Futures have been quite heavily dealt in. No. 1 hard, seller November, closed at 78½c; December, 80c, and May, 85c. Corn closed easy at 55c for No. 2, and oats were weak at 24 to 25c for No. 2.

MILLSTUFF.—The production is large, but prices are steady at $7.50 to 7.75 per ton for bulk bran, and $10 to 11 for shorts.

FLOUR.—The only marked feature of the flour market is the steady demand for old, which is growing very scarce. There is some improvement in export trade, but the market is quiet. Low grades are in very light demand abroad, dealings at present being confined to patents, straights and bakers'. The eastern order trade is fairly good, but prices show no improvement until after the presidential election, while many think dullness and low values will prevail until after the holidays. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are as follows. Patents, $4.90 to 5.25; straights, $4.40 to 4.90; first bakers, $3.80 to 4.15; second bakers', $3 20 to 3.60; best low grades, $2 to 2.25, in bags; red dog, $1.50 to 1.70, in bags.

Little has occurred to vary the situation on the falls from what it was last week. The mills continue to make all the flour they can, and the proprietors, not satisfied, keep asking "for more." The production last week was not as large as we anticipated, amounting to 144,000—an average of 24,000 bbls daily—against 139,626 bbls the preceding week. The failure to produce more was through unfavorable weather. Thursday and Friday were excessively hot and sultry, and made wheat damp and tough, and hard to grind. This week the weather is cool and more favorable, and the twenty mills in operation give promise of improving on their output. The greater number of the mills are still using old and new wheat together, the latter being mixed in proportions as high as two-thirds, and enough old wheat is held to permit this being done from one to three weeks yet. Over 100,000 bus of wheat are being daily ground by the mills. The flour market shows no very marked changes. Old flour continues in good demand, and export trade shows some improvement, but no better prices are being obtained.

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

RECEIPTS.

	Oct. 7.	Sept. 30.	Sept. 24.
Wheat, bush...	1,054,700	944,460	901,600
Flour, brls.....	249	375	378
Millstuff, tons..	34	32	73

SHIPMENTS.

	Oct. 7.	Sept. 30.	Sept. 24.
Wheat, bush ..	66,250	67,310	38,080
Flour, brls	145,727	130,081	124,035
Millstuff, tons..	4,953	1,524	2,739

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. 7.	Sept. 29.
No. 1 hard	262,177	187,364
No. 2 hard	11,957	38,655
No. 1	417,102	305,514
No. 2	63,170	63,409
No. 3	5,480	5,972
Rejected .. .	34,817	42,305
Condemned	2,488	....
Special bins ..	175,348	105,985
Total	972,539	749,204

With the amount in store at the transfer elevator, which is not included in the above table, the stock is brought up to 1,062,539 bus.

ST. PAUL.

	Oct. 8.	Oct. 1.	Sept. 24.
In elevators, bus	73,200	71,500	61,000

DULUTH.

	Oct. 7.	Sept. 30.	Sept. 23.
In elevators, bus.......	1,267,395	1,122,351	1,204,130

—*Northwestern Miller.*

CHICAGO.

The past week's grain markets have not shown much activity, and wheat, under the pressure of receipts and slow foreign demand, has been forced down a little in price. The attempted corner in corn is at an end, and prices have dropped somewhat. In pork and lard the range of fluctuations has been very limited but the feeling on the whole was inclined to firmness. On Tuesday closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	$0.77⅝	$0.79¼
Corn	58¾	55½
Oats	26¼	26⅞
Pork	16.50	...
Lard	7.60	7.35

On Wednesday there was no material change, wheat and corn being slightly lower, oats firmer and pork about the same. Closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	$0.77	$0.78⅝
Corn	57½	54⅝
Oats	26⅝	27⅛
Pork	16.50	....
Lard	7.60	7.30

On Thursday wheat and corn were weak and lower while oats kept slowly advancing. Closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	$0.76⅞	$0.78¼
Corn	56⅝	53½
Oats	27⅜	28⅛
Pork	16.60	....
Lard	7.75	7.45

On Friday wheat rallied a little, while corn was weak and slightly lower. Oats were unchanged. Closing quotations were:

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	$0.77	$0.78⅝
Corn	55	53
Oats	27⅞	28
Pork	16.45	....
Lard	7.55	7.45

On Saturday markets were uninteresting and prices practically unchanged, the fluctuations being few and limited.

	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	$0.77	$0.78⅝
Corn	55	53
Oats	27⅞	28
Pork	16.45	....
Lard	7.55	7.45

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week has had its fluctuations which have held within a very limited range. There have been no marked features developed, with the exception of a steady but not rapid decline in the Federal Bank and Northwest Land Co. stocks. The closing quotations of Wednesday compared with those of the previous week are subjoined:

	Oct. 1.	Oct. 8.
Montreal	188¼	186⅞
Ontario	109¾	106¼
Molsons	..	103½
Toronto . .	173	171½
Merchants	110½	110⅞
Commerce	117⅞	116¼
Imperial	130	130
Federal	52½	50½
Dominion	189	188
Standard	112½	111⅞
Hamilton	116½	117½
Northwest Land	43⅞	40

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain markets of the past week have been slow in their action, and the amount of business done has been light for this season of the year. The demand has not been heavy and offerings have been correspondingly light. The consequences are that prices have changed very little, and the feeling gains ground that holders are living in hope of securing better prices. In provisions the feeling has been varied. Meats are still scarce, being between the old and new supplies, while leather and other produce has been a shade easier.

WHEAT.

Both buyers and sellers have acted shy and the movement has consequently been light. No. 2 fall is still held at 80c and No. 3 at 76c although not readily taken at these figures. Spring has been more in demand and rather scarce. No. 1 has sold up to 85c with 84 to 85c a general range. No. 2 ranged 82 to 83c.

OATS

have been rather plentiful but in steady demand with prices a shade easier. Car lots sold at 32c with 32½ for choice lots.

BARLEY.

There have been quite a number of sales during the week, although prices have varied very little. Fine lots were rather scarce and sold rapidly. No. 1 sold at 70c, and No 2 at 64c. No. 3 extra held steady at 57c, while No. 3 was slow at 52c.

RYE.

The business of the week consisted of sales of street lots which sold at 60c. Demand and supply were both light.

PEAS.

Receipts have increased slightly, and offerings are a little freer. One round lot sold at 61½c, and smaller ones as high as 64c.

POTATOES.

The movement has been liberal during the week, car lots being in fair demand with the supply ample. Sales were made at 40c, and more offered at that figure.

BUTTER.

The offering during the week have been considerably in excess of the demand, and buyers manifested a desire to cull the best lots. Round lots for shipment were very little in demand. Choice tubs have sold from 18 to 20c; medium lots, 15 to 17c; and inferior in very small quantities from 10 to 12c. The week's business was remarkably light.

EGGS

have been rather scarce and all offerings during the week were freely taken without the demand being filled. Round lots sold from 20c to 21c.

PORK

has been scarce and in good demand, with the price holding steady at $21.

BACON.

There has been quite a scarcity during the week, old stock beginning to dissappear while new is not coming forward very liberally. Long clear sold for 11 to 11½c, and Cumberland from 10½ to 11c. Rolls were worth 12 to 12½c.