent advance, but female stock has not received the same attention owing to the fact that so little really choice stuff has been offered. There have been very few cows good enough to sell over 6½ cents and anything of the heifer order that has been choice has sold around the 7 cent mark, that is from 6¾ to 7¼ cents. Bulls and the common grades of cattle remain unchanged. There have been a number of inquiries for stock cattle this week, but receipts of this class have been practically nil. The demand for stock heifers has been most noticeable and anything suitable for this class has scored a full half dollar advance over a week ago. The outlook on the whole for receipts of fat cattle this spring from country points, points to their being light. Hence demand should be good and prices should be good. Veal calves are not at all plentiful and nothing of a very choice nature is to be bought. Choice veals would sell for from 7 to 7½ cents, with the heavier kind at from 5½ to 6½ cents.

Hogs

Hog receipts have increased somewhat during the past week. The demand has been good, however, and prices have advanced a shade. The bulk of the hogs up to Thursday sold at $7.35, but lower prices were offered at the latter end of the week and the ruling price is $7.15 to $7.25. There are quite a number of light hogs coming. From the cut that is always made on this class of stock and also since spring is so close at hand, it would appear to be better policy for shippers to hold these over for green feeding in the early summer. Pigs from 100 to 140 pounds sold around 5½ cents, lighter pigs 4¾ to 5 cents, rough sows 5½ cents and stags 4¾ cents.

Sheep and Lambs

Demand is good for sheep and lambs, but so few are on hand at the present time that no quotations can be given.

Country Produce

Note.—Quotations are f.o.b. Winnipeg, except those for cream, which are f.o.b. point of shipment.

Butter

Butter prices are the same this week. Dealers say that the purchasing power of householders has very largely decreased and on that account there is not much chance of prices for any produce advancing to any extent. Fancy dairy butter is worth 25 cents per pound; No. 1 dairy, 21 to 22 cents, and good round lots 18 to 20 cents.

Eggs

Eggs are coming into market in scores. Dealers are becoming loaded up with them and prices have dropped accordingly. Eggs are retailing at from 25½ cents up and dealers are only offering 20 cents per dozen this week.

Potatoes

Potatoes have not changed at all in price just now and are not likely to do so until the first part of April. Dealers are offering 55 to 60 cents per bushel at this time.

Milk and Cream

Milk and cream prices are unchanged and no alteration is expected until April. Sweet cream is worth 35 cents per pound of butterfat; sour cream, 31 cents, and milk is $2.25 per hundred pounds.

Dressed Poultry

A good demand exists for well dressed birds and chickens are worth this week 16 cents per pound; roosters, 12½ cents; ducks, 15 cents; geese 12½ cents, and turkeys from 18 to 20 cents.

Hay

There is a good demand for all kinds of good hay, the wild hay market being somewhat short just at present. A few more cars could be handled to advantage right away. Prices remain the same and the market is steady. Prices are: No. 2 Upland, $11.50 to $13.00; No. 2 Red Top, $12.50; to $14.00; No. 2 Midland, $8.00 to $11.00 per ton.

Hides

Latest advices from the South with reference to the hide and wool situation state that a very large quantity of hides and wool originally intended for European countries is now diverted to U.S. ports. The largest shipments received in a number of years have lately arrived in the U.S. ports and this will have the tendency of offsetting any advance which might otherwise be deemed possible. Prices remain the same, namely: Green and frozen hides are 13 cents, with bulls and oxen 10 cents. Green salted hides. No. 1 and No. 2, 14 cents and 13 cents respectively. Bulls, 11 to 10 cents. The calfskin market is very dull. Receipts are heavy and prices are no higher than those for hides.

