

much Ontario cheese in stock now. Quotations for the surplus is from 9 to 10c.

#### BUTTER.

In this market business is stated to have been pretty active during the past week, especially in the better qualities. The supply is plentiful except in the higher grade, which is rather scarce. One lot of creamery of extra good quality, was sold at 20c; other quotations are now for gilt edge from 16 to 18c; medium, 11 to 13½c; and old from 5 to 7½c. There is still some old butter in stock, for which the only chance to get rid of is to sell at a low figure for cooking purposes.

#### BACON.

In this market business during the past week is stated to have been very fair and owing to the steady demand prices are advanced a little, Manitoban dry salt being quoted at 9 to 10c, with Ontario at about 9c; breakfast bacon and rolls at from 12 to 13c.

#### HAMS.

In this market business during the last week is also, stated to have continued fairly good. Prices are quoted the same as in our last report, at from 13½ to 14c. A supply of green has been received from the east and these are quoted at 13c.

#### MESS PORK.

In this market business has been very fair during the week, with a pretty good demand, although no great activity was noticeable. Prices are unchanged being the same as in our last report at \$15 to \$16 per barrel.

#### MESS BEEF.

In this market business was also somewhat more active this week owing to an improvement in the demand, the volume of sales made being up to a fair average. Prices, however, appear to be easier, quotations now being from \$14.50 to \$16.

#### LARD.

Business in this market was fairly active last week, owing to a fair demand having kept up all through. Prices are unchanged, quotations for eastern refined being at \$2.40; and native lard at from \$2.25 to \$2.40.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

In this market the volume of business being transacted is not as yet very heavy, packers are offering from \$5 to \$5.50, but receipts continue light. There are prospects of an active trading setting in quickly.

#### MINNEAPOLIS.

Veteran traders say that the past week on 'change has been the most exciting and marked by the heaviest dealings in the history of the chamber. Prices have fluctuated as much and advanced as rapidly during other periods of equal duration, but there has been a nervous feeling the past six days and a very active market most of the time. Wheat was in good demand and holders were not willing to let go of it without a struggle for top figures. The speculative demand was brisk and this forced millers to bid up in order to keep their mills going. The heavy receipts had seemingly no effect upon prices, and quotations climbed upward quite steadily, with the highest prices of the week paid to-day, though there was a slight reaction before the close of the session. The advance for the week was about 4c on all grades, while sales by sample were large and showed even a greater advance, as a whole. Farmers are reported as delivering less freely, while the long cold rain of Sunday and Monday made bad roads and is expected to aid in reducing country deliveries the present week, so that our next re-

port of receipts promises to fall below those given to-day. Among the claims made by the few bears left here is one that the Manitoba and Northern Pacific railroads attempted to bull the market recently. These roads furnished figures to *Bradstreet's* Sept. 30th, purporting to show the wheat in store along their lines, but the bears say that only about one third of the actual amount was given. The bears also credit the millers with whipsawing the market by buying heavily in Chicago and Duluth, and rushing wheat here to increase the "visible" and bear prices. Rumors of this sort are quite as plentiful here as elsewhere, and about as credible as any.

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

				Oct. 15.
Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	1884
No. 1 hard	94½	90½	94½	76
" 1 north'n	91	85	90½	71
" 2	86	86	86	66

Futures were strong and sold up 3 to 4c all around, No. 1 hard, November, closing at 95½ and December at 97½c, No. 1 northern, November, closed at 91c and December at 92c. Coarse grains were quiet and dull, corn closing at 41½c to 42½c, oats at 26 to 27c, barley at 54c to 55c and rye at 49c to 51c.

MILLSTUFF.—Has been fairly steady, bulk bran at \$7.00 to \$7.50 and shorts at \$9.25 to \$10 per ton.

FLOUR.—The millers continue to complain that wheat prices are badly out of proportion with those at which flour can be sold, to say nothing of what it ought to bring. They are rapidly clearing their books of the orders which accumulated during the long shut down, and freely state that production is far beyond the demand, sales being slow at present prices, which are yet too low to leave a decent margin. Most millers seem to think that wheat touched bottom, and while it may break a little, occasionally is almost sure to steadily advance from this on. They believe that foreign markets will be slow in responding to the forward movement here, but that another month of firmness in our markets will reveal the weakness of the bear element abroad and cause a healthy and permanent advance there. Meanwhile shipments continue heavy, millers being anxious to take advantage of present freight rates, a rise being expected soon.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$5.10 to \$5.40 straights \$4.70 to 5.00; first bakers', \$4.00 to 4.40; second bakers', \$3.50 to 3.75; best low grades, \$2.25 to \$2.50, in bags; red dog, \$1.60 to \$1.75 in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 140lb sacks, 20c for 98lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24½lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

Contrary to expectations, the flour production last week was almost identical in amount with that of the preceding week. Several mills increased their output and made unusual runs, but others failed to maintain their previous rate of production, thus leaving the general average unaffected. The figures for last week are 171,-

108 bbls—averaging 28,518 bbls daily—against 171,000 the previous week, and 145,800 for the corresponding time in 1894. There is no particular change for the current week, though the chance for an increase in the production is more favorable than otherwise. The twenty-two mills are keeping hard at work without stop except for accidents caused by overstrained machinery giving away. The repairs at the lower end of the canal have finally been completed, and the mills since Tuesday have had a better head of water to work with, and the presages heavier running. The mills continue to experience more or less trouble in getting certain kinds of freight cars, and the handling of the immense amounts of wheat and the product of the mills is affected with much labor.

There has been little or no change in the flour market. Buyers are ready to take hold, but they want flour at prices below what millers are willing to let it go for.

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

#### RECEIPTS.

	Oct. 13.	Oct. 6.	Sept. 29.
Wheat, bus	1,354,080	1,527,680	1,102,640
Flour, bbls	824	560	550
Millstuff, tons	42	111	110

#### SHIPMENTS.

	Oct. 13.	Oct. 6.	Sept. 29.
Wheat, bus	173,040	104,720	86,800
Flour, bbls	176,547	159,003	86,800
Millstuff, tons	4,849	5,269	3,296

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

#### MINNEAPOLIS.

	Oct. 12.	Oct. 5.
No. 1 hard	1,104,108	903,456
No. 2 hard	42,571	47,665
No. 1	195,160	211,956
No. 1 Northern	460,393	372,753
No. 2	6,436	23,672
No. 2 Northern	302,849	209,455
No. 3	11,549	3,079
Rejected	44,838	16,304
Special bins	593,453	518,205
Total	2,762,359	2,306,374

#### ST. PAUL.

	Oct. 12.	Oct. 7.	Sept. 30.
In elevators, bush	742,000	745,000	705,000

#### DULUTH.

	Oct. 12.	Oct. 6.	Sept. 29.
In store, bush	1,588,592	1,374,245	1,375,937

—Northwestern Miller.

#### CHICAGO.

An unsettled feeling prevailed in the wheat market on the opening day of this week, fluctuations being numerous within a moderate range. The session opened strong and was held so, no doubt, all through this day on reports of more warlike news from abroad, which appeared in the morning papers, with French securities quoted at a lower figure, and consols unchanged from the closing of last Saturday. The cable advices of foreign markets were somewhat con-