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September 23rd.

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WHEAT CABLES UP A SHADE,

But Chicago Eased Off on Liberal Receipts.

Speculative Interest is Almost Nil and Market Requires Broader Support if Prices Are to Be Maintained—Corn Easier — Local Cattle, Fruit and Grain Quotations—Notes and General Gossip.

Friday Evening, Sept. 23.

On the Liverpool board to-day spot wheat closed at an advance of 1½d to 2d per cental over the previous final figures. This month's delivery reflected a gain of ¾d and the remoter options improvements of ½d to ¼d per cental. Paris wheat advanced 30 centimes with flour up 15 to 90 centimes.

The favorable cables to the above effect failed to maintain in the Chicago market the strength which characterized it yesterday. Liverpool receipts at St. Louis and in the Northwest, together with a drop of a cent a bushel in the cash article, caused a sag in prices and all deliveries fell off ⅝c to 1⅛c per bushel. The trading was very narrow. At the close this month's option was ⅜c lower than the previous final figures, with the December and March options ⅜c to ½c lower respectively.

Corn receded about ½c per bushel at Chicago to-day. Liverpool spot maize advaced ¾d per cental, and this month's delivery ¾d. Futures closed steady to ⅛d over yesterday's final figures.

Peas advanced ½d at Liverpool.

White cheese advanced another 6d at Liverpool.

Argentine wheat shipments the past week nil, against nil the same week a year ago. Corn shipments 248,000 bushels, against 1,624,000 bushels last week and nil the same week a year ago.

A New York wire says: There is a very heavy demand for ocean tonnage as a result of large exports of grain. Room has been chartered in the last 10 days for over 2,000,000 bushels.

December wheat puts at Chicago, good all next week, 62c; calls 67c to 67¼c. Corn puts, good all next week, 29¼c; calls 30⅛c.

Total clearances to-day: Wheat and flour equal to 445,000 bushels; corn 478,544 bushels.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 4040 barrels and 12,352 sacks; wheat 118,492 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past three days were 135,000 centals, of which 127,000 centals were American. Corn, same time, 219,700 centals.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 955 cars, against 1011 cars the same day of 1897.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 219, corn 854, oats 404. Estimated for Saturday: Wheat 225, corn 800, oats 880.

St. Louis wheat receipts to-day 69,000 bushels, against 29,500 the same day a year ago.

The Modern Miller says: Prices of flour were advanced in most markets this week, and as a result trade was somewhat restricted, although buyers offered the old prices freely both for foreign and domestic trade. The hard wheat will continue to do most of the export business from the west. The southwestern trade was a little more active. Orders continue to be for immediate shipment, both for foreign and domestic account.

The receipts of flour at the western primary markets during last week were 158,663 barrels, as compared with 134,500 barrels in corresponding week in 1897; and of wheat 8,041,304 bushels, as compared with 7,925,074 bushels in same week last year.

World's Wheat Crop.

Beerbohm, Sept. 9, estimates the wheat crop of France between 41,000,000 and 42,500,000 quarters, and says that the quality, although showing two distinct sorts of wheat, will be very satisfactory. In Germany the crops have turned out well. In Hainault, Belgium, the yield has been most prolific, wheat and rye having produced 50 per cent. over the ordinary. In Southwest Flanders and in the northern marsh lands the wheat has suffered, but rye, barley, oats and potatoes are splendid crops. In the Maar district the granaries are said to be insufficient to hold their produce. In Servia the winter and spring cereals are everywhere described as good. In Spain, some estimate the wheat crop at 30 to 50 per cent. higher than last year, and a surplus is claimed to be available for export. In Argentine a greater area is under cultivation and a larger percentage of it than usual under wheat.

With respect to Russia, Beerbohm shows that the exports of wheat from that Empire for the five weeks ending Sept. 3, for the three last years, were: 1898, 530,930 qrs.; 1897, 1,390,180 qrs.; 1896, 973,400 qrs.

