

bined with fears of foreign war complications, and advices of a rather more encouraging tone of the foreign grain markets and some outside help, stiffened the market wonderfully, and a strong advance was again made. Reports of great damage by prairie fires in the northwest were also circulated on 'change, which assisted the better feeling, while the bulls continue to display great confidence in the future. Next day the opening was a trifle lower, owing mainly to the unexpectedly large increase in the visible supply, but the political complications abroad continued to create uneasiness on the part of "shorts," and increased the confidence of the opposite party, and there was a general rush, both to cover and for investment. On Thursday the opening was strong, the market being toned up by eastern advices and a belief that something serious might grow out of the Roumelia insurrection, but the firmness was only maintained a short time as prices receded when reports came that Minneapolis Millers had reduced the price of wheat 2c. About the close the advances gained during the week were held on to, a considerable improvement in the figures having been made. In corn only a fair speculative business was transacted during most of the week, and prices at times were weak, though these were buoyed up by the feeling in wheat. Oats were quiet and dull but inclined to a firmness at the close, and pork trading was only moderate, the demand being light and prices irregular, though these at the close were reported steady.

On Monday the wheat market opened weak and prices declined under fair offerings chiefly on local account, influenced some by fine weather and the easier tone of foreign advices. An unsettled and nervous feeling was developed, the decline being kept, and when parties who had sold early wished to buy back wheat they had sold, they found very little for sale, and the market rallied sharply making a strong advance. Fears of foreign war complications, together with a decline in securities, no doubt encouraged buying considerably. The receipts also continue small, and the shipments from nearly all points were larger than usual. Reports of great damage by prairie fires in the northwest were also circulated and this helped to strengthen the feeling. In corn a good speculative business was transacted, but the feeling was weak and prices were lower all round, influenced by warm and favorable weather for maturing the crop. Oats were quite dull, and in pork trading was only moderate, the demand having been light. Closing quotation were as follow:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.82½	\$0.83½
Corn	42	41½
Oats	25½	25
Pork	8.95	9.00
Lard	6.22½	6.25

On Tuesday the wheat market opened a trifle lower than yesterday's closing, owing mainly to the unexpectedly large increase in the visible supply, but the political complications abroad created considerable uneasiness on the part of "shorts" and increased the confidence of the bulls, and there was a general rush to buy both to cover shorts and for invest-

ment. A very strong advance was made, the trading being attended with excitement. The advance, however, was not sustained, and under liberal realizing sales and the fact that cables showed but little if any improvement caused a drop. Later there was a reaction, the close being firm. In corn there was only a moderate business, but prices ruled stronger, the firmness being due largely to sympathy with the strong and excited feeling in wheat. Oats were slow, and pork showed a weaker tendency. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.84½	\$0.85½
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	25½	25
Pork	8.97½	8.97½
Lard	6.22½	6.22½

On Wednesday the wheat market was greatly unsettled and nervous and a feverish feeling existed. Opening sales were above yesterday's closing, but the speculative offerings were liberal and the impression was that parties who had been buying freely were unloading. Operators catching at this idea commenced to sell freely and a decline followed. This decline brought out a good demand and prices recovered, but again became easier. There was less indication of war with foreign powers; foreign securities being quoted the same as the day previous. In corn there was a fair speculative and moderate shipping business transacted, the opening was stronger and prices soon showed an advance, influenced mainly by the advance in wheat, but rather free offerings caused a weakness and prices declined, the close finally being easy. Oats were quite brisk, and prices under a good demand were firm and slightly better. In pork there was a fair trading, and in the early part of the day the feeling was firmer and prices made an advance, but more liberal offerings later caused a reduction. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.84½	\$0.85
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.65	8.67½
Lard	6.15	6.17½

On Thursday the wheat market developed a feverish and nervous feeling, and operators were rather puzzled which course to follow. At the opening some strength was shown, influenced by the tone of foreign advices, which were firm, and prices advanced. Then reports were received that the Minneapolis Millers' Association had reduced the price of wheat, and these receded with some fluctuations. This action on the part of the Millers' Association rather strengthened the belief of operators that the Association had been largely interested on the "long" side of wheat of late, and had sold out on the recent "bulge." The decline in wheat caused a weak feeling in corn, and oats were quiet. Pork was somewhat unsettled and nervous, and prices fluctuated considerably. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.84	\$0.84½
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.70	8.70
Lard	6.12½	6.12½

On Friday the wheat market was unsettled and the feeling decidedly stronger. At the opening there was considerable wheat on sale, and prices declined, but as soon as the offerings were absorbed, some strength again set in. The demand was active, orders came pouring in from various sections, and a good advance was made. The uneasiness of war complications also had considerable to do with the advance, and the "short" interest felt rather nervous over the situation and covered freely. Advices from Duluth were also received noting a 2c. advance, which assisted the buoyancy. In corn a fair business was transacted and prices ruled stronger. Oats were quite firm, and in pork trading was moderately active, with prices steady at the close. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.85	\$0.85½
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.70	8.70
Lard	6.07½	6.07½

On Saturday the wheat market opened higher, public and private cables were in much the same spirit, while political news was conflicting and the feeling nervous and easily influenced by rumors and sensational gossip. Corn and oats were quiet and uninteresting with the prevailing undertone of weakness rather than strength. Pork suffered a further decline in prices. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept.	Oct.
Wheat	\$0.85½	\$0.86
Corn	42½	41½
Oats	25½	25½
Pork	8.55	8.57½
Lard	6.07½	6.07½

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STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week does not show much material change or improvement on the preceding one, although in some bank stocks a slight advance in bank shares has been gained, but these advances are not very heavy, while the close was dull and inactive. Miscellaneous stocks also closed in an inactive state, with less and as many stocks ruling quiet. The closing bids of Wednesday, Sept. 16th and Sept. 23rd, which are subjoined, will serve as an index to the tone of the market.

	Sept. 16.	Sept. 20.
Montreal	200½	200
Ontario	107½	107½
Molson's	—	—
Toronto	185½	186½
Merchants'	115½	114½
Commerce	126½	125½
Imperial	125	125½
Federal	95	90
Dominion	201	201½
Standard	115½	115½
Hamilton	125	126½
Northwest Land	40½	41

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

There is not much improvement or activity to record in this market during the past week, the receipts of new grain have continued to be small and offerings of old have been of the same dimensions so that all these facts combined have kept the local grain market quiet although hold-