

higher, Nebraska, corn advancing 2c, and closing at 37 to 39c; and No. 2. oats going up 1c, closing at 27 to 28c.

MILLSTUFF has been higher and strong, but closed weak, with bulk bran offered at \$10, and shorts at \$10.50 to 11 per ton.

FLOUR.—There was more inquiry at the opening of the week than for some time, and a very satisfactory trade was reported for a few days; but the bullish influences were soon dissipated, and the hand-to-mouth policy resumed sway among buyers. The export demand is reported light, domestic trade slow, and the general market inactive; the grain prices are well sustained, and millers refuse concessions.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$4.50 to 4.80; straights, \$4.20 to 4.50; first bakers', \$3.40 to 3.80; second bakers', \$3 to 3.30; best low grades, \$1.85 to 2.10 in bags; red dog, \$1.40 to 1.60 in bags.

Thus far the water-power has not improved materially, and the mills have not yet exceeded a two-thirds production; but it is now considered only a question of a few days when the output will be considerably augmented. Last week's water-power was comparatively poor, and the mills felt the effects of it quite severely, the output dropping off 20,000 bbls. The output of the week was 83,100 bbls—averaging 11,871 bbls daily for the seven days—against 102,060 bbls for the preceding week, and 103,431 bbls for the corresponding period in 1884. This week the water started in somewhat better, though not very good, and the production will reach nearly 100,000 bbls. Two mills are yet partially operated by steam, but they avail themselves of water-power as much as possible. There is some talk about dissolving the production pool next Monday; but this depends very much on how the water is at that time. With warmer weather prevailing, a better volume of water is expected by most millers inside of a week.

The following were the receipts at and shipments from Minneapolis for the weeks ending on the dates given:

RECEIPTS.			
	Mar. 31	Mar. 24	Mar. 17
Wheat, bush..	555,900	486,000	385,300
Flour, bbls ..	385	695	420
Millstuff, tons	114	40	24

SHIPMENTS.			
	Mar. 31	Mar. 24	Mar. 17
Wheat, bush ..	75,900	67,300	74,000
Flour, bbls ..	85,791	95,105	93,274
Millstuff, tons ..	2,436	3,008	2,419

The wheat in store in Minneapolis elevators, as well as the stock at St. Paul and Duluth, is shown in the appended table:

MINNEAPOLIS.			
	Mar. 30.	Mar. 23.	
No. 1 hard ..	1,242,403	1,259,883	
No. 2 hard ..	97,343	98,193	
No. 1 ..	1,700,332	1,799,182	
No. 2 ..	201,559	241,216	
No. 3 ..	7,932	18,053	
Rejected ..	11,572	14,656	
Special bins ..	535,502	560,554	
Total ..	3,857,093	3,901,742	

ST. PAUL.			
	April 1.	Mar. 25.	Mar. 18.
In elevators, bush	1,120,000	1,145,000	1,145,000

DULUTH.

	Mar. 31.	Mar. 24.	Mar. 17.
In elevators, bush ..	6,039,700	5,987,590	5,887,000
Allout ..	101,000	101,000	—

—Northwestern Miller.

CHICAGO.

The grain market during the past week was decidedly weak compared with that of the previous one, and it is evident that the European war cloud has not thickened enough to give the bullish element ground to work upon. The week developed another tug at prices, and as the advantages and gains were in favor of the bulls the previous week, they went with the bears last one. Although opinion here generally is that an Anglo-Russian war is unavoidable, the belief is insufficient to raise prices. The terrible load of wheat on sight makes it an easy matter for the shorts to cover by delivery, and everybody seems more than usually anxious to avoid a load. In short, the wheat market is in such a state that it cannot be made to advance in anticipation of war being declared; and the actual declaration of war in Europe would be necessary to cause any material advance. Corn and other rough grains are in sympathy with wheat, and fluctuate in accordance. The same weak feeling attended meats; and pork started in with a break on Monday, and continued to decline most of the week. Altogether the markets of the past week had a downward tendency, although the actual fall in prices was small and the fluctuations were confined within very narrow limits.

On Monday the market opened with prices lower all round than Saturday's closing; and although a little recovery was apparent later in the day, the feeling on the whole was weak. Receipts of wheat were 28 cars, against 42 on Saturday. Closing quotations were:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.76½	\$0.81
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	27½	31½
Pork ..	11.95	12.05
Lard ..	6.82	6.90

Tuesday's wheat receipts increased to 125 cars, and the augmentation, combined with unfavorable advices from Liverpool, caused a quickness in sales, while in speculative circles matters were exceedingly dull. The day was a heavy one all round, and a decline in all prices took place, the closing showing no inclination to stir upwards. The following were closing figures:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.74½	\$0.79½
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	27½	31½
Pork ..	11.65	11.80
Lard ..	6.75	6.82½

The opening on Wednesday showed a general weakness in all grain; but the receipts having dropped to 75 cars, cash stiffened a little, and later on shorts began purchasing to cover last week's deals, and an upward movement set in, when at the close figures all round were a shade higher than at the same time the previous day. Foreign advices were not favorable, and the advance secured was due purely to

local speculation. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.74½	\$0.79½
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	27½	31½
Pork ..	11.72½	11.85
Lard ..	6.75	6.82½

Although the wheat receipts on Thursday dropped to 57 cars, these light figures did not stimulate cash sales. There was a fair demand for futures by the shorts, and notwithstanding the dull and unpropitious European advices prices of grain advanced in all departments, and at the close wheat was firm at about half a cent higher than Wednesday's figures. The quotations at closing were:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.75½	\$0.80½
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	27½	31½
Pork ..	11.60	11.72½
Lard ..	6.75	6.82½

Friday being "Good Friday" the market a holiday feeling and throughout was dull and uninteresting. The receipts of wheat were 82 cars compared with 51 the previous day. In grain the feeling in this market was slightly stronger. Closing quotations were:

	Apl.	May.
Wheat ..	\$0.75½	\$0.80½
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	28½	31½
Pork ..	11.55	12.70
Lard ..	6.72½	6.77½

On Saturday wheat receipts were 80 cars. Car lots were in good demand but speculation rather quiet. Oats were quieter and easier in price. Corn was firm and slightly higher, while pork stiffened up a little also. Closing quotations were:

	Apl.	May.
Wheat ..	\$0.76	\$0.80½
Corn ..	37½	41½
Oats ..	28½	32½
Pork ..	11.72½	11.75
Lard ..	6.75	6.80

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

During the past week the stock market has been weak and most leading stocks have declined somewhat. None have suffered in any marked degree, but there has been a general movement favorable to the bears, and offerings have been much freer than bids. Outside of bank stocks and particularly in loan and land companies there has been almost no buyers and the decline in prices in some instances has been considerable. Altogether the week was a dull one for stocks. The subjoined closing bids on Wednesday, March 25th and April 1st give an indication of the tone of the market.

	Mar. 25.	Apr. 1
Montreal ..	195	192½
Ontario ..	110	—
Molson's ..	—	—
Toronto ..	182	180½
Merchants' ..	112½	111
Commerce ..	122	119
Imperial ..	124	—
Federal ..	46½	45
Dominion ..	101	158½
Standard ..	111½	111
Hamilton ..	120	120
Northwest Land ..	38½	35