It says: Evidence seems to be accumulating that the Russian wheat crop is a disappointing one on the whole, although we hear from both Nicolaieff and Odessa that the results in these districts are very satisfactory. From most other parts of the country, however, the reports are more or less unfavorable. From St. Petersburg we hear that wheat is being sold back to Rybinsk for the interior. The Odessa correspondent of The Liverpool Corn Trade News writes that the Governments of Taurida, Elizabethgrad, Ekaterinoslav, Churson, Bessarabia, Podolia, Volhynia and Kieff have a good crop of wheat and barley and a moderate one of rye. But recent inquiries show that, taking Russia as a whole, there will be much less wheat and rye than last year. Farmers are getting all the money they want by hypothecating their wheat to the Imperial Bank, and are holding their grain above export value. In barley there has been an advance of about 20 per cent., and large fleets of steamers at Odessa and Nicolaieff are waiting for cargoes.

Roumania and Bulgaria—Beerbohm states that the exports of wheat from these countries continue relatively small, and in neither country has the crop come up to expectations. The crop of Roumania is now estimated 7,100,000 quarters, as compared with 4,425,000 quarters in 1897, and 6,780,000 quarters, the average of last five years. Roumania's largest crop was in 1896, 8,625,000 quarters, from which 44,800,000 bushels were exported.

Broomhall's Corn Trade News, Sept. 13, makes port stocks in Russia, as per last official return 311,000 quarters wheat, and at inland centres 613,000 quarters; together 924,000 quarters, as compared with 1,434,000 quarters at same date last year. With such small port stocks it is not surprising that exports have been so light. It says that crops in vicinity of Rostoff and Odessa are good, and it really seems that the area of abundant crops does not extend much beyond the southwestern and western regions, and even there the crop movement has commenced late, although all authorities seem agreed that heavy yields were obtained. In Roumania, wheat appears to be slightly under average, but generally of good quality.

India—There have been further rains and crop prospects are brighter.

Argentine—Latest mail advices report very favorably of the new wheat crop. The plants are described as strong, and they have developed an unusually large number of stalks.

Australia—The Agent-General for South Australia has received a cablegram stating that splendid rains have fallen throughout the colony, and harvest prospects are excellent.

An Associated Press despatch from Paris to-day reads: "The French wheat crop is estimated at 123,000,000 hectolitres, the largest since 1874, when the yield was 136,000,000 hectolitres. This will render France independent of foreign importations of wheat." A hectolitre is about 2 4-5 bushels.

The United Kingdom.

United Kingdom—The London Times makes the condition of the wheat crop in Great Britain 102.3 on Sept. 1, as compared with 97.8 on same date in 1897. Thirty-one English counties return the average this season as 100 or over, while only nine put it less than 100. On Sept. 1, 1897, only one county reported the condition as high as 100. Barley and oats show about the same condition this year as last.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	Sept.	Dec.	May.
Chicago	$0 67	$0 63⅞	$0 65⅛	
New York	....	0 73⅞	0 69½	0 69⅝
St. Louis	0 69	0 66½	0 68⅞	
Milwaukee	0 68	....	0 63½	....
Toledo	....	0 71	0 67⅛	0 67½
Detroit	0 69¾	0 69¾	0 66½	0 67¾
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	0 68¼	0 68	0 62	0 64¼
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 71¾	....	....	....
Minneapolis	....	0 64½	0 60⅝	0 62¼
Toronto, No. 1 hard (new)	0 80	....	....	....
Toronto, red	0 67	....	....	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Straight rollers, in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $3.10 to $3.20 at Toronto.

Wheat—Millers pay 66c to 67c for Ontario red and white at Northwest points and 63c to 64c for goose. No. 1 Manitoba hard 81c at Toronto.

Rye—Quoted at 41c west.

Oats—New white oats quoted at 23c to 24c north and west.

Barley—Quoted at 41c, middle freights, for No. 1.

Buckwheat—Prices nominal.

Bran—Sells at $8.50 to $9 west, and shorts at $13 to $13.50 west.

Corn—Canadian, 32c to 33c west, and American 38c to 39c at Toronto.

Peas—New peas are quoted at 51c north and west, in car lots.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto, $3.60; in barrels, $3.70.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

On account of wet weather receipts of grain were light, three loads each of wheat, barley and oats being the amount of deliveries. Prices were unchanged.

