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## LARGER DEMAND FOR STAPLES

**Payments Through Clearing Houses in the Second Week in September Much Larger Than in 1892—Railway Returns Indicate Increased Earnings — Iron Industry Shows Marked Improvement.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

Business is passing well through the difficulties that attend the winding up of a war, which are generally good while war is in progress. The rush of orders kept in the background while the war lasted, by those who thought it shrewd not to take any chances, has lifted prices a little, and caused a larger demand for the time than can continue, but though it has passed there is an evidence that the consuming demand is very large. How large can only be judged after some weeks of waiting. But once more it looks as if those who wait longest are likely to pay most.

The business of the country is expanding so that payments through clearing houses in the second week in September were 22.5 per cent larger than in 1892 and for two weeks 12 per cent larger. From these and railway returns and such trade reports as are instructive, it must be concluded that much more business is being done than in the best of past years, though not always with as much profit.

With the starting of nineteen furnaces, idle a month ago, partly not included as yet, the weekly iron output Sept. 1 was 213,043 tons, against 206,777 Aug. 1, and the decrease in stocks 116,929 tons in two months indicates a consumption but little belonw 1,000,000 tons per month. Structural work is the heaviest ever known at Pittsburg, though smaller than last year at New York. Bar mills are crowded with the general railway demand for automatic couplers, and orders for new cars, 800 for one road and a larger order for street cars to Japan, and plane mills are everywhere crowded.

Important cotton mills have stopped and print cloths hold 2:06c, with other cotton goods unyielding, bleached material hinders operations for those who have to sell goods made from higher priced cotton.

Woolen mills represent rather better orders, although much machinery is idle, those who have old wool bidding much below the current prices, which are so far maintained. Sales for two weeks have been only 2,635,300 lbs, against 36,629,400 last year and 17,015,100 in the same weeks of 1892. It is worthy of notice that 350,000 pounds Australian wool was sold at Boston for shipment to Europe. While the mills cannot buy at present prices except for mixture with other wools, many insist, just as they did eight months ago, that the old stock must be exhausted.

Failures for the week: 174 in the United States, against 204 last year, and 23 in Canada, against 40 last year.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Reports of still further enlarged distribution at most Western markets and of slight improvement at Eastern centers, where demand has been slower to materialize, enlarged foreign demands for breadstuffs, increased railroad earnings not entirely due to the swelling movement of grain to market, which still indeed is behind last year's record; bank clearings increased over last week, and over all corresponding weeks except one year ago, when speculation was very active; rather better than expected government crop reports and enlarging exports of American manufacturers are all features tending to make the trade situation at present a notable one.

Crop impairment in August, not unusual, nor unexpected, proves to have been less than feared, and average conditions of leading crops, notably wheat, corn, cotton and potatoes, are better than one year ago. Operative in inducing the improved foreign demand for our wheat and flour, perhaps, has been a tendency to shade early estimates of the world's wheat crop this year, some figures being as low as 2,000,000,000 bu, which, while larger than last year, is still below that of 1894. This, with the low state of the world's wheat supplies and the slower than expected movement from American farmers' hands to leading markets, has increased the premium on cash wheat, and nervous short sellers of September delivery have covered with the result of advancing prices. The continued rise in ocean freight rates is taken to confirm reports of recent large export sales.

Wheat shipments for the week reflect an enlarged foreign demand for flour and wheat, aggregating 3,675,291 bu, as against 3,100,028 bu last week, 6,289,948 bu in the corresponding week of a year ago, 3,566,326 bu in 1896, 2,538,600 bu in 1895 and 3,337,383 bu in 1894. Since July 1, this year, exports of wheat aggregate 36,169,091 bu against 44,601,709 bu last year.

Corn exports for the week are considerably smaller than last week's heavy total, aggregating 2,331,005 bu against 3,868,869 bu last week, 3,901,092 bu in this week of 1897, 2,394,787 bu in 1896, 1,690,998 bu in 1895, and 145,301 bu in 1894. Since July 1, this year, exports of corn aggregate 30,738,875 bu against 34,877,849 bu during the corresponding period last year.

