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GRAIN, LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET

WINNIPEG MARKET LETTER

(Office of The Grain Growers' Grain Company Limited, November 21)

Wheat.—The outstanding feature of the past week has been the congestion of traffic on the two main railway lines, said to be more severe than at any other time in the last fifteen years. This has meant that thousands of cars are held up at Winnipeg, or immediately west of Winnipeg, and it may mean serious disappointment to many shippers who had calculated that their grain had plenty of time to reach the lake terminals and be sold before the close of navigation. At the present time it is anticipated that navigation will close November 30, although a boat or two might load after that date, but the increased freight and insurance will be such that only December prices, or a little premium over December prices will be paid for such wheat. All of which goes to show the very decided necessity of a reciprocal demurrage law, so that our farmers would have some protection on grain which does not travel so many miles per day. It certainly is most unfair that a farmer should be assessed demurrage if he keeps a car an hour over twenty-four hours in loading, and then the railway company let his car stand several weeks without moving either way at the initial point of loading, or at some convenient siding down the line. It is altogether likely therefore that very good prices will prevail from now until the close of navigation, as the blockade has made an unexpected scarcity of wheat. Farmers will do well to check up their cars and see that they have given definite instructions, as hundreds of farmers do not send in instructions as to selling when they ship, and often not for some time after.

The Argentine situation is on the whole fairly favorable, and they expect to reap a very good crop down there. Looking over the whole situation, however, we feel somehow that our high grade wheat will bring higher prices towards spring. Farmers having good clean grain which will make good seed, should keep it at home, as much seed will be wanted shortly after the New Year, when farmers commence to make their arrangements for new seed.

Oats.—Oats have held quite steady and strong, with a little upward tendency, due perhaps, more to scarcity of offerings than to actual consumptive demand. Boat space must be filled, and those who have their oats arriving at terminals these days are getting the advantage. However, we expect to see quite good prices prevail for oats, especially perfectly clean oats which will be wanted to go to Ontario and Quebec for seed purposes in the latter days of January, and until the middle of March. Farmers will do well therefore to hold back any perfectly clean oats, as only for that six or seven weeks throughout the whole year is there a premium on No. 1 C.W. oats over No. 2 C. W. and it is the seed demand alone which makes it.

Barley.—Barley has been in demand if "spot," but not en route. The arrival of some buyers representing big American houses in the West here in the last few days, and enquiries for our high class barley, would seem to indicate that our good barley is wanted all right.

Flax.—Flax has rallied on two or three occasions, and if it be true that the American crop is nearly twenty million bushels short of their requirements, as is reported, our flax should do better, though likely not until after the New Year. Great care should be exercised by our farmers in threshing the flax which has snow on it these days, as tough flax has to be dried at heavy shrinkage, and dried flax is very slow to sell.

Many farmers are writing to enquire if it be true that their tough grain will not be received at terminal elevators. Our farmers may rest satisfied that any grain down to condemned heated wheat has to be taken in at terminals, and they need have no fear of shipping tough or off grade grain, provided it is worth the freight. Farmers should endeavor to put their low grade grain upon the secondary markets of the world, that is, ship it themselves, and so make every possible cent out of it, for we feel that this is a year especially when the farmers should have the last cent for their crop.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

Wheat—		Oats—		Flax—	
Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
Nov. 15. 98½	95½	Nov. 15. 40½	38½	Nov. 15. 187	182½
Nov. 16. 99	96½	Nov. 16. 40½	39½	Nov. 16. 181	186
Nov. 17. 99½	96	Nov. 17. 41	39½	Nov. 17. 189	185
Nov. 18. 99½	96½	Nov. 18. 41	39½	Nov. 18. 192½	188
Nov. 20. 100	96½	Nov. 20. 42	39½	Nov. 20. 190	189
Nov. 21. 100½	96½	Nov. 21. 42	39½	Nov. 21. 188	184

TOUGH WHEAT

Quotations for tough wheat, November 21, were: No. 2 Northern, 93½c.; No. 3 Northern, 88½c.; No. 4, 80½c.; No. 5, 69c.; No. 6, 62c.; Feed, 61c.

MINNEAPOLIS CASH SALES

(Sample Market, November 18)	
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 13 cars	81.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1 car	1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 7,000 bu. N.D. to arrive	1.06½
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 10,000 bu. to arr.	1.06
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 1,000 bu. to arr.	1.06
No. 1 Nor. wheat, 5,000 bu. to arr.	1.05½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.04
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 24 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 3 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 8 cars	1.03½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 2 cars	1.04½
No. 2 Nor. wheat, 7,000 bu. to arr.	1.04½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.01½
No. 3 wheat, 24 cars	1.01½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.01½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	1.01
No. 3 wheat, 1 car frost	.99½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car frost	1.00
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.00½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car frost	.99½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car king heads	1.00
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	1.01½
No. 3 wheat, part car	1.01

WINNIPEG AND MINNEAPOLIS PRICES

The following were the closing prices for grain on the Winnipeg and Minneapolis markets on Saturday last, November 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	99½c.	\$1.05 to \$1.05½
No. 2 Nor. cash wheat	96½c.	\$1.02½ to \$1.03½
No. 3 Nor. cash wheat	92c.	98c. to \$1.00½
December wheat	96½c.	\$1.03½ to \$1.03½
May wheat	99½c.	\$1.08½
No. 3 White oats	39c.	45½c. to 46½c.
Barley	55c. to 60½c.	80c. to \$1.19

