

we still believe that there is plenty of hard wheat in the belt.

The following were the highest and lowest prices by grade on 'change during last week, with Wednesday's closing prices:—

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 1 hard.....	\$1.04 ..	\$1.01½ ..	\$1.04
" 2 " .....	1.00 ..	99 ..	99½
" 1 northern..	95 ..	93 ..	94
" 2 " .....	90 ..	88 ..	90

No. 1 hard for May opened at \$1.03 and closed at \$1.04. It opened and closed at \$1.06½.

Corn was strong and higher, No. 2 closing at 58c. Oats were steady at 32c for No. 2. Barley, 35 to 60c, according to grade.

**MILLSTUFF.**—Bran has been strong and higher, but dropped at the close, with bids of \$9.75 to \$10 per ton in bulk. Shorts, \$11.75 to \$12.75 for fine to coarse. Corn meal, \$20 to \$24, and mixed feed \$17.50 to \$21 per ton.

**FLOUR.**—The market shows a great improvement in tone and millers are feeling quite jubilant. Prices have been advanced and although this has tended to reduce orders, there is such confidence in the situation that buyers will have to come to terms. The cessation of work by the great winter wheat mills, owing to the scarcity of good milling wheat, is already being felt in eastern markets, where Minnesota flour is called for more freely by dealers in high grade flours on account of the light stocks of good winter wheat brands. People who have heretofore been content with the cheaper flour, now buy our spring wheat brands at higher prices, because they can not use the second or third grade winters. Everything now indicates a steady run by the mills until the new crop comes in, but there may come so radical a change in the situation as to preclude this. Good judges still talk about short supplies of hard wheat. Quotations at the mills for ear or round lots are about as follows:

Patents, \$5.75 to 6.25; straights, \$5.40 to 5.60; first bakers', \$4.50 to 5.00; second bakers', \$4.15 to 4.40; best low grades, \$2.25 to 2.75; red dog, \$1.75 to 2.00, in bags.

We are able to report a very much improved feeling on the platform this week, the recent advance in wheat having inspired a considerable degree of confidence. Millers generally report a better demand for flour, and have advanced prices, which they are obtaining in many instances. The greater portion of the trade is on domestic account, but there is at the same time a good export inquiry. Winter wheat mills are reported to be shutting from the lack of wheat, and our millers are much firmer in their views. The flour production in this city last week showed a slight falling off, being 103,375 bbls.—an average of 17,229 bbls. per day—against 112,985 bbls. the preceding week. The shipments are not quite as heavy as the output, and some of the mills are evidently storing to a slight extent. As to the current week, the production promises to waver between 18,000 and 19,000 bbls. daily. There were 16 mills in operation Tuesday, and they were making about 18,000 bbls., the Washburn mills running the strongest and to their full capacity.

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

RECEIPTS.		April 29.	April 22.
Wheat, bush.....	311,500	311,500	
Flour, brls.....	3,125	3,225	
Millstuff, tons.....	108	180	
SHIPMENTS.		April 29.	April 22.
Wheat, bush.....	36,500	46,500	
Flour, brls.....	85,486	107,805	
Millstuff, tons.....	3,573	3,537	

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

MINNEAPOLIS.		April 30.	April 23.
In elevators, bus.	2,307,833	2,353,333	
ST. PAUL.		April 30.	April 23.
In elevators, bus.	858,000	969,000	
DULUTH.		April 29.	April 22.
In elevators, bus.	2,502,009	2,508,708	
Afloat .. ..	242,603	242,603	
Total .. ..	2,744,612	2,751,311	

—Northwestern Miller.

