

have brought the wheat up and travelers report the roads lined with fields of green.

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:

					Apl. 30
Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	1884.	
No. 1 hard..	93	92½	93	1.04	
" 2 ..	93	90	93	99½	
" 1 ..	89	87½	89	94	
" 2 ..	86	83	86	90	

Futures were less active than for some weeks, but closed strong, with No. 1 hard, May at 95½ and June 97½. Coarse grains have been firm and closed higher, No. 2 oats at 37 to 38c, an advance of 8c for the week. Nebraska corn closed 3c higher, at 46 to 48c.

MILLSTUFF has been rather quiet and easy, owing to heavy production, bulk bran closing at 9.25 to 9.50 and shorts at \$9.75 to 10.50 per ton.

FLOUR.—While it cannot be said that the flour market is booming, trade is in a very satisfactory condition and millers generally report that sales are keeping well up with production. Patents go slowest and some report sales as extremely dull. Straights move more freely, while bakers' sell well and low grades are in active demand, with rather restricted supplies. The export demand has been brisker than usual the past two days and the larger exporters report very good offers by cable yesterday, so that the prospects for heavier transactions seem good. Prices hold very steady and the general tone of the market may be pronounced firm.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$5.25 to 5.75; rights, \$5 to 5.40; first bakers', \$4.25 to 4.75; second bakers', \$3.75 to 4.25; best low grades, \$2.50 to 2.50 in bags; red dog, \$1.75 to 1.95 in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as noted. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 140lb and 25c for 93lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, and 25c for 24lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

The mills are moving steadily at fair capacity, though not unduly crowding matters. The run at week was a strong one, and the output was up to a point only exceeded at the busiest of the last fall. Out of the twenty-two mills in the city, ten showed an increase in output, and a decrease; there being among the former six of the larger mills. The flour production at the week (ending Saturday) was 142,836 bush—averaging 23,806 bbls daily for the six weeks—against 132,200 bbls the preceding week and 103,375 bbls the corresponding time in 1901. On Wednesday twenty-one of the mills are in operation, running with a strong feed, and it is quite probable that they will do as well in output as last week. For several days the least inconvenience has been experienced in the wheat grinding "tough," and they are turning out a large amount of flour. The market has shown fair improvement during the week, but not so much in advanced quotations as in the disposition on the part of home and foreign buyers to take hold. They can not be said to be buying so freely as yet, as all are waiting for the outcome of the European entanglement.

Notwithstanding this feeling of suspense nearly all buyers are taking some goods evidently thinking that if war is declared the advance will be much greater than the decline if peace be maintained.

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

	RECEIPTS.		
	Apl. 28	Apl. 21	Apl. 14
Wheat, bush ..	559,600	691,600	547,500
Flour, bbls ..	125	265	275
Millstuff, tons ..	—	36	24

	SHIPMENTS.		
	Apl. 28	Apl. 21	Apl. 14
Wheat, bus ..	\$2,600	57,200	79,500
Flour, bbls ..	145,488	130,884	133,838
Millstuff, tons ..	3,456	4,251	3,606

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

	MINNEAPOLIS.	
	Apr. 27.	April 20.
No 1 hard ..	1,309,126	1,239,891
No. 2 hard ..	130,272	91,259
No. 1 ..	1,382,892	1,520,733
No. 2 ..	238,454	247,791
No. 3 ..	17,420	
Rejected ..	11,883	11,319
Special bins ..	521,927	532,361
Total ..	3,584,974	3,643,354

	ST. PAUL.		
	April. 28	April. 22	April. 15
In elevators, bush ..	916,500	910,000	953,400

	DULUTH.		
	April. 27	April. 20	April. 13
In store, bush ..	6,434,346	6,380,908	6,387,894
—Northwestern Miller.			

CHICAGO.

The market during the past week has been once more of an irresolute nature, the news from Europe being of a character not to warrant any decided move in prices. Although trading was active almost every day there was an undecided tone about it which prevented any lasting movement in any direction. Thursday was slightly exceptional in this respect, the advance in prices during a portion of the day being very marked, but the closing showed a reaction. Another matter which had the effect of taking the keenness out of business was the removal of the Board to their new quarters, the formal dedication of the magnificent new structure now occupied taking place on Wednesday, and the ceremony of dedication was altogether a social affair, and was joined in by a large concourse of visitors from all parts of the United States and Canada. As might be expected, during the three days of the week business was materially interfered with owing to the numerous visitors from the country taking up a good share of the attention of brokers. Through all this time of holiday feeling the war character of the market was maintained, and the fluctuations which took place were dictated by the news from Europe. The pacific rumors

of Saturday had a rather depressing effect upon prices, but the decline was not very material, and like other fluctuations of the week had an undecided tone about it. This week the novelty of the new quarters will be worn off and closer attention to business will be given by operators.

On Monday the wheat market opened with a little more activity, but the feeling was unsettled. During the day a slight advance took place. This eased-off and prices finally closed lower than on Saturday. The receipts were larger. A fair speculative business was done in corn. Oats and produce were quiet but firm. Closing quotations were as follows:

	May.	June.
Wheat ..	\$0.88½	\$0.89½
Corn ..	47½	47½
Oats ..	34½	35½
Pork ..	11.75	11.75
Lard ..	6.87½	6.87½

On Tuesday the wheat market opened very quiet, trading being quite neglected, owing to many visitors from abroad, and any business transacted was of a holiday character. The feeling, however, was rather firm, and a slight advance took place and closed with some improvement on yesterday's figures. Receipts were 150 cars. Corn and oats were quiet. Pork steady. Closing quotations were:

	May.	June.
Wheat ..	\$0.88½	\$0.89½
Corn ..	47½	47½
Oats ..	36	36
Pork ..	11.75	11.75
Lard ..	6.87½	6.87½

There was no session of the Board on Wednesday owing to the dedication of the new Board of Trade building.

On Thursday the wheat market opened active and decidedly strong. Further exciting war news from abroad and strong home markets helped to develop the firmness. Shorts took alarm and covered freely. During the day a heavy advance in prices took place. This, however, eased-off later on, but closed quite steady. Receipts were 115 cars. Corn, in sympathy with wheat, was active and firm. Oats showed some improvement. Pork dull and weak. Closing quotations were:

	May.	June.
Wheat ..	\$0.91½	\$0.91½
Corn ..	48½	48½
Oats ..	36½	36½
Pork ..	11.65	11.65
Lard ..	6.85	6.85

On Friday the wheat market opened quiet and weak. Rumors of a peaceful settlement of affairs abroad had a depressing effect on trade, and prices fell off. Receipts were 119 cars. Corn and oats weak. Pork moderate. Closing quotations were:

	May.	June.
Wheat ..	\$0.89½	\$0.62½
Corn ..	49	48½
Oats ..	36½	36½
Pork ..	11.42½	11.57½
Lard ..	5.70	5.85

On Saturday the wheat market opened decidedly weak. During the day a sharp recovery