Hay—Three loads sold at quotations.

Grain—		
Wheat, white, bush	$0 72 to	$0 73
" red, bush	0 69	0 71
" goose, bush	0 59½	0 60½
" fife, spring, bush	0 68	0 69½
Barley, bush	0 41	0 47
Oats, bush	0 27	0 28
Peas, bush	0 53	0 55
Rye, bush	0 44	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 45	....
Seeds—		
Red clover, bush	$3 25 to	$3 75
White clover seed, bush	6 00	9 00
Alsike clover, bush	4 00	4 50
Timothy, bush	1 25	1 35
Beans, white, bush	0 60	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, timothy, per ton	$7 50 to	$8 50
" clover, per ton	5 00	6 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	7 50	....
" loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Products—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 18 to	$0 20
" " large rolls	0 14	0 15
Eggs, new-laid	0 15	0 16
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	$7 00 to	$8 00
" forequarters, cwt	4 00	5 00
Lamb, spring, per lb	0 07	0 08
Mutton, carcase, cwt	6 00	6 50
Veal, carcase, cwt	8 00	8 50
Hogs, dressed, light	5 50	5 75
" " heavy	5 25	5 50
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40 to	$0 75
Turkeys, per lb.	0 11	0 12½
Spring ducks, per pair	0 50	0 80
Fruit and Vegetables—		
Apples, per bbl	$0 70 to	$1 50
" per basket	0 10	0 15
Potatoes, per bag	0 75	0 80
Cabbage, per doz.	0 20	0 40
Onions, Spanish, per lb	0 02½	....
Beets, per doz.	0 12½	0 15
Cauliflower, per doz.	0 40	0 65
Green corn, per doz.	0 09	....

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, per ton	$7 00 to	$7 50
Straw, baled, car lots, per ton	4 00	4 50
Potatoes, car lots, per bag	0 71	0 75
Butter, choice, tubs	0 14	0 15
" medium tubs	0 11	0 12
Creamery, boxes	0 18	0 18½
Creamery, lb. rolls	0 20	0 21
Eggs, choice, candled	0 14	0 15
Honey, per lb.	0 03	0 06½

Hides and Wool.

Price list, revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, 100 Front-street east, Toronto:

Hides, No. 1 green	$0 08½	$....
" No. 1 green steers	0 09	....
" No. 2 green steers	0 08	....
" No. 2 green	0 07½	....
" No. 3 green	0 06½	....
" cured	0 09	0 09½
Calfskins, No. 1	0 10	....
Calfskins, No. 2	0 08	....
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Pelts, each	0 55	0 60
Lambskins, each	0 55	0 60
Wool, fleece	0 15	....
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 10	....
Wool, pulled, super	0 18	0 19½
Tallow, rendered	0 03	0 03½
Tallow, rough	0 01¼	0 02¼

TORONTO FRUIT MARKET.

Receipts were not so large to-day—3000 packages.

Prices unchanged, with the exception of peaches, which were easier. Common sold at 20c to 50c per basket, and Crawfords at 70c to 90c; plums, 35c to 50c; apples, $1 to $1.50 per bbl., and 15c to 25c per basket; pears, 30c to 40c; grapes, 15c for small basket and 25c for large basket; cucumbers, 40c to 50c for gherkins and 20c for large; tomatoes, 25c to 35c per basket; muskmelons, 50c to 75c per case and 20c to 30c per basket; peppers, 50c to 75c per basket; egg plant, 50c per basket; celery, 30c to 40c per doz.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

The run of live stock at the Cattle Market was very large—84 carloads, which, with 64 on Thursday, made a total of 148 carloads for the two days, filling every available space around the market. The 84 loads of to-day were composed of 1500 cattle, 1575 sheep and lambs, 2500 hogs and 75 calves. With this large amount of livestock, it is needless to say the market was depressed. It was bad on Tuesday, worse on Thursday, but to-day was the worst of the season thus far.