No. 4 wheat, 1 car	1.00½	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.11
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.98½	No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.97
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.97½	No. 2 feed barley, 3 cars	1.00
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	1.00	No. 2 feed barley, 2 cars	.95
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	.99½	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.98
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.98	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	1.02
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.98½	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	1.05
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.81	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	1.08
Rejected wheat, 1 car frost	.90	No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.92
Rejected wheat, 1 car frost	.92½	No grade barley, 1 car	.95
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.90	No grade barley, 1 car	1.00
Rejected wheat, 1 car frost	.82	Sample barley, 1 car, f.o.b.	1.00
No grade wheat, 1 car	.95	Sample barley, 1 car	1.11
No grade wheat, 1 car frost	.86	Sample barley, part car	1.13
No grade wheat, 1 car frost	.85	Sample barley, part car	1.00
No grade wheat, 1 car	1.00	Sample barley, 1 car	1.02
No grade wheat, 1 car	.98	Sample barley, 1 car	1.06
No grade wheat, part car	.96½	Sample barley, 1 car	1.04
No grade wheat, 1 car	.81	Sample barley, 1 car	1.10
No grade wheat, 1 car	.94½	Sample barley, 1 car	1.09
No grade wheat, 1 car	.97	Sample barley, 1 car	.97
No grade wheat, 1 car	.99½	Sample barley, 1 car	.92
No grade wheat, 1 car frost and stained	.85	Sample barley, 1 car	.90
No grade wheat, 1 car	.97½	Sample barley, 1 car to arr.	.92
No grade wheat, 1 car	.99		
No grade wheat, 1 car heavy smut	.99		
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.03½		
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car	1.03½		
No. 2 mixed wheat, 1 car Montana	1.03½		
No. 2 western wheat, 1 car	.99		
No. 3 western wheat, 1 car	.89		
No. 2 Hard winter wheat, 2 cars	1.00½		
No. 2 Hard winter wheat, 2 cars	1.05½		
No. 3 Hard winter wheat, 2 cars	.98½		
No. 3 Hard winter wheat, 1 car	.99½		
Montana	.99½		
No. 4 Hard winter wheat, 1 car	.98½		
No. 4 Hard winter, 1 car Montana	.97½		
No. 3 White oats, 1 car	.46½		
No. 3 White oats, 1 car	.45½		
No. 3 White oats, 1 car	.46½		
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.44½		
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.44½		
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.45		
No grade oats, 1 car heavy	.45		
No grade oats, 1 car	.43		
Montana oats, 2 cars	.49½		
No. 3 barley, 1 car, thin	1.12		
No. 3 barley, 1 car	1.13		
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.12		
No. 4 barley, 1 car	1.13		
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	1.07		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.06		
No. 1 feed barley, 3 cars	1.04½		
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	1.02		
No. 1 feed barley, 3 cars	1.03		
No. 1 feed barley, part car	1.12		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.14		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	1.09½		
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	1.05		
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.95		

CANADIAN VISIBLE

(Official to Winnipeg Grain Exchange)

November 17, 1911

	Wheat	Oats	Barley
T'l visible	12,427,308	4,653,756	1,115,116
Last week	13,064,792	4,801,851	1,025,969
Last year	12,381,405	7,692,337	998,472

Ft. William	5,489,985	1,024,903	454,419
Pt. Arthur	3,357,142	651,431	468,009
Depot Har.	29,859		
Meaford	30,667	38,905	
Mid. Tiffin	1,243,470	741,832	
	140,000		
Collingwood			47,500
Owen Sd.	182,720	415,004	62,920
Goderich	89,596	358,684	
Sarnia, Pt. Ed.	29,959	210,833	
Pt. Colb'ne	360,218	20,500	
Kingston	395,153	146,503	18,079
Prescott	184,179	350,230	
Montreal	776,700	396,257	61,324
Quebec	4,450	95,577	2,865
Victoria Hbr.	143,069	123,238	

Note.—There are 1,406,901 bushels of oats, U. S. (in bond), at Midland Tiffin.

If there is any necessity for the middleman, the commission man at Winnipeg is the place for that middleman. The open market is there, and the best advantages for selling. Why sell to a man in the country who has also got to have his agent at Winnipeg sell for him.

The Simpson-Hepworth Co., 449 Grain Exchange, Winnipeg, is one of the best firms to ship to. Their entire efforts are always in the farmers' interests, and they are practically a farmers' company.

The Simpson-Hepworth Co., are worthy of your patronage.—ADVT.

QUOTATIONS IN STORE FORT WILLIAM & PORT ARTHUR from NOV. 15 to NOV. 21, 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 1 Man. Re		
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15	98½	95¼	90	83	71½	64	62½							40½	38	65	55	52	50		
16	99	96	90½	84	72	65	65½							40½	38½	65	55	52½	50½		
17	99½	96½	92	86	75	68	65							40½	38½	66	55	52½	50½		
18	99½	96½	92	86	75	68	66							41	39	66½	55				
20	100½	97½	92¾	87¼	75½	68½	67							41½	39½	66	54	52	50½		
21	100½	97½	93	88	75½	68½	67½							43½	39½	66	55	52	50½		

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