Business failures numbered 162 against 194 last week, 169 in this week a year ago, 315 in 1896 and 218 in 1895. Canadian failures for the week number 20, against 17 last week, 36 in this week a year ago, 41 in 1896 and 1895 and 43 in 1894.

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NEW York, Sept. 16.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say: Prices have reflected the changing opinions of the speculative market as to the prospects of a disturbance in money. The early part of the week the bad bank statement of last Saturday and the expectation that the continued drawing of money into the treasury would result in a contraction of loans, caused more or less liquidation by bullish speculators and gave an opportunity for bear operators to attack prices. The failure of interest rates to advance to figures indicative of a scarcity of funds tends, however, to throw doubts on this view, while the decline of exchange, the engagement of $1,600,000 gold in London for import, the increase by the New York banks of the government deposits and the fact that loans were being shifted from New York to other cities, contributed to create an easier feeling about the money market, which, on Wednesday and Thursday, caused a sharp rally in prices.

On Friday the rise continued, and was helped by the engagement for import of about $1,000,000 more gold. In the latter part of the day, however, the exceptional weakness of American Sugar stock brought about a general reaction, the attitude of the secretary of the treasury in declining to consider that the New York money market exhibited symptoms of pressure indicative of serious derangement of business or calling for action by the treasury, no doubt, had a share in bringing the stock market to its senses, at a time when speculators were inclined to believe in the possibility of a sharp flurry in interest rates. This occurred and the highest quotation for call loans has been 5 per cent, with the bulk of Wall street borrowings on securities at fully 1 per cent lower.

Besides the fact that an advance of rates would bring gold from abroad, probably in large amounts, it is recognized that the heavy payments for the new government bonds are nearly finished and an extremely unfavorable bank statement today is unlikely. This has led to a covering of the traders short sales put out early in the week and has probably induced more or less repurchasing by interests which sold stocks on fear of tight money, while it seems also to have led to renewed support by cliques and large operators in their specialties.

London's action in our market has been a feature. Speculation there was depressed at first by the renewed political complications in Europe, in Crete and in the Soudan. Nevertheless, at the declines here there was foreign buying, although the money markets abroad were stiffer on the fears of a gold outflow to this country. Later on Americans became the feature and the holders of stocks were active, particular attention being paid to Pacific stocks. The restoration of passenger rates caused by the Canadian Pacific's surrender of claims to differentials has evidently promoted a better impression abroad, than, under recent circumstances, it has been possible for it to do here.

## The Wheat Markets.

| | Close. | Previous day. |
|---|---|---|
| December, Minneapolis | 59¾ | 60⅞ |
| December, Chicago | 62⅜@62½ | 63¾ |
| December, Duluth | 61 | 61⅞ |
| December, New York | 67½ | 68¼ |

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Increased receipts and an absence of cash demand today were the main causes for a setback in wheat. September wheat closed ½c lower and December lost ¾@⅞c. Corn is unchanged. Oats declined ⅛c. Pork left off 5@7½c lower; lard, 2½@5c, and ribs 5c.

Anxious shorts in wheat covered yesterday, so that there was no further alarm created when Liverpool, before the opening here, reported an additional sensational jump of 2½d for September delivery. If Liverpool December wheat had done proportionately as well as September the effect upon speculative sentiment in Chicago would doubtless have been different, but it showed a decline of ½d, so that September strength was concluded to arise from a mere squeeze on the other side, which had no significance for any one outside of the ranks of Liverpool shorts. On that account the start here was at 1c decline for September and 1@1¼c for December.

The Northwestern receipts were heavy, as usual, and there was no change in the corresponding lightness of the winter wheat receipts. Chicago received 162 cars, against 278 a year ago, and the Northwest 1,099, compared with 1,103 the year before. Spring and winter wheat receipts together at all Western primary markets were 1,308,000 bu, which only exceeded by 4,000 bu the quantity received the similar day of the previous year. Atlantic port exports of wheat and flour were equal to 630,000 bu.

Soon after the opening, Duluth showed ¼c a bu advance in price of cash wheat and some little strength was thereby imparted to the market here, but not long thereafter a decline of 1c took place in price of Duluth cash wheat, and that put a damper on bullish sentiment. Later in the day Minneapolis dropped 1c for spot wheat and weakness here became more pronounced. September opened 1c lower at 65c, sold sparingly at 66c, and was inclined downward most of the time after that. December started ⅛@¼c down at 63@63⅛c, recovered to 63½@63¾c, and from that it gradually declined until about an hour from the close it was down to 62½c.