#### CHICAGO.

Another week of remarkable activity and buoyancy has passed in this market; prices, however, are not so firm, shorts having covered freely, besides Liverpool and New York were quoted lower, and a feeling of weakness was apparent, owing principally to the fine weather reported in the Northwest. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.93	June, \$0.95
Corn.....	" 55	" 57
Oats.....	" 32½	" 33½
Pork.....	" 16.75	" 17.10
Lard.....	" 8.47½	" 8.50

On Wednesday there was less doing in grain, although early in the session trading was active, but prices were lower all around; the weakness was attributed to very liberal selling, influenced in a measure by the fine-growing weather in the West and abroad, and possibly due somewhat to anticipated large deliveries on May contracts. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.91½	June, \$0.93½
Corn.....	" 53	" 55½
Oats.....	" 31½	" 33
Pork.....	" 16.97½	" 17.20
Lard.....	" 8.40	" 8.52½

On Thursday the market was stronger, eastern and foreign advices quoting higher prices; besides, there was a decrease in the visible supply of 2,100,000 bus. for the past week; prices were advanced 1c on wheat, the other cereals in sympathy also closed higher. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.92½	June, \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 53½	" 55½
Oats.....	" 31½	" 33½
Pork.....	" 17.00	" 17.25
Lard.....	" 8.45	" 8.55

On Friday yesterday's weakness was more fully developed; wheat opened easier, and

after numerous fluctuations closed 2c lower than closing quotations yesterday. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.90½	June, \$0.92½
Corn.....	" 52½	" 55½
Oats.....	" 31½	" 33½
Pork.....	" 16.87½	" 17.22½
Lard.....	" 8.42½	" 8.52½

The market opened strong and closed higher on Saturday, under free buying orders, principally from the outside; eastern markets were reported stronger and excited. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.92½	June, \$0.94½
Corn.....	" 53½	" 55½
Oats.....	" 32	" 33½
Pork.....	" 17.00	" 17.25
Lard.....	" 8.50	" 8.55

#### TORONTO.

##### STOCKS.

The market during the past week has exhibited but little change, and prices closed fairly steady. Wednesday closing bids, as compared with the week previous were:

	April 28.	April 30.
Montreal .. ..	188 ..	185
Ontario .. ..	102 ..	104
Molson .. ..	111 ..	113
Toronto .. ..	175½ ..	181
Merchants .. ..	110 ..	110½
Commerce .. ..	120½ ..	122½
Imperial .. ..	137½ ..	137½
Federal .. ..	132½ ..	124½
Dominion .. ..	193 ..	191
Standard .. ..	114½ ..	114
Hamilton .. ..	120 ..	122½
North-west Land .. ..	52½ ..	49

##### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

During the past week trading has been exceedingly light, owing to small offerings; there is very little grain on hand to move, and scarcely any flour; all offerings have been readily taken at stronger prices. Stocks, according to Monday's report were as follows: Flour, 2,200 bbls.; fall wheat, \$4,409 bush.; spring wheat, 97,957 bush.; oats, nil bush.; barley, 85,692 bush.; peas, 54,796 bush.; rye, nil bush.; against on the corresponding date last year: flour 8,795 bbls.; fall wheat, 357,448 bush.; spring wheat, 161,977 bush.; oats, nil bush.; barley, 17,133 bush.; peas, 17,133 bush.; rye, 19 bush.

##### WHEAT.

Offerings small and in steady demand at strong prices for local requirements: No. 2 fall lying outside changed hands at \$1.11, and No. 3 at \$1.07 and \$1.09 f.o.c.; spring wheat is scarce and firm, No. 1 brings readily \$1.12½, and No. 2 \$1.10 f.o.c.; markets closed strong; street offerings are light, and values are from \$1.02 to \$1.10 for fall, \$1.08 to \$1.12½ for spring and from 80 to 83c for goose.

##### OATS

are in good demand at firm prices; cars on track are worth 89c for choice; there are ready buyers of average quality at 38c; street offerings are small and prices are from 43 to 44c.

##### BARLEY.

The season seems to be about over; offerings in car lots or on the street have been light; values closed firm; No. 1 is wanted at 82c but none offered; No. 2 is wanted at 78c, extra No. 3 at 71c; No. 3 is nominal; street receipts are light and values from 68 to 70c; the market closed weak and a shade lower.

##### EYE.

Unchanged and almost nominal at 60 to 61c.

##### PEAS.

Scarce and steady, with some lots reported sold at 76c for No. 2; No. 3 is quoted at 72c; on the street 74 to 73c is paid.