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Monthly Review.

During the month of August dulness is usually expected in the real estate market, and these expectations have been realized, but there is a better tone to the market this year, and this is due to the general feeling that better times are surely coming, that business conditions of every kind are improving, and that renewed prosperity in business necessarily means more active dealing in real estate. An encouraging feature of the situation is seen in the small lot sales in the newer wards, and in the suburbs of the city. St. Denis Ward can take credit to itself this month of having the largest number, and the smallest amount of recorded transfers.

There has been a fair demand for houses to rent—both furnished and unfurnished—since the middle of August, and as owners are disposed to make concessions to meet the views of good tenants, houses are being taken pretty freely, although in some cases at low rents for the winter only. What every body would like to see now is a better demand for store and business property, which is still moving very slowly.

There has been no change in the mortgage loan market. Money is still plentiful at low rates of interest, and as stocks are high, the holder of idle money will be very apt to turn his attention to real estate investment at the present prices as being the safest course in sight.

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