

bulk bran quotable at \$7.50 to \$8 and shorts at \$8.50 to \$9.50 per ton.

**FLOUR.** Millers report some export inquiry and are selling quite freely, though slow to concede anything, holding prices firmly. Some foreign buyers have been making bids for large blocks of bakers' at figures slightly below present quotations, and some good sales have been made as a result, though there was a meeting half-way between seller and buyer as to the concession. Domestic buyers have been taking flour more freely, and prices are firmer, though not quotably higher.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.15 to \$4.25; straights, \$3.90 to \$4.15; first bakers', \$3.50 to \$3.70; second bakers', \$2.80 to 3.00; low grades, \$1.70 to \$1.80, in bags; red dog, \$1.30 to \$1.40, in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 250 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 98 lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49 lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24 1/2 lb cotton sacks. In half barrels, the extra charge is 30c per bbl.  
—Northwest Miller.

### DULUTH WHEAT MARKET

It looked as though wheat was about to come out of the slough of despond during the early part of last week. There was a strong feeling for the first two days, and a continuous but slow advance, with but light reactions. On Wednesday, however, there was something of a change. The keen demand of the two previous days had somewhat abated, and light offerings had changed to more plentiful. Prices closed lower, but the feeling was not greatly altered, the market merely following the course of other wheat centres. On Thursday there was a bulge, with active buying and light receipts, but prices went down at the close. The last two days of the week were very strong, and the bulge looked as though it had come to stay. Orders came in freely and prices advanced rapidly, owing to higher cables and foreign buying orders. Three and a half million bushels changed hands on Friday. Shipments average 100,000 bushels per day, and receipts about the same. May wheat closed on Saturday at 85 cents.

	Cash	Nov	Dec.
Monday.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2
Tuesday.....	73	73 1/2	76
Wednesday.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2
Thursday.....	71 1/2	73 1/2	—
Friday.....	73 1/2	76	78
Saturday.....	—	76 1/2	77 1/2

### U. S. Crop Report.

The October report of the United States Agricultural Bureau puts the total crop of wheat at 100,000,000 bushels in excess of last year. The average yield for the whole country was 12 1/2 bushels per acre, upon an area of 37,000,000 acres. The State averages of principal States are: New York 17 bushels, Pennsylvania 13, Kentucky 11.5, Ohio 15.7, Michigan 16.3, Indiana 15.1, Illinois 13.1, Wisconsin 12.3, Minnesota 12.6, Iowa 12.5, Missouri 12.5, Kansas 11, Nebraska 9.6, Dakota 10.5, California 11.5, and Oregon 12.5. The total crop of wheat is now placed at 453,000,000 bushels, or a slightly higher figure than the last report. The total crop of oats is placed at 600,000,000 bushels, and corn at 1,650,000,000 bushels.

### Selections.

It is said that the lady who wrote "In the Gloaming," made \$3,000 out of it. Some newspaper men who not only write in the gloaming, but until three o'clock next morning, don't make five dollars out of it.

"Did you ever see anything like this?" said a young lady at a church fair, when raffling was in progress. "Only once," replied he. "When was that?" "Once on a tram out west, when it was robbed by bandits," was the gentle response.

Common courtesy may be used to excellent advantage in business, whether a man be a city or a country merchant. By courtesy we mean that politeness and affability that attracts, wins and retains friends. It is a quality that merchants should cultivate and develop in their characters. It will only help them in obtaining the favor of the public, will put them on a solid footing with the influential people in the town.

There is nothing says the *Chicago Grocer*, that will injure the trade of a grocery store quicker than loafers. It creates a feeling amongst the customers that there must be something wrong about the proprietor who will allow such pests around. Ladies are particularly apt to become disgusted with a tradesman who will allow them to be subjected to the annoyance, and as they can do no possible good, and are a serious damage, get rid of them at once.

"Trade must be rushing," he said as he halted and pointed to a half dozen boxes of clothing on the sidewalk ready to be shipped.

"On der contrary, trade vhas werry poor," answered Moses.

"But you are shipping lots of goods."

"Oh, dose goods vhas going to mine brudder Shacob in Cincinnati. I got my insurance on stock two days ago, and now it is his turn. When he gets his insurance he ships them to Abraham in Chicago. Trade vhas poor—very poor."

The *Dominion Mechanical and Milling News* says: Ingersoll is said to be offering \$40,000 to induce manufacturers to locate there. If such is the case the people of Ingersoll will live to regret the course they are taking. The bonus system is wrong. In nine cases out of ten municipalities adopting it give their money to bolster up concerns that have failed to run their business successfully on its merits, and that eventually either collapse or move to some other bonus-giving town.

The Government of Belgium has sanctioned the project of holding in Brussels in the summer of 1888 an international exhibition of war material, and it is said that the cost of the exhibition, estimated at 20,000,000 francs, is already covered by subscriptions. Germany will take a leading part in the exhibition, one portion of which will comprise a complete collection of arms from the days of antiquity, another a collection of all modern military uniforms, a third portraits of the most famous soldiers of all times, etc.

Alfred Krupp owns probably the largest business establishment in the world. The works within the town of Essen cover more than 500 acres. He employs nearly 20,000 men, who, with their families, make nearly 70,000 per-

sons supported by the factory. Krupp owns 547 iron mines in Germany and 4 ocean steamers. Over the works run 42 miles of railway, working 28 engines and 883 trucks. There are 69 horses with 491 wagons. There are also 40 miles of telegraph wires, with 35 stations and 55 Morse apparatus.

### Personal.

Mayor Fell, of Victoria, B. C., was doing Winnipeg last week.

Mr. John A. Moore, of the China Hall, has returned from an eastern trip.

Henry Graham Evans, ex-manager of the Merchants' Bank, Emerson, died at Brandon last week.

Mr. Leon Labonde, representing Wellman, Peck & Co., teas, of Yokohama, San Francisco and other points, is doing the Northwest. Mr. Labonde thinks it not improbable that a supply depot may be opened by his company at Winnipeg in the near future, as this must become an important distributing point for tea.

### British Columbia.

Furlong & Clunie have opened a ready-made clothing store at Vancouver.

Wm. Beaumont is erecting a large store at Duncan's Crossing, on the line of the E. & N. Railway.

Eight car loads of iron work for the dry dock at Esquimalt arrived lately.

A fire at Cache Creek destroyed Campbell's store and hotel, the post office, telegraph office and several other buildings.

The exports of Columbia River salmon for the month of September, just ended, were as follows: Eastward by rail, 16,255 cases; to England by ship, 20,594 cases; to California by steamer, 8,844 cases, aggregating a total shipment for the month of 45,693 cases.

Excise collections at Victoria for September were:

Cigars.....	\$1,429 00
Tobacco.....	324 00
Spirits.....	5,318 00
Malt.....	1,445 00
Licenses.....	20 00

Total..... \$8,536 00

The correspondent of the *Oregonian*, who recently took a trip over the Canadian Pacific Railway, writes from Donald, and speaking of Vancouver says: "A feeling of uncertainty as to 'syndicate' purposes dampens the perfect faith of two months ago in Vancouver's future. Many who have invested their last dollar in property there will let go before spring. However, there is little doubt that Vancouver will be the Canadian Pacific's western terminus in name, while Victoria will always be in fact."

### Grain and Milling Notes

It is reported that Messrs. McBean Bros., and the H. B. Co. will shortly place grain buyers at Manitou.

THERE were 30 loaded wheat cars in the station yard at Morden, on Tuesday last, waiting to be hauled out by the train from the west.