

fluctuating, some quoting the markets weak and others firm. The feeling about the close of the day was further strengthened, partially on a rumor that the Minneapolis millers had advanced the price of wheat, and partially on a reported engagement of a large quantity of wheat for shipment. This strong feeling was maintained, speculation being apparently the governing influence till Wednesday when prices fell back, owing to considerable quantities of "long" wheat in the hands of parties having good profits wishing to realize having been thrown on the market. Further war rumours and some good buying again served to send prices on an upward course, but free offerings again turned the tide and a heavy decline was the result. Towards the close of the week there was but little doing, trading at times showing a marked contrast to the preceding days, the feeling being weaker and prices lower all round than at the start. In corn only a light speculative business was transacted during most of the week, showing a steadiness as wheat strengthened, but falling off when it weakened. Oats were dull and slow all through, and though a quiet feeling prevailed in pork almost every day, with light offerings and a limited demand an advance on the opening of the week was made.

On Monday an unsettled feeling prevailed in the wheat market and fluctuations were numerous. The opening was strong and held so most of the session, on the strength of the warlike news, French securities being somewhat lower and consols unchanged. Cable advices were rather conflicting, some quoting wheat weaker and others firm. At the close a gain of 1½c was made for the day. In corn the feeling was steadier and a shade firmer, and the oats market was dull and heavy. Pork offerings were light and the demand limited, with prices at a decline. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.88½	\$0.90
Corn	42½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.20	8.20
Lard	5.91½	5.92½

On Tuesday the wheat market opened a little better than the previous day's closing figures and remained active and strong, speculation being the ruling influence. Foreign securities opened a shade higher, but later in the day there was a rumor that consols declined. It was again rumored that Minneapolis millers had advanced prices, and English advices quoted a firmer market and a better tone all round, these combined influences serving to keep the feeling very strong and the close of the session showed another heavy advance. In corn the feeling was also stronger, influenced by wheat, the rainy weather and a decrease in the visible supply. Oats were steady, and in pork a quiet feeling prevailed. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.89½	\$0.90½
Corn	43½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.30	8.30
Lard	6.00	5.92½

On Wednesday the wheat market opened strong and higher, the influence being the firm tone of foreign advices and a decline in consols. A nervous and unsettled feeling was noticed, accompanied with more or less excitement. The advance brought out considerable "long" wheat, parties having good profits wishing to realize and prices receded. Then there were more rumors of war news, and some good buying started the market on an improved course. In corn the feeling was strong and prices a shade firmer. Oats were steady at a slight improvement, and in pork trading was quite active, there being a good local demand, with figures at an advance. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.90½	\$0.91½
Corn	43	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.42½	8.42½
Lard	6.05	6.02½

On Thursday in the wheat market there was less doing, and trading during the first of the session was a marked contrast to the preceding days. The feeling also was weaker and prices averaged lower. Foreign news was rather warlike, but consols were quoted higher, and this counteracted the war news. There was also a rumor that a large operator had been selling freely of "long" wheat, this, probably, being the principal cause of weakness, and at the close the market was one cent under the previous day. In corn very little interest centered in the speculative market and though the decline in wheat had a weakening effect, prices did not vary much. Oats were slow and dull, and pork at the opening declined, but later there was a firm feeling and prices advanced. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.89½	\$0.90½
Corn	42½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.42½	8.42½
Lard	6.07½	6.00

On Friday the wheat market opened decidedly weak and lower, under large offerings. A good deal of wheat bought the day before on the supposition that war news would appear, having been thrown on the market. English advices were quoted quiet and easier, and Minneapolis millers were also reported to have reduced prices 1c. Only a moderate speculative business was transacted, the feeling being weaker most of the session, with prices lower all round. Corn ruled weak and lower. Oats were quiet and slow. Pork at the end was firm. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	88½	89½
Corn	42½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.42½	8.42½
Lard	6.02½	5.97½

On Saturday the wheat market was fairly active but unsettled. Trading in the aggregate was liberal, there being a fair sprinkling of outside orders. The public cables contained nothing encouraging to the bulls. Liverpool spot wheat and cargoes off the coast and on

passage were called quiet and steady, with the continental markets rather easier. At the close the feeling was weak and depressed. Corn was quite active. Oats and pork were quiet. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	\$0.89½	\$0.89½
Corn	42½	40½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.35	8.37½
Lard	6.00	5.95

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STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week seems to have been unusually active and to have shown considerable excitement most of the time owing to the manipulations of a bullish clique which apparently have been trying to buy up everything that came in their way. The clique had matters all their own way and succeeded in hoisting up prices of bank shares to a high figure till about the close, when a quietness set in with prices a turn easier. Miscellaneous stocks varied in tendency, and at the close loan and savings stocks were quoted easy. The closing bids of Wednesday, Oct. 7th, and Oct. 14th, which are subjoined, will show the tone of the market.

	Oct. 7.	Oct. 14.
Montreal	198½	203
Ontario	107½	108½
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	185	189
Merchants'	113½	115½
Commerce	125½	127½
Imperial	123½	124
Federal	94½	96½
Dominion	200	202½
Standard	115½	116
Hamilton	125½	125½
Northwest Land	40½	41

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The local grain markets have shown increased activity within the past week. The receipts have begun to move forward more freely, and buyers have been ready to meet them. As enquiries from the outside are being heard of, prices in most of the cereals have been firm with the exception of the lower grades of barley, while the tendency of the higher grades was upwards. Wheat was more active and at firmer prices which was maintained till the close, the movement being chiefly in new. Oats have been scarce and wanted at firm prices, all round it appears that holders have been steady and have shown not much inclination to press sales of anything, and the situation is reported as encouraging, the only drawback being the rather large proportion of the new grain which seems to be of a poor quality. In provisions business has been generally rather quiet but prices have been quite steady. In butter there was an active demand for really choice dairy, but the supply of it was light and prices were firm; any other sort seems to have been slow of sale with scarcely any demand to be heard of shipment. In meats the movement was light as stocks are about exhausted in most cases, whilst in others very little business was transacted and prices are quoted easier.