

Receipts were very light, and most of the wheat went to millers direct. The bulls say that the falling off in receipts is due to the fact that the bulk of the crop has been marketed, but the bears laugh at this and show figures which prove the contrary. The belief among those best posted is that every farmer who can do it is holding his grain for better prices.

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:
				Oct. 31.
No. 1 hard	.. 72	.. 71½	.. 72	\$1.00
" 2 "	.. 68¾	.. 68	.. 68¾	.96½
" 1 ..	.. 62½	.. 61¾	.. 62½	.89
" 2 ..	.. 59	.. 58	.. 59	.85

Futures were also dull, No. 1 hard, December, closing at 73c, January at 74c, and May 81½c.

Coarse grains were quiet, No. 2 corn closing at 52c, and No. 2 oats at 25c.

MILSTUFF—Has been weak and closed lower, with bulk bran quoted at \$6.50 per ton and shorts at \$10.50 to 11.50.

FLOUR.—There has been little change in the flour market the past week. Domestic trade holds up well and export business has been good, the inferior quality of new winter wheat flour having enhanced the demand for spring abroad. Ocean freight rates have been raising steadily for some weeks and this promises to curtail business abroad, to what extent remains to be seen. On the whole the market may be termed easier, with a fair demand for all grades.

Quotations at the mills for car or round lots areas follows: Patents, \$4.60 to \$4.90; straights, \$4.25 to \$4.50; first bakers', \$3.45 to \$3.90; second bakers', \$3 to \$3.25; best low grades, \$1.75 to \$2, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to \$1.70, in bags.

Now that the mills have settled down to steady solid work, the situation on the Falls continues without new or noticeable features. The mills keep up a heavy run, and, notwithstanding the less in output by break-downs amounts to quite an item, the total production continues to weekly increase a few hundred barrels. Many of the mills are crowded to the utmost, and the strain on the machinery reveals its weak points if it has any, making short stoppages quite frequent. The flour production last week again slightly exceeded all former figures. It amounted to 150,600 bbls—averaging 25,100 bbls daily—against 150,000 bbls the preceding week. This week twenty-one mills, the regular number, are in operation, and they are not likely to allow the week's work full below 150,000 bbls. The flour market is a little easier, but there is a fair demand for all grades.

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

	RECEIPTS.		
	Nov. 3.	Oct. 28.	Oct. 21.
Wheat, bush..	517,200	881,000	1,193,000
Flour, lbs ..	750	875	650
Millstuff, tons.	67	133	26

	SHIPMENTS.		
	Nov. 4.	Oct. 28.	Oct. 21.
Wheat, bush ..	185,500	162,000	196,000
Flour, bbls ..	152,829	161,025	150,938
Millstuff, tons..	3,511	3,672	4,452

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

	MINNEAPOLIS.		
	Nov. 3.	Oct. 27.	
No. 1 hard ..	659,704	542,963	
No. 2 hard ..	29,986	23,168	
No. 1	1,114,747	1,012,734	
No. 2	152,938	105,494	
No. 3 .. ..	.....	.....
Rejected	26,857	71,696	
Condemned .. ..	.....	.....
Special bins ..	626,788	609,352	
Total	2,611,000	2,445,407	

	ST. PAUL.		
	Nov. 5	Oct. 29.	Oct. 21.
In elevators, bus	201,000	186,000	136,200

	DULUTH.		
	Nov. 4.	Oct. 29.	Oct. 21.
In elevators, bus	1,427,000	1,278,600	

—Northwestern Miller.

CHICAGO.

The wheat market opened on Monday very quiet and prices were unusually steady, changing only about ½c during the session. The early sales about Saturday's closing, but ruled firmer though very quiet, and sold up ½c owing to the better feeling in New York, then eased off some, closing pretty steady. Oats were hardly traded in at all and no chance for sales, and speculations lifeless with a fair call for cash. The pork market was very quiet and the business carried on was unusually limited, the feeling, however, was strong, prices averaging and closing higher than Saturday. Prices ranged as follows:

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	\$0.74¾	\$0.76½
Corn	42½	39½
Oats	25¾	26½
Pork	15.00	.....
Lard	7.00	.....

Tuesday being election day no Board meeting took place.

On Wednesday the election excitement prevented anything like a business being done. In wheat sales were at about Monday's closing. The visible supply showed an increased of about 1,800,000 bus from last week. The market became very easy and fell off about one cent. Corn quiet but a firm feeling. Oats were slightly improved from Monday's closing for cash, and nearly all months for futures. The provision market quiet and no important change occurred in the ruling prices.

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	\$0.73½	\$0.75¾
Corn	42½	39¾
Oats	25½	26½
Pork	15.00	.....
Lard	7.00	6.95

On Thursday there was more activity in the wheat market but prices were weak and lower.

Corn market also weak. Oats were more quiet and easier, and the feeling in the trade is depression with all grades at cash and all months for futures averaging lower than yesterday. Pork quiet. Lard moderately active.

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	\$0.73¾	\$0.75½
Corn	41½	38½
Oats	25½	26
Pork	13.50	.....
Lard	7.02½	6.90

On Friday the wheat market was quiet but steady. Oats in fair demand but declined towards the close. Corn also declined ½c below yesterday. Lard in fair demand but principally in cash. Prices in pork about the same as yesterday.

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	\$0.72½	\$0.73½
Corn	41½	38
Oats	25½	25¾
Pork	13.50	.....
Lard	7.00	6.90

On Saturday wheat was in fair demand but declined 1½c under yesterday. Corn fluctuated a good deal, closing under yesterday. Oats quiet, opening lower but closed higher than yesterday. Pork in fair demand; lard also but closed lower.

	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	\$0.71½	\$0.72¾
Corn	40	40½
Oats	25½	25¾
Pork	13.00	.....
Lard	6.90	6.80

TORONTO.

STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week has been steady, and with but few fluctuations in bank stocks and these few trifling. The amount of business done has been very light which will account for the steadiness in quotations, bears and bulls being alike not inclined to trade very much. With the exception of a slight advance in Imperial and a trifling decline in Federal, correspondings of last week and the week previous show scarcely a change. We subjoin closing quotations of Wednesday, Oct. 29th and Nov. 5th.

	Oct. 29.	Nov. 5.
Montreal	188	188
Ontario	107	107
Molson's .. ..	.....	.....
Toronto	172½	172
Merchants	109½	109¾
Commerce	116	116¾
Imperial	127	128
Federal	49	47½
Dominion	184	184
Standard	112	112
Hamilton	117	117½
Northwest Land ..	38½	39½

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The grain market of the past week has been very weak, and the aggregate of business done small for this season of the year. Prices have got so low that holders in town and country begin to think that there will be money in keeping their stocks on hand. Buyers on the other hand are still shy. A check up of receipts has lessened a little the stock in the city which is still heavy, however. In provisions there has been an easier feeling and in some meats a slight decline, although offerings have been light. In dairy products only the better qualities are in demand.

WHEAT

has been dead and slow in sale. Fall has been slightly in demand at reduced figures, No. 2.