

## MINNEAPOLIS.

The wheat market, which was dull all last week, with a declining tendency, has suddenly stiffened up, and shows an advance of 1 to 2c over the figures of Saturday last, with a very firm feeling. Receipts were heavy and the new wheat grades well, 126 of the 265 cars inspected yesterday grading No. 1 hard. Although supplies are ample and promise to continue so for some time, it is certain that the majority of the farmers who can afford it, or who think they can, are storing their wheat to await better prices. Reports from the wheat section north of the Northern Pacific indicate that farmers are behindhand with their work, some wheat still being uncut, and large quantities lying in shock, where recent rains have damaged it. Cool weather and strong winds are drying it out fast, however, and the damage seems likely to be only a slight bleaching. The Millers' association is buying quite freely, but elevator men are generally closing their doors against damp wheat, much of which is being offered them by farmers who threshed before their grain was dry. Old wheat is firm at 90c for No. 1 hard and 85c for No. 2 hard, but there is not much doing in it.

The 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:—

Wheat. Highest. Lowest. Closing. 1893.				
Sept. 19.				
No. 1 hard....	79	78	79	\$1.01½
" 2 "....	75	73½	75	.96
" 1 "....	68	67	68	.92½
" 2 "....	65	63½	65	.88

Coarse grains were steady, corn being wanted and scarce at 55c for No. 2, while oats were firmer, closing at 25 to 26c for new and old No. 2.

**MILLSTUFF**—Has been weakening since the mills resumed work, but is fairly steady at \$7.50 per ton, for bulk bran and \$11 to 12 for balk shorts.

**FLOUR**—The market shows no improvement whatever, though old flour is undeniably strong. This term practically embraces the entire output, because the mills are not using a very large percentage of new wheat, several of them having run steadily on old up to date. Washburn, Crosby, & Co. are running one mill on new wheat alone and report that it grinds well, making most excellent flour. The wheat is not so brittle as it was last year, hence milling results are more satisfactory. Prices show a lower range. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are as follows: Patents, \$5 to 5.40; straights, \$4.50 to 4.90; first bakers, \$4 to 4.40; second bakers, \$3.20 to 3.70; best low grades, \$2 to 2.25, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to 1.70, in bags.

The platform presents a decidedly lively appearance this week. There will be only one mill out of the twenty-two that will not be able to report something of an output, while the majority will get in six days of quite steady work. The flour production of last week amounted to a total of 76,640 bbls.—averaging 12,773 bbls daily—against 32,575 bbls the pre-

ceding week. This week it will undoubtedly be swelled to over 100,000 bbls, and next week to even larger proportions. There were two or more of the larger sized mills that did not start up until two or three days had been lost on the current week, and there are some others that have hardly got fully regulated and prepared to strike out for heavy work; but by another week, the mills, with ample power and wheat at their command, are expected to produce big results.

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

RECEIPTS.			
	Sept. 16.	Sept. 9.	Sept. 2.
Wheat, bush...	610,960	445,760	361,760
Flour, brls....	898	625	50
Millstuff, tons..	12	36	48

SHIPMENTS.			
	Sept. 16	Sept. 9.	Sept. 2.
Wheat, bush ..	37,520	52,520	43,680
Flour, brls ....	57,777	36,669	129,443
Millstuff, tons..	1,791	938	2,974

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

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	Sept. 15.	Sept. 8.	
No. 1 hard .. ..	131,001	93,597	
No. 2 hard .. ..	49,512	52,773	
No. 1 .. ..	247,886	255,921	
No. 2 .. ..	56,706	72,059	
No. 3 .. ..	19,926	17,917	
Rejected .. ..	54,257	11,738	
Condemned .. ..	....	51,183	
Special bins .. ..	21,590	17,913	
Total .. ..	580,878	560,493	

With the amount in store at the transfer elevator, which is not included in the above table, the stock is brought up to 654,098 bus.

ST. PAUL.			
	Sept. 17.	Sept. 10.	Sept. 3.
In elevators, bus .....	63,000	36,000	36,000

DULUTH.			
	Sept. 17.	Sept. 8.	Sept. 1.
In elevators, bus.....	1,502,860	361,037	134,930

—Northwestern Miller.

## CHICAGO.

Our wheat market during the week has been very steady. Fluctuations have been confined to within a narrow range, and the feeling at the close was one of firmness. Corn has been excited and nervous especially for the near futures, which closed 10c higher than a week ago. Hog products are steady and prices have varied but little during the week. On Tuesday closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept., \$0.74½	Oct., \$0.76
Wheat,.....	55	51½
Corn,.....	25	25½
Oats,.....	16.75	17.00
Pork,.....	7.25	7.25
Lard,.....	7.25	7.25

On Wednesday wheat was quiet but not lower. The corn market was the principle object of attraction. September jumped from 55 to

59c which fairly lifted the shorts off their feet. Outsiders were buying large blocks which with shorts endeavoring to cover, caused great excitement. Hog products were without change. Closing quotations were:

	Sept., \$0.74½	Oct., \$0.76½
Wheat,.....	59	53
Corn,.....	25½	25½
Oats,.....	16.75	17.00
Lard,.....	7.25	7.25

On Thursday, yesterday, strength in corn was more fully developed to-day. Shorts were eager purchasers and outside orders to buy were numerous, causing values to rise rapidly until 62c had been reached. Evidently there is still a large short interest, and if such is the case prices will yet go higher. As the stock of No. 2, the speculation grade is very low here. Provisions were firm but not notably higher. The quotations at the close were:

	Sept., \$0.75	Oct., \$0.76½
Wheat,.....	62	55
Corn,.....	25½	25½
Oats,.....	16.80	16.80
Pork,.....	7.25	7.25
Lard,.....	7.25	7.25

On Friday wheat was quiet and trading light, the corn market being still the chief object of attraction. Early in the session shorts made determined efforts to break the market, but without success. The engineers of the deal evidently are willing and able to take care of all they can buy. Hog products were unchanged. Closing quotations were as follows.

	Sept., \$0.76	Oct., \$0.77½
Wheat,.....	64	57
Corn,.....	25½	26
Oats,.....	16.75	17.00
Pork,.....	7.25	7.25
Lard,.....	7.25	7.25

On Saturday the wheat market was fairly steady. Corn was on the rampage. Shorts were scrambling to cover which caused quite an excitement. Hog products were stronger and a trifle higher. Closing quotations were as follows:

	Sept., \$0.75½	Oct., \$0.77
Wheat,.....	70	57½
Corn,.....	26½	26
Oats,.....	16.75	16.80
Pork,.....	7.20	7.30
Lard,.....	7.20	7.30

## TORONTO.

## STOCKS.

The stock market during the past week has been nervous and unsettled. Outside markets were weaker and are in sympathy have been steadily declining. Closing bids on Wednesday, as compared with those of the week previous were as follows:

	Sept. 10.	Sept. 17.
Montreal .. ..	191	188
Ontario .. ..	110½	110½
Malsons .. ..	177½	174½
Toronto .. ..	112	110
Merchants .. ..	120½	120
Commerce .. ..	126	125
Imperial .. ..	57	50½
Federal .. ..	190½	190
Dominion .. ..	113	112½
Standard .. ..	116	110½
Hamilton .. ..	49½	44½
Northwest Land .. ..		

## GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Receipts of grain have been very small during the week, and at present prices it is not likely that deliveries will be large for some