Cash Prices Fort William and Port Arthur from March 9 to March 15 inclusive

Date	WHEAT 1°	2°	3°	4	5	6	Feed	OATS 2CW	3CW	Ex1Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	BARLEY No. 3	No. 4	Rej.	Feed	FLAX 1NW	2CW	3CW	Rej.
Mar. 9	150	148½	145¾	140¾	136	132	127	62	59	59	58½	57	75	70	67	67	162¾	159¾	..	..
10	147¾	146½	143¾	138½	133¾	129¾	124¾	61⅜	58⅜	58⅜	57⅜	56⅞	75	70	67	67	163½	160½	..	..
11	148¾	147½	144¾	139½	135¾	131¾	126¾	61½	59	59	58	56⅝	75	70	67	67	168½	165½	..	..
12	150¾	149¾	146¾	141½	137½	133½	129	62½	59½	59½	58½	57½	75	70	68	68	171½	168½	..	..
13	151	150	147½	141¾	138	134	129	63½	60½	60½	59½	55½	76	71	69	69	178	175	..	..
15	154	153	150	144¾	141	137	..	64¾	62½	62½	61½	60½	77	72	70	70	183½	180½	..	..

THE MARKETS AT A GLANCE — CORRECTED TO MONDAY, MARCH 15

Winnipeg Grain	MON.	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cash Wheat			
No. 1 Nor.	154	144¾	90½
No. 2 Nor.	153	143	88¾
No. 3 Nor.	150	140½	87
No. 4	144¾	135½	83
No. 5	141	131	80
No. 6	137	127	75
Feed	..	122	70
Cash Oats			
No. 2 CW	64¾	61½	35
Cash Barley			
No. 3	77	..	45½
Cash Flax			
No. 1 NW	183½	162½	137½
Wheat Futures			
May	155¾	147½	92½
July	155	147	94¾
October	117	115⅜	88⅜
Oat Futures			
May	66½	63¾	36½
July	66⅛	63½	37¾
Flax Futures			
May	187	166⅜	140½
July	189¾	169	143½
October	..	170	..

Winnipeg Livestock	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Cattle	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.	$ c. $ c.
Choice steers	7.00-7.40	7.25-7.50	7.40-7.75
Best butcher steers and heifers	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25	6.50-6.75
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers	6.75-7.00	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.40
Best fat cows	6.25-6.50	6.25-6.50	5.50-6.25
Medium cows	5.25-5.75	5.25-5.75	4.75-5.50
Common cows	4.25-4.75	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50
Best bulls	5.00-5.25	5.25-6.00	5.00-5.75
Choice Heifers	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00
Com'n and medium bulls	4.25-4.50	4.50-5.00	4.25-5.00
Best feeding steers	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	5.25-5.50
Best stocker steers	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.75
Best milkers and springers (each)	$60-$70	$60-$70	$55-$75
Common milkers and springers (each)	$45-$50	$45-$50	$40-$50
Hogs			
Choice hogs	$7.25	$7.25	$8.35
Heavy sows	$5.50	$5.50	$6.00-6.25
Stags	$4.75	$4.75	$4.00
Sheep and Lambs			
Choice lambs	.....	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
Best killing sheep	.....	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50

Country Produce	MON-DAY	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
Butter (per lb.)			
Fancy dairy	25c	25c	22c-23c
No. 1 dairy	21c-22c	21c-22c	19c-20c
Good round lots	18c-20c	18c-20c	16c-17c
Eggs (per doz.)			
Strictly new laid	20c	25c	25c
Potatoes			
In Sacks, per bushel	55c-60c	55c-60c	65c-70c
Milk and Cream			
Sweet cream (per lb. butter-fat)	35c	35c	32c
Cream for butter-making purposes (per lb. butter-fat)	31c	31c	29c
Sweet milk (per 100 lbs.)	$2.25	$2.25	$1.90
Live Poultry			
Chickens	16c	16c	16c
Roosters	12½c	12½c	14c
Ducks	15c	15c	16c
Geese	12½c	12½c	16c
Turkeys	18c-20c	18c	20c
Hay (per ton)			
No. 2 Red Top	$12½-14	$12½-14	$11-$12
No. 2 Upland	$11½-13	$11½-13	$10-$11
No. 2 Timothy	$15-$16	$15-$16	$16
No. 2 Midland	$8-$11	$8-$11	...