

	May 27.			
Wheat. Highest.		Lowest.	Closing	1885.
No. 1 hard.	76½	75	75	91
No. 1 north'n	74	72	72	87
" 2	72½	69	69	83

Futures have been weak and closed lower, in sympathy with cash wheat. June 1 hard opened at 77½c and closed at 75½c; July opened at 78½c and closed at 77c. July 1 northern opened at 75c and closed at 73c. Coarse grains were quiet and easy, corn closing at 32 to 33½c, oats at 31 to 33c, o. t., rye at 49 to 51c and barley at 45 to 60c, all by sample.

MILLSTUFF—Has been in large supply and dull, bulk bran closing at \$6.25 to \$6.50 and shorts at \$6.50 to \$7 per ton.

FLOUR.—Until yesterday there was an active flour market at fair prices, as compared with previous conditions, but the sudden tumble in wheat seemed to check demand at once. Most millers have undoubtedly sold all they can turn out for some time, and prospects are fair for a steady and quite heavy production from now on. The demand of late has been of a very even character, so that there is no accumulation of certain grades.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$4.30 to \$4.50; straights, \$4.00 to \$4.25; first bakers', \$3.45 to \$3.70; second bakers' \$2.90 to \$3.10; best low grades, \$2.00 to \$2.20, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to \$1.60, in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 30c per bbl for 280 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 98lb cotton sacks, 15c for 19lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

More activity is being shown among the mills than at any time since last fall, and were the wheat capable of as rapid reduction, the flour output would probably approach the heavy work done in October and November. The production of last week showed quite a gain, and was the largest since the phenomenal run of the mills during the two months named. The week's flour output was 135,530 bbls—averaging 22,590 bbls daily—against 120,700 bbls the preceding week, and 107,517 bbls for the corresponding time in 1885. For a few days antedating Tuesday, wheat became steady and firmer, and the east, as well as other sections, was induced to buy flour freely at quite favorable prices, but yesterday's weakness had a dampening effect on the market. Under the stimulus of the better feeling, the mills were started up Monday with more than the usual amount of vim, and notwithstanding the comparative reaction since, they have almost without exception been increasing their output. The latter is curtailed only by the fact that the wheat grinds very "tough," and with comparative slowness. Besides the extra exertions made by the mills, the idle part of one of them representing 1,500 bbls, will be started to-morrow. Under these circumstances the production of the current week will be heavy, and probably not far from 150,000 bbls. While the flour market is much less active than on Saturday or Monday, there is yet left something of a demand which may develop into a satisfactory market if wheat will only remain quiet.

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

	RECEIPTS.		
	May 25.	May 18.	May 11.
Wheat, bus	423,500	421,300	443,300
Flour, bbls	600	375	575
Millstuff, tons	102	82	104

	SHIPMENTS		
	May 25.	May 18.	May 11.
Wheat, bus	134,750	149,550	90,205
Flour, bbls	104,366	108,750	93,500
Millstuff, tons	3,648	4,014	3,608

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

	MINNEAPOLIS.		
	May 24.	May 17.	
No. 1 hard, bus.	1,755,412	1,797,795	
No. 1 northern, bus	1,203,328	1,268,476	
No. 2 northern, bus	529,243	555,695	
No. 3,	6,004	5,340	
Rejected	24,072	33,095	
Special bins	769,091	795,431	
	4,287,150	4,455,832	

These figures do not include a considerable quantity of wheat in private elevators and sheds and annexes to regular elevators, nor that in mill bins.

	ST. PAUL.		
	May 26.	May 19.	May 12.
In elevators—			
bus	948,000	953,000	960,000

	DULUTH.		
	May 24.	May 17.	May 10.
In store, bus.	5,770,258	6,491,390	7,114,308
Afloat, bus.	—	—	124,521

Total, bus. 5,770,258 6,491,390 7,238,829
—Northwest Miller.

Movements of Business Men.

D. N. BLACKWOOD returned last week from a trip west.

J. H. ASHDOWN returned last week from a trip to California.

A. GRANT, of Grant & Hamilton, returned last week from Regina.

M. SHIPMAN, formerly in business at Morden, but lately residing in Ontario, has returned to this province to stay.

KENNETH MCKENZIE and wife returned to the city last week, and received the congratulations of hosts of friends.

CAPT. CLARKE has been appointed commissioner for Manitoba, at the Colonial Exhibition. He will leave for London on Friday.

A. H. WOOD, of Tasse Wood & Co., wholesale cigar manufacturers, Montreal, is again in the city. The firm are doing an extensive trade in this country.

MR. E. K. GREENE of Greene, Sons & Co., wholesale hat, cap and fur manufacturers, Montreal, has been in the city during the past week, this being his first visit to the Northwest since 1874.

STENHORSE, late manager of Alloway & Champion's bank at Portage la Prairie, has resigned his position and will take a trip to South Africa. He is spending a few days in the city before starting on his long voyage.

J. D. CARSCADEN, of Carscaden & Peck, wholesale clothing, Winnipeg, returned on Friday from a trip to British Columbia. Mr. Carscaden was the first man through the moun-

tains from this side this year, and he had quite an experience in accomplishing the trip, having been obliged to travel about 250 miles on foot, often in deep snow. Coming back he had a walk of about 50 miles to make between railway connections.

Manitoba.

WEST LYNNE is moving to secure separation from the municipality of the town of Emerson.

The assessment of Portage la Prairie is about \$500,000 and the population 2,113, an increase of 126 for the year.

HEAVY fires have been running over parts of northwestern Manitoba. Considerable timber land has been burned over.

The electors of the town of Birtle will, on the 16th of June, vote on a by-law to expend \$10,000 in local improvements.

Two new Mogul engines from the Rhode Island workshops, have arrived at the Portage for the M. & N. W. Railway.

Morden real estate is said to be active. The local paper states that about twenty buildings have been erected there this spring.

THE M. & N. W. Railway Co. desires to join with the town of Birtle in the construction of a commodious elevator to be erected at the station there.

G. H. STREVEL, of Winnipeg, has secured a contract for 25 miles of the M. & N. W. R'y extension. E. N. LaFrance & D. Mann have also secured a contract from the same company.

THE approach of the railway has caused a considerable number of new buildings to be put up this season in Birtle. Several stores and some dwelling houses are at present in course of erection.

Several teams loaded with furniture and household effects, the property of settlers coming into the Province from Dakota for the purpose of settling upon this side of the line, passed through town last Saturday. There has been quite an exodus from Dakota to Manitoba all along the boundary line this spring. Many Canadians who went to Dakota years ago are returning to Manitoba.

THE Birtle Observer says:—Wild Ducks are reported unusually scarce this season in many parts of Manitoba. This is owing to the fact that the low water in the ponds left the shells and the creatures within them either dry or in such shallow water that the winter's frost destroyed all life. As the ducks feed chiefly on these muscles their food is not now found in sufficient quantities and the ducks go elsewhere.

THE M. & N. W. Railway will not enter the valley of the Assiniboine by Snake Creek, but will keep the original survey, crossing the river on Sec 20, R. 29. The branch to Shell River will also be extended some distance this season. A strong force of engineers are at present engaged in making the levels. All the rails required for fifty miles of the road have been purchased and shipped, and a large quantity have already arrived at Montreal. The portion of the railway which will be constructed this season is, 40 miles from Solsgrith to the boundary of the province and 10 miles on the branch to Shell River, in all 50 miles.