

an increase being possible, under the circumstances.

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:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	1884.
Wheat. No. 1 hard..	93½	80½	93	1.00
" 2 ..	93	80½	91	97½
" 1 ..	85	82	85	88½
" 2 ..	82	78	82	85

Futures soared with the rest May No. 1 hard opened at 90c, selling up to 96 and closing at 93½c. May No. 2 hard, opened at 87c, sold up to 95 and closed at 91½c. Coarse grains were strong and higher, No. 2, oats opening at 28 and closing at 29c. Corn opened at 40c and closed at 44c.

MILLSTUFF has been active and closed strong with bulk bran at \$10.25 to 10.50 and shorts at \$11. to 11.50 per ton.

Flour—The upward course of wheat was promptly reflected in the flour market, prices advancing steadily all the week and closing very firm. Millers have indulged with cable prices and domestic orders. Large sales are said to have been made at the prices ruling a week ago by millers who believed the boom in wheat was a temporary matter, but the majority were prompt to advance prices and conservative about selling very far ahead, even at the advance. There is a fair export inquiry at 30 to 35 advance, and domestic demand is good at 75 to 90c per bbl above last week's quotations.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$5.40 to 5.80; straight, \$5.20 to 5.50; first bakers', \$4.25 to 4.50; second bakers', \$3.75 to 4; best low grades, \$2.25 to 2.50 in bags; red dog, \$1.75 to 2 in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as noted. The rule is to discount 25c per bbl for 140lb sacks, 2c for 90lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, 10c for 49lb paper sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

The mills have all the water power they can use, and are turning out a very large amount of flour. Nineteen ran steadily last week, and all showed a marked increase in their output. The result was a flour production the largest for the busy times last fall. The output for the week was 132,033 bbls—averaging 22,033 bbls daily for the six days—against 98,505 bbls for the preceding week, and 96,954 bbls for the corresponding time in 1884. Out of the twenty mills in the city, there is only one idle, and several have lost a day or two from circumstances. The week's work will be large, and it will probably not greatly exceed 135,000 bbls. An advance of 75 to 90c has taken place in the price of flour the past week, and this of course forms a strong stimulus for those mills that have cheap wheat. There are understood to be several, however, that are caught with merge stocks, one being particularly down temporarily from this cause, and others are said to have flour sold ahead at a low wheat basis. Millers have steadily good flour, most of the time refusing to sell at top figures. On Tuesday and Wednesday, however, they began to sell more freely

as buyers commenced to show a disposition to take flour before it gets out of their reach.

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

	RECEIPTS.	Apl. 14	Apl. 7	Mar. 31
Wheat, bush	547,500	504,000	555,900	
Flour, bbls	275	—	385	
Millstuff, tons	24	178	114	

	SHIPMENTS.	Apl. 14	Apl. 7	Mar. 31
Wheat, bus	79,500	113,000	75,900	
Flour, bbls	133,838	94,877	85,791	
Millstuff, tons	3,606	2,751	2,436	

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

	MINNEAPOLIS.	April 13.	April 6.
No. 1 hard	1,243,095	1,245,193	
No. 2 hard	88,601	98,343	
No. 1	1,616,803	1,681,742	
No. 2	224,930	243,462	
No. 3	—	13,206	
Rejected	10,786	13,663	
Special bins	532,431	533,782	
Total	3,721,025	3,829,391	

	ST. PAUL.	April 15	April 8.	April 1.
In elevators, bush	9,400	1,100,000	1,120,000	

	DULUTH.	April 13.	April 6.	Mar. 31.
In store, bush	6,286,891	6,139,000	6,140,700	

—Northwestern Miller.

CHICAGO.

The past week has been a decidedly nervous one in grain circles here and the operations on the Board have been as uncertain as in connection with European diplomacy. In the beginning, and especially on Tuesday, there was a very decided upward movement, and the belief was that an Anglo-Russian war was at hand. The rapidity with which wheat rose showed how dependent upon war influences was the market, and how eagerly the bullish element were watching for war indications. As on former occasions their expectations were doomed to disappointment, and on Wednesday cablegrams of a pacific character, and a rise in British consols, had the effect of letting the bears get a firm hold, to which they clung with pertinacity during that and the next day. All the advance of Monday and Friday was lost on Tuesday, and a weakness was felt for the balance of the week. There was also considerable spring in corn, oats and other grain, and meats rose in sympathy, and all again declined more or less as wheat lost its buoyancy. It is evident that at present the market is a martial one, and its movements are dictated by the prospect of peace or war. The wheat in sight is no doubt great in quantity, and a load even for a war advance to lift, but it is evident that in case of an actual rupture among the

great powers of Europe, both the courage and the money will be available to hoist prices to a wonderfully high figure.

On Monday the market opened with active trading in wheat, but the feeling was greatly unsettled and prices fluctuated. During the day advices of a peaceful turn in English and Russian affairs and a desire to realize caused a decline, which continued to the close. Corn and Oats, affected by the same influences governing wheat, were also very unsettled but closed with prices higher than on Saturday. Pork showed a slight improvement. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.85½	\$0.90½
Corn ..	43½	47
Oats ..	32½	35½
Pork ..	12.37½	12.37½
Lard ..	7.07½	7.07½

Tuesday's wheat market opened with a nervous and excited feeling. Foreign advices being more favorable and there being quite a sharp demand prices advanced, which were maintained till the close. Receipts for this day showed a decrease. The corn and pork markets were also very unsettled but closed with higher prices. Oats remained firm. Quotations at the close were:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.88½	\$0.92½
Corn ..	45½	49½
Oats ..	37½	36½
Pork ..	12.47½	12.47½
Lard ..	7.05	7.10

On Wednesday the wheat market opened very unsettled and panicky. Trading was quite active but small and a rush to sell at the start caused a decline. Later on there being a pretty sharp speculative demand, shorts covered freely and prices advanced, easing off towards the close. Finally the market closed lower than yesterday. Receipts were small. Corn was unsettled and nervous and prices declined. Oats dull and weak. Pork decidedly weak and lower, but closed steady. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.84½	\$0.88½
Corn ..	43	47
Oats ..	32½	35½
Pork ..	11.95	11.95
Lard ..	7.02½	7.00

On Thursday the wheat market opened active but decidedly weak. Advices of a more peaceful aspect abroad and the dullness of the European markets caused a general rush to sell and prices declined. During the day a slight reaction took place but the market closed easy. Corn, due to the weak feeling in wheat also fell. Oats from the same cause declined heavily. Pork had a downward tendency but closed steady. Closing quotations were—

	Apl.	May
Wheat ..	\$0.84½	\$0.85½
Corn ..	45	45½
Oats ..	33½	33½
Pork ..	11.60	11.60
Lard ..	6.90	6.90