The market would have been all right, could shippers here have obtained shipping space, but as we showed yesterday that has been all taken for the present by dealers handling the western ranch cattle.

Trade in exporters was dull. There were too many light or medium cattle, not finished, which were slow of sale, but all choice cattle were sold.

Choice heavy exporters sold at $4.40 to $4.55; light exporters at $4 to $4.25 per cwt.

Bulls—Export bulls of choice quality and heavy sold at $3.75 to $4; medium export bulls $3.40 to $3.60 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers and exporters mixed sold at $3.90 to $4 per cwt.

It will be seen by the following quotations that butchers' cattle in most of the classes are from 5c to 10c and in others 15c per cwt. lower than yesterday, making a drop of fully 40c per cwt. in ten days.

Choice picked lots of butchers, equal in quality to, but not as heavy as exporters, sold at $4 to $4.10; loads of good, $3.70 to $3.85; medium, $3.20 to $3.50; common, $3 to $3.10; inferior, $2.75 to $3 per cwt.

There were many loads of fat cattle, both butchers and exporters, unsold at the close of the market.

Feeders—This class of cattle found a ready sale, as several buyers, farmers among the number, were on the lookout, and well-bred steers, weighing 1100 lbs. each, sold at $3.70 to $3.75, and those weighing 950 to 1000 lbs. sold from $3.55 to $3.60 per cwt.

Stockers were plentiful and in good demand at $3.12½ for inferior, and $3.25 to $3.50 for medium to choice.

Milk Cows—About 15 cows sold at prices ranging from $25 to $45 each. The quality of those offered generally was only medium.

Calves sold at $5 to $6 for common; and choice $7 to $8 each or in other words $5 per cwt.

Sheep—Prices generally unchanged, the bulk going at $3.50 to $3.60 for ewes; bucks, $2.75. These prices are per cwt. A few picked lots of choice malden ewes and wethers brought $3.65 to $3.70. Lambs sold at $2.75 to $3.50 each, or $3.75 to $4 per cwt.

Hogs—Deliveries heavy, prices easier; choice selections of good bacon hogs, 160 to 220 lbs., off cars, unfed and unwatered, sold at $4.50 to $4.62½; light fat, $4 to $4.12½; heavy fats, $4.25 to $4.37½; sows, $3 to $3.25 per cwt.

William Levack bought 100 cattle, mixed butchers and exporters, at $3.35 to $4.15, and 80 lambs at $4 per cwt.

Crawford & Hunnisett sold 3 loads of exporters, from 1200 to 1300 lbs. each, at $4 to $4.40 per cwt.; one load of butchers' cattle, 960 lbs. each, at $3.80; and bought 4 loads of stockers at $3.25 to $3.80 per cwt.; also several stock bulls, 1025 lbs. each, at $3 per cwt.

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J. A. Steele, Port Colborne, Ont., bought 33 stockers, heifers and steers, at $3 to $3.50 per cwt.

Alex Levack bought 18 butchers' cattle, 1040 lbs. each, at $3.75 to $4 per cwt.

Joseph Gould bought 200 exporters at prices ranging from $4.25 to $4.50.

W. H. Dean bought one load of exporters, 1320 lbs. each, at $4.30.

A. M. Buck bought one load of feeders, 1050 lbs. each, at $3.60; 15 heifers, 700 lbs. each, at $3 per cwt. He sold one load of Buffalo stockers, 18 light steers at $3, 15 mixed heifers and bulls at $2.40 per cwt.

Rountree & Halligan have 14 carloads of feeders and stockers, bought east of Sherbrooke, Que., in transit to Chicago and the west.

Houston brothers, of the Ohio Live Stock Co of Mansfield, Ohio, were purchasing stockers and feeders. This company does an extensive horse trade, amounting to $75,000 from Jan. 1 to July 1 last, and would like to extend their business to Canada, but find the duty too high. They were loud in their praise of Canadian horses, sheep and cattle.

William Levack shipped two carloads of exporters to Glasgow.

His Worship Mayor Shaw visited the market to-day. After donning rubber boots and felt hat, so as to look something like a cattle man, His Worship, conducted by Thomas Crawford, was shown over every part of the market.