An advance of 15 centimes at Paris and 50 centimes for American red wheat at Antwerp had no effect on this market, which in the last hour of the session had apparently become weak to stay. The absence of demand for cash wheat, in any quantity at least, and reported delivery here and at Toledo of spot wheat for September contract, created a heavy feeling near the end and caused further declines. September got down to 61c and closed at 65¼c. December to 62¼c and closed with trading at 62⅜@62½c.

The corn experience was just the reverse from yesterday, the market being strong, while wheat was weak. December began unchanged at 29½c, rose to 29⅞c, declined to 29⅜@29½c, and closed at 29½c, buyers.

Oats struggled along in the wake of corn. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower at 22@22⅛c, held steady for a time at 22⅛c, declined to 21⅞@22c, and firmed up to 22c, buyers, at the close.

Provisions ruled weak, suffering from a pressure of hogs. December pork opened 10@12½c down at $8.77½, advanced to $8.45, then weakened to $8.42½, the closing price. December lard started unchanged to 2½c lower at $4.80@4.82½, sold off to $4.77½ and closed at $4.77½@4.80. December ribs began 2½c off at $4.72½, declined to $4.67½ and rallied to $4.70, the closing price.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 149 cars; corn, 420 cars; oats, 260 cars; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| | Opening. | High-est. | Low-est. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | | |
| September | 65½ | 66 | 65 | 65¼ |
| December | 63⅛ | 63¼ | 62¼ | 62½ |
| May | 64⅝ | 64¾ | 64 | 64⅛ |
| Corn— | | | | |
| September | 29½ | 30 | 29½ | 29⅝ |
| December | 29¼ | 29⅞ | 29½ | 29½ |
| May | 31⅜ | 31¾ | 31¼ | 31⅜ |
| Oats— | | | | |
| September | 20¾ | 20⅞ | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| December | 20⅛ | 20¼ | 20 | 20⅛ |
| May | 22½ | 22⅝ | 22 | 22 |
| Mess Pork— | | | | |
| October | 8 30 | 8 32½ | 8 30 | 8 30 |
| December | 8 37½ | 8 45 | 8 37½ | 8 37½ |
| January | 9 20 | 9 20 | 9 15 | 9 17½ |
| Lard— | | | | |
| October | 4 75 | 4 75 | 4 70 | 4 72½ |
| December | 4 82½ | 4 82½ | 4 77½ | 4 80 |
| January | 4 87½ | 4 87½ | 4 85 | 4 87½ |
| Short Ribs— | | | | |
| September | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 30 |
| October | 5 25 | 5 27½ | 5 22½ | 5 27½ |
| January | 4 72½ | 4 77½ | 4 67½ | 4 70 |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 64½c; No. 3 spring, 62@66c; No. 2 red, 67c. Corn—No. 2, 30⅛@30¼c; No. 2 yellow, 30⅜@30½c. Oats—No. 2, 21¾@22¼c; No. 2 white, 24@25c; No. 3 white, 23@24c. Rye—No. 2, 47½c. Barley—Sample, 39@44c. Flax Seed—No. 1, 89c; Northwest, 91½c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.50. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $8.40@8.45. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $4.77½@4.80. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $5.10@5.35. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4½@4¾c. Sides—Short clear, $5.00@5.70. Sugars—Cut loaf unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 13,300 bbls; wheat, 146,600 bu; corn, 328,100 bu; oats, 403,100 bu; rye, 28,500 bu; barley, 63,700 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,800 bbls; wheat, 254,000 bu; corn, 626,100 bu; oats, 151,900 bu; rye, 5,900 bu; barley, 3,700 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm. Creameries, 13@20c; dairies, 11½@17. Eggs firm; fresh, 13½@14c.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 16.—Wheat opened slightly lower, receded and then reacted.—September wheat opened at 63c, being ¼c under Thursday, dropped to 62¾c, and gained ¼c by noon.—December wheat opened at 60c, being ¼c under Thursday, sold down to 59⅞c, firmed up to 60c, and lost ¼c by noon.—May wheat opened at 62½c, being 1-16 under Thursday, and gradually sank to 61⅝c by 11:50 a. m.—The cash wheat market was stronger than Thursday, with a demand that absorbed all offerings within an hour of the opening.—September wheat closed at 62½c, December at 59¼c, and May at 61⅛@61¼c.

