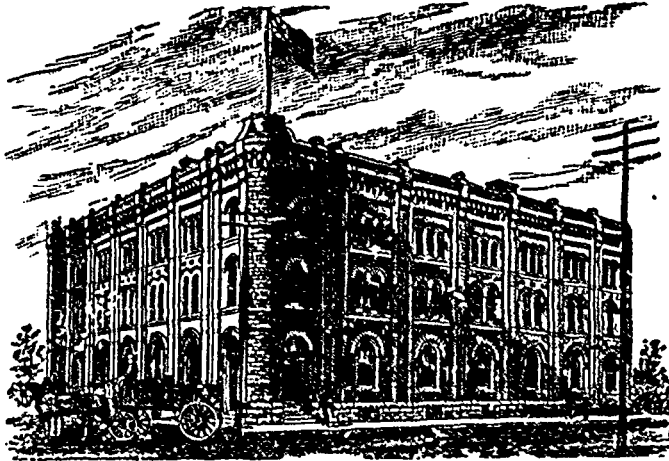


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Wheat Prices in England.

The London Miller, in its review for the month of October, says: October has been a month of very adverse weather for threshing the new wheat. Deliveries have been greatly affected in condition, and the miller is thrown back very largely on foreign sorts. With respect to cleaning damp wheat many millers say that cleaning it only makes it more liable to sweat and must. Some of the ingeniously minded mix bran with the new damp wheat for storing, as the bran prevents the wheat lying compactly and absorbs the moisture from it. After serving this useful purpose an ordinary rolling screen suffices to separate the bran without loss. No contrivances, however, can redeem the essential qualities of this year's home crop from being exceedingly disappointing. The weight is often very defective, but most millers are wise enough to buy on a specified weight, which farmers have duly to make up.

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The course of the markets has been firmer than usual for the month which is often a very depressed period.

The month's trade began with English wheat 6d dearer at Bristol, but rather lower at Manchester. This uncertain state of affairs was still prevailing on the 6th, when Liverpool advanced 1d per cental, but Hull and Leeds were lower on the week. On the 8th, however, the sellers had generally the best of the market and Bristol, Plymouth, Manchester and Birmingham were all rather dearer for wheat. London on the 9th was 6d dearer for foreign wheat, but English was slow at an average value of 36s 8d per qr. On the 10th, 13 country markets out of 25 were dearer for English wheat, but improvement was confined to sound grain. Millers showed a general disposition to operate where fairly dry corn was to be had, but such samples were not frequent away from east coast markets. On the 12th at Mark Lane American red winter made 41s 8d, and No. 1 northern spring 43s 9d per qr. On the 13th Liverpool advanced 1d per cental for American and Russian wheat, and Hull 6d per qr for both English and foreign. On the 14th the Scotch markets were 1s dearer on the fortnight, and in London for No. 1 Bombay cargoes 42s 3d was made, 39s 6d being at the same time accepted for No. 2 club Calcutta. Mark Lane on the 16th was weak for English wheat, the mean value of which fell to 35s 7d per qr. The price of American red winter on the other hand advanced to 42s 6d per qr. On the 17th the imperial average for English wheat was only 34s 9d per qr., though fine qualities were making over 40s. On the 19th at Mark Lane 1s advance on good English wheat was quoted, and 6d on American red winter. Flour was stationary with 39s for English top price and 32s 6d for American patents. The next few days' trade was rather dull, but on the 22nd the four great markets of Birmingham, Plymouth, Bristol and Manchester maintained quotations. On the 23rd the London average for English wheat showed an advance, 36s 9d being quoted. Foreign wheat was rather dull, and less money was accepted for American red winter. On the 24th most of the country markets were dearer for fair to sound wheat, but there were great complaints of condition, and in some cases of both weight and quality also. At Mark Lane on the 26th the market was once more decidedly firm, as the arrivals were light, and good dry grain, whether English or foreign, was decidedly in request. Red winter made 42s 6d off stands, and No. 1 Duluth spring made 44s 6d per qr. Cargoes of the former, however, were sold at the Baltic for 39s 6d per qr.; November shipment and No. 1 northern spring for 41s, also November shipment. The close of the month was marked by strong markets, though there is no scarcity of wheat if all sorts be lumped in together. Owing to the wet weather grain fit for prompt use in mills has been steadily appreciating in value.