Mr. Hodgson, the lessee of the market, was asked to give his views in reference to the enlarging of the present site, as well as the purchasing of a new site. Although taken by surprise, Mr. Hodgson explained in a very lucid manner how easy it would be to remodel and enlarge the present site by closing up Wellington-avenue and annexing Stanley Park, which could be done at very little expense, and which would give ample space and accommodation for years to come.

Export cattle, choice	$4 40 to	$4 55
Export cattle, light	4 00	4 25
Bulls, medium export	3 40	3 60
Bulls, heavy export, good quality	3 75	4 00
Loads good butchers and exporters, mixed	3 90	4 00
Stockers and medium to good	3 25	3 50
Feeders, heavy	3 60	3 75
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 00	4 10
" good	3 70	3 85
" medium	3 30	3 50
" common	3 00	3 10
" inferior	2 75	3 00
Milch cows, each	25 00	45 00
Calves, each	3 00	6 00
Sheep, per cwt.	3 50	3 60
Bucks, per cwt.	2 50	2 75
Spring lambs, each	2 75	3 50
Hogs, 160 to 220 lbs. each	4 50	4 62½
" light fats	4 00	4 12½
" heavy fats	4 25	4 37½
" sows	3 00	3 25
" stags	2 00	....

Chicago Markets.

Henry A. King & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open	H'gh	Low	Close
Wheat—Sept	66⅞	67¼	66⅝	67
" —Dec.	64	64½	63½	63⅞
" —May	65⅜	65½	64⅝	65⅛
Corn—Sept.	29⅜	29⅜	29⅛	29⅛
" —Dec.	29⅛	29⅞	29⅝	29⅞
" —May	31¾	32	31½	31⅝
Oats—Sept	21⅛	23	21¾	21¾
" —Dec.	21	21¼	20⅞	20⅞
" —May	23	23	22⅝	22¾
Pork—Sept	8 17	....	....	8 17
" —Dec.	8 25	8 30	8 25	8 27
" —Jan.	9 10	9 17	9 10	9 17
Lard—Sept	4 80	....	....	4 80
" —Dec.	4 77	4 85	4 75	4 85
" —Jan.	4 82	4 95	4 82	4 95
Ribs—Sept	5 30	....	....	5 30
" —Dec.	4 70	4 75	4 70	4 75
" —Jan.	4 70	4 77	4 67	4 77

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Hogs—Estimated receipts to-day 21,000; left over, 9523; steady to strong; light, $3.50 to $4.05; mixed, $3.55 to $4.05; heavy, $3.40 to $4.05; rough, $3.40 to $3.60.

Cattle—Receipts 3000; steady; beeves, $3.90 to $5.60; cows and heifers, $2 to $4.75; Texas steers, $3.10 to $3.85; westerns, $3.50 to $4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.10 to $4.60.

British Markets.

Liverpool, Sept. 23.—12.30.—No. 1 North., spring, stock exhausted; red winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 3d to 6s 4d; corn, 3s 4d; peas, 5s 2d; pork, 50s; lard, 25s 6d; tallow, 18s 6d; bacon, heavy, l.c., 30s 6d; light, 30s; short cut, 31s; cheese, white, 38s 6d; colored, 40s.

Liverpool—Open—Spot wheat firm, with No. 1 Cal. at 6s 3d to 6s 4d and red winter at 6s 1d; futures firm at 6s 1¼d for Sept., 5s 6⅝d for Dec. and 5s 7d for March. Maize firm at 3s 3d for spot; futures 3s 2¾d for Oct., 3s 4d for Dec. Flour, 20s 3d.

London—Open—Wheat, off coast, nearly due; on passage, sellers at 6d advance; No. 1 Cal., May, 32s, sold yesterday. English country markets firm. Maize, off coast, nearly due; on passage, rather firmer.

