

MINNEAPOLIS.

Winter closed down upon this country in the week just ended, with some effect upon markets for breadstuffs. The firmer feeling noted last week has continued, and there has been an advance of 2 @3c in wheat prices. The leading factors in causing this were a stronger flour market, and an elevator fire which consumed nearly a million bushels of wheat. The chief cause for regret is that the burned wheat, instead of being some of the ancient stores of the musty eastern elevators, was fresh Duluth receipts of choice northwestern wheat. The movement from farmers hands may average light for a week or two, but in the northwest, at least, there are still large reserves which must come forward as fast as railroads and elevators can handle it.

Receipts for the week were above a million bushels and shipments were the largest ever recorded for a single week.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on change during the week ending Dec. 1, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

| WHEAT— | Highest | Lowest. | Clos. ag. | 1885 |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|------|
| No. 1 hard | 74½ | 72 | 74½ | 80½ |
| " 1 northern | 72½ | 70 | 72½ | 82½ |
| " 2 " | 70½ | 68 | 70½ | 78 |

Futures were more active and showed about the same fluctuations, January 1 hard closing at 75½c and May at 81½c. January 1 northern closed at 73½c and May at 79½c. January 2 northern closed at 71½c and May at 77½c.

FLOUR.—The firmness of last week continued to prevail and in some cases millers have been getting better prices. The movement is not free, but the enforced decrease in production tends to make millers satisfied with light sales on reasonable margins. They are very careful about selling ahead except at prices which afford a certainty of some profit.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are: Patents, \$4.20@ \$4.40; straights, \$4@ \$4.20; first bakers, \$3.40@ \$3.60; second bakers, \$2.80@ \$3; best low grades, \$1.70@ \$1.90, in bags; red dog, \$1.30@ \$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 98lb cotton sacks, 15c for 40lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24½ lb cotton s. cks. In half barrels, the extra charge is 30c per bbl
—Northwest Miller.

The total shipments of lumber from the St. Lawrence to South America during the season just closed, were 29,088,204 feet, of which 21,384,100 went from Montreal, and 7,305,600 feet from other St. Lawrence ports, showing a decrease of 2,256,000 as compared with last year's shipments.

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