

filling up. There is yet room for about 1,500,000 bus, and it will take some time to fill up the elevators if the mills continue their present enormous consumption, which is about 800,000 bus per week.

Following were the highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on 'change during the week ending to-day, together with to-day's closing prices and the prices one year ago:

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing 1883:	Dec. 2.
No. 1 hard	70½	68½	69½	1.00½
" 2 "	65	64	64½	93½
" 1 "	60	59	59½	91
" 2 "	55	54	54½	87

Futures have been active, No. 1 hard January, opening at 70½ and closing at 70½; February closing at 71½ and Ma. at 78c. May No. 2 hard closed at 72½. Coarse grains have been neglected and weak.

MILLSTUFF—Has been stronger, bulk bran closing at \$6.50 to \$6.75 and shorts at \$7.25 to 7.75 per ton.

There has been no improvement whatever in the flour market. Most mills complain of dullness and lower offerings, but the enormous production indicates that there must be a slight margin, which makes it necessary to run strong. So long as there is a margin, millowners will keep busy, not desiring to shut down and throw their men out of work at this season. The cheapness of our flour is fast extending its patronage, and this makes it easier to sell the fast output. This is particularly true of the export trade of large mills. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are as follows: Patents, \$4.10 to 4.40; straights, \$3.85 to 4; first bakers', \$3.15 to 3.40; second bakers', \$2.75 to 3; best low grades, \$1.70 to 1.90 in bags; red dog, \$1.40 to 1.50, in bags.

Last week's operations on the Falls were the heaviest on record, falling only a few hundred barrels below 26,000 bbls per day. With a steady and nearly full volume of water, the mills were able to accomplish most effective work, several of them making heavier outputs than ever before. The flour production is shown by official figures to have been 153,800 bbls an average of 22,433 bbls per day—against 91,710 bbls the preceding week. When the fact is taken into consideration that a number of the mills lost time ranging from two or three hours to two days, while a 500 bbl mill was shut down entirely, the showing is remarkable. The mills as a rule are being run strong this week, but with not quite as much power as a few of them could use, the output of flour is likely to fall off to some extent. Although there is a tendency on the part of a few, in the face of the present weak condition of the flour market, to ease off operations and make needed repairs in their mills, the majority are inclined to crowd out the last barrel possible.

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

RECEIPTS.	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.	Nov. 25.
Wheat, bush	887,700	797,000	835,880
Flour, bbls	1,203	1,350	1,215
Millstuff, tons.	154	110	55

SHIPMENTS.

	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.	Nov. 25.
Wheat, bush	316,000	281,400	34,390
Flour, bbls	137,446	112,770	114,875
Millstuff, tons.	4,015	2,630	5,664

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

MINNEAPOLIS.

	Dec. 8.	Dec. 1.
No. 1 hard	987,328	932,299
No. 2 hard	46,993	43,695
No. 1	1,418,435	1,346,581
No. 2	182,034	163,879
Rejected	9,447	8,194
Special bins	511,231	795,125
Total	3,455,468	3,279,771

ST. PAUL.

	Dec. 10.	Dec. 3.	Nov. 25.
In elevators,			
bus	1,180,000	1,120,000	785,000

DULUTH.

	Dec. 9.	Dec. 2.	Nov. 25.
In elevators,			
bus	3,312,235	2,447,000	2,085,900

—Northwestern Miller.

CHICAGO.

On Monday the wheat market was unsettled and weak, and the lowest prices on this crop were reached to day. Foreign advices quoted quiet and steady markets but continued free arrivals at western receiving points and anticipated heavy receipts at this point to-morrow, brought out rather few speculations, under which the market declined, finally closing 1½c under Saturday. At New York the exports exceed the arrivals. The receipts of corn were 196 cars, against 165 on Saturday. There was but little outside speculation, and local trading was also light, the market ruling weak. Year delivery closed ½c lower than Saturday. In oats prices were again lower, ruling dull and weak, in consequence of the free arrivals and offerings exceeding the demand. In sympathy with wheat the hog market was weak and lower, opening tame and falling off heavily, rallied, but became weak again, closing tame but firmer. Demand for shipping nominal. Lard weaker but fairly active, declining 1½c on future.

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.71	\$0.71½
Corn	36½	34½
Oats	23	25½
Pork	10.07½	10.00
Lard	6.77½	6.70

On Tuesday the feeling in wheat was unsettled, foreign advices being unfavorable, and with unusually large receipts brought out few speculative offerings. Receipts at New York small, and exports quite large. The visible supply showed an increase of 1,420,000 bushels which was smaller than operators had calculated upon. The market closed about ½c higher than yesterday. Receipts in corn stood 253 cars, against 196 yesterday. There was a good speculative demand for year delivery. The visible supply showed a large decrease. The shorts manifested more disposition to cover and prices advanced 2c above opening figures, closing about 1½c higher than yesterday. In

oats the market was a shade firmer, trading being centered principally in May delivery which was moderately active, but near futures were quiet. The enquiry for pork was moderately active, and the offerings were fair, prices ruling somewhat irregular. Reports from western markets showed no important change. A fair business was done in lard. Offerings were fair and inquiry moderately active.

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.71½	\$0.71½
Corn	37½	34½
Oats	23½	25½
Pork	11.10	11.12½
Lard	6.70	6.75

On Wednesday wheat was fairly active and the feeling generally steady and firm. Foreign advices quoted wheat quiet but steady. Receipts here smaller. The market opened at about yesterday's closing figures, fluctuated a good deal but finally closed about ½c higher than yesterday. Receipts in corn 181 cars, against 253 for 48 hours. A good shipping demand existed for the lower grades, and the Liverpool advices quoted a strong feeling. The speculative market was on the whole rather quiet. Oats a shade firmer but quiet. The improvement in wheat gave this market more strength, but trading was light and centered in May delivery. In pork a material reduction was submitted to on all sides, the receipts being in excess of general anticipations. The lard market was moderately active, but the feeling unsettled and prices weak.

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.71½	\$0.72
Corn	37½	35½
Oats	23½	25½
Pork	11.00	10.85
Lard	6.67½	6.65

On Thursday the wheat market was weak and lower, opening ½c lower than closing figures yesterday, closing about the same. Foreign advices quoted quiet and steady. Corn quiet but firmer. Opened higher but no new features were developed and closed nominally unchanged. Oats opened higher and firmer. Smaller receipts gave a steadier tone to the cash. On sample market oats were a shade firmer. The market closed about ½c higher than yesterday's closing figures. Pork in fair demand; advanced but declined again, closing about the same as yesterday. There was a good demand for lard, and a fair speculative business was done, closing higher and firmer.

	Dec.	Jan.
Wheat	\$0.72½	\$0.72½
Corn	37½	36½
Oats	24	24½
Pork	10.92½	10.85
Lard	6.55	6.72½

On Friday a failure at Vienna and one at New York caused a weaker feeling in the wheat market. Foreign advices were quoted steady. The market was subject to frequent fluctuations and prices were generally weak and lower, closing ½c under yesterday. There was a marked improvement in the corn market, the feeling being stronger all through. There was a good speculative demand for year delivery, the most deferred futures ruled higher in sympathy with the advance in year. Oats dull and easy with prices again lower. The cash demand from all sources was very light. Pork opened active but weak, advanced and then