Paris—Open—Wheat 22f 10c for Sept. and 21f 80c for Nov. and Feb. Flour 48f 80c for Sept. and 46f 80c for Nov. and Feb. French country markets firm.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat firm, with red winter at 6s 1d; Walla, at 5s 11d; No. 1 Cal., at 6s 3d; India at 6s; futures 6s 1½d for Sept., 5s 6d for Dec. and 5s 6½d for March. Maize, 3s 3d for spot; futures, 3s 2⅝d for Sept., 3s 2¾d for Oct. and 3s 3¼d for Dec. Flour, 20s 3d.

London—Close—Wheat, off coast, nearly due; on passage, more inquiry, 6d higher; Walla, nearly due, 30s; No. 1 Northern, spring, steam, Sept., 29s 9d. Maize, off coast, nearly due; on passage, rather firmer; mixed American, sail grade, loading, 16s 1½d, parcel: spot Danube, 18s; American, 17s. Mark Lane—English wheat irregular and foreign nominally unchanged. American and Danube maize firm. American and English flour nominally unchanged.

Paris—Close—Wheat 22f 45c for Sept. and 22f 15c for Nov. and Feb. Flour, 49f for Sept. and 47f 75c for Nov. and Feb.

Chicago Gossip.

Henry A. King & Co., 12 King-street east, received the following despatch to-day from Chicago:

Wheat—While the news on the whole has been rather dull, the market has been quite tame throughout the session. English markets were a shade higher, while Paris was up 1½c per bushel. Southwestern millers are running full time and have large orders from Texas and other Southern points. The bear features were the exceedingly fine weather, a drop of a cent or two a bushel in the price for cash wheat in the Northwest, liberal receipts in St. Louis and the large farmers' deliveries expected the early part of next week. Advices from most sections seem to confirm this. Speculative trading is so light that should there be any material increase in stocks the market would have to broaden or cause lower prices.

While the cash demand for corn was large, some heavy purchases of December having been made against cash sales, Argentine and other outside countries have been light shippers, yet the speculative tone is rather indicative of lower prices. The season is so far advanced now that there is very little danger from injury by frost. It is believed there will be a larger movement next week, and this has been the controlling influence to-day and caused some liberal lines to be again put out on the short side.

There is such a diversity of opinion about the number of bushels harvested and stored in oats that there is bound to be a large speculative interest, which may cause materially higher prices.

Provisions—Under the influence of the unusually large domestic and foreign demand noted the past week for hog products, and especially prominent to-day, there seems to be a decidedly better feeling and stronger outlook speculatively. The market closed strong at about the high point of the day.

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Dun's Weekly Trade Review.

The money market at Montreal has not yet developed the advance in the rates for call funds that was thought possible, and the general quotation remains at 4 per cent. An effort was made to bring it up to 4½ per cent., but the united action of the banks could not be secured. The generally healthy character of trade, as noted last week, is fairly sustained; collections may be called satisfactory as a whole, and in the Montreal district proper, comprising from Three Rivers to the western limits of the province, only four failures are reported, and they of insignificant import. The cheese market shows a gratifying gain in strength, with freer export movement last week, but there is a very considerable deficit, as compared with last year's shipments, to be made up. Butter is active and firmer, choice September makes commanding materially higher prices. The cooler weather early in the week has made it busier for the city drygoods retailers, and travelers are all fairly at work on the fall sorting trip. The London wool sales, which opened Tuesday, showed an advance of 5 per cent., with large attendance, and local quotations are firm, but Canadian woolen manufacturers are not active buyers, the cheap lines which form the bulk of their present output being more largely composed of shoddy than ever. Shelf hardware shows a good movement; pig iron and other heavy metals are not specially brisk. Glass is in good demand, and, owing to the great strength of primary markets, prices have been notably advanced. Large receipts of cement are to hand since last writing, some 30,000 barrels, but the bulk of this is to fill Government contracts for canal works, and stocks available for general trade are small, and prices stiff; three steamers, however, are now poiling this way with considerable supplies. For sugars refiners report fair demand, but trade is not so good as is generally calculated on at this season. Some moderate import orders are reported as being placed for Dutch refined. Further moderate lots of new Valencia raisins are coming to hand by Liverpool steamers, but the bulk of the supply will be on the Escalona and Bellona, direct steamers, next month. No new currants are yet on spot. Salmon continues to rule high, and sales of car lots between houses are reported at $5 and $5.05. Leather rules quiet as regards local enquiry, but fair export of sole is in progress to England. Some sales of Quebec makes of black leather are reported at low figures, but all Western tanners continue very firm in their views.

Trade in wholesale departments at Toronto keeps up remarkably well. The demands for general merchandise are said to be active, and travelers are greatly encouraged with the outlook. Sorting-up orders are coming in freely, although country merchants only a few weeks ago laid in considerable stocks. The tone of the markets is very strong, with some lines of cottons and worsteds higher. Knitted goods are firm and factories have all the orders they can attend to. Groceries are selling well, with sugars firm. Canned salmon higher, and canned vegetables somewhat scarce, with firm undertone. The hardware trade is fair, with metals firm. Leather is moving out fairly well, and hides are unchanged. Prices of cured meats are relatively high, owing to stocks being small, and butter and cheese are firmer. The movement of wheat is restricted, and prices within the week have risen 2c to 3c per bushel on this market. The demand for peas is active, with prices also higher.

Cheese Markets.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 23.—Cheese was advanced a full cent over last week's quotations. White sold at 9⅛c and colored at 9¼c. The total offering was 833 white and 631 colored. Warrington bought 277 white and 100 colored; Alexander, 250 white; Lovell & Christmas, 265 white and 279 colored; Hodgson Bros., 41 white.

Brighton, Ont., Sept. 23.—Brighton Cheese Board: Nine factories boarded 785 September cheese, all white; 170 sold to Whitton on behalf of Buyers present: Whitton and Bird. Board meets again on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Iroquois, Ont., Sept. 23.—At the Cheese Board to-day 345 cheese were boarded, all colored; 9¼c was bid and mostly all sold; September make.

Brantford, Ont., Sept. 23.—At the cheese market to-day 2445 boxes cheese were boarded. Sales: 100 at 8¾c, 175 at 8⅞c, 300 at 8 15-16c, 370 at 9c. Next market Friday, Oct. 7.

London Markets Flat.

New York, Sept. 23.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says: The stock markets here opened flat to-day on the developments in China. Argentines were especially weak on a pessimistic London Times editorial concerning the boundary question. When the information given in these despatches yesterday concerning Buenos Ayres buying became known, however, a sharp rise followed, the foreign buying being backed up by Rothschild purchases, and prices of Argentines and of Chili securities closed at the best. I am told that private telegrams, received in good quarters, state that a document, providing for a settlement of the boundary question by arbitration, has been signed. American issues opened rather dull on realizations by English bulls in such specialties as Erie, New York, Ontario and Western and Missouri Pacific. Louisville and Nashville was offered on an exaggerated report of the weak condition of the cotton market. Subsequently New York bought Union Pacific, Louisville and Nashville and Central Pacific, and the market closed steady.

There is a falling off in the number of American bills offered for forward delivery. I am told that orders for the withdrawal of eagles from the Bank of England to-morrow morning have been countermanded, but I cannot confirm this.

The Paris Bourse was weak and the Berlin markets steady. The financial position in Berlin requires careful watching. The number of German accommodation bills in London has increased enormously of late and it will be surprising if there is not a money squeeze at the end of this quarter.

London Wool Sales.

London, Sept. 23.—To-day's wool auction sales were marked by increased animation and spirited bidding. The offerings were good and merinos were especially firm. The Continent continued a free buyer. The attendance was heavy.

Cotton Market.

New York, Sept. 23.—Cotton futures closed steady; Sept. 5.19, Oct. 5.19, Nov. 5.23, Dec. 5.29, Jan. 5.33, Feb. 5.37, March 5.41, April 5.45, May 5.50, June 5.54.

Lindsay Failure.

T. Armstrong & Bro., furriers of Lindsay, after an unsuccessful attempt to compromise at 25c on the dollar, have assigned to J. H. Southern. Liabilities amount to $2900, with assets of stock and book debts amounting to $2332, showing a deficiency of $1568. In June the statement of the firm showed a surplus of about $2000. The creditors are chiefly Montreal houses.

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