| WHEAT. | Open-ing. | High-est. | Low-est. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| May | 62⅛ | 62⅛ | 61⅛ | 61⅛-¼ |
| September | 63 | 63 | 62½ | 62½ |
| December | 60 | 60 | 59⅛ | 59¼ |

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 67¼c; No. 1 northern, 66¼c; No. 2 northern, 61¾c; September oats, 22c; September corn, 23¼c; flax seed, 85c.

Curb on December wheat ..... 59¼
Puts on December wheat ..... 58⅞
Calls on December wheat ..... 59⅝

FLOUR—The flour market shows a little slackness today owing to large wants being supplied during the past three or four days. Prices are firm and looking upward.

First patents ..... $4 20@4 30
Bran in bulk ..... $7 50@7 75
Shorts in bulk ..... 7 50@7 75
Middlings in bulk ..... 10 00@10 50

CORN—Strong; No. 3, 28c; No. 3 yellow, 28½c; No. 4, 27½c.—RYE—No. 2 rye, 44@44¼c to arrive; no sales reported.—BARLEY—Feed barley, 30½@35½c; No. 4 sold at 29½c.—FEED—The trade is fair for this season of year, with values steady.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn in sacks, per ton, sacks extra ..... $11 00@.....
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80 lb sacks, sacks extra ..... 11 50@.....
No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 75 lb sacks, sacks extra ..... 12 00@.....
No. 3 ground feed, 1-3 corn, 2-3 oats, 70 lb sacks, sacks extra ..... 12 50@.....
Rye flour ..... $2 25@2 35
Pure family rye flour ..... 2 35@2 45
Buckwheat flour, nominal ..... 3 90@4 25
Granulated corn meal ..... 1 50@1 60

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 9 cars ..... 66
No. 1 northern, 16 cars ..... 66½
No. 1 northern, 500 bu to arrive ..... 65½
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, choice ..... 67½
No. 1 northern, 10 cars ..... 67
No. 1 northern, 24,000 bu, to arrive ..... 65½
No. 1 northern, 30,000 bu, to arrive ..... 64½
No. 1 northern, 30,000 bu ..... 66½
No. 2 northern, 17 cars ..... 62..
No. 2 northern, 8 cars ..... 63
No. 2 northern, 1 car ..... 63½
No. 2 northern, 36 cars ..... 62½

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

| Railroads. | Northern. No.1Hd. | No.1. | No.2. | No.3. | Rej. | N.G. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Great Northern | .. | 8 | 22 | .. | 7 | 27 |
| C. M. & St. P. | .. | 106 | 32 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| M. & St. L. | .. | .. | 6 | 6 | .. | 1 |
| Soo Line | 1 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Northern Pac. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. |
| C. St.P.,M.& O. | .. | 37 | 50 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 1 | 161 | 118 | 18 | 24 | 36 |

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 8; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 3 oats, 25; no grade oats, 2; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 3 rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 8; No. 1 flax, 30.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 10; No. 1 northern, 22; No. 2 northern, 33; No. 3 2; rejected, 3; no grade, 4; no grade corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 7; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 1 flax, 16.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 402 cars; 293,460 bu; corn, 2,190 bu; oats, 54,990 bu; barley, 14,280 bu; rye, 7,400 bu; flax, 18,000 bu; millstuffs, 14 tons; hay, 20 tons; fruit, 361,170 lbs; merchandise, 1,663,820 lbs; lumber, 12 cars; posts and piling, 1 car; barrel stock, 3 cars; machinery, 141,600 lbs; coal, 796 tons; wood, 186 cords; brick, 82,000; lime, 3 cars; cement, 450 bbls; ties, 1 car; stone and marble, 2 cars; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 107,600 lbs; railroad material, 2 cars; sundries, 12 cars; car lots, 782.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 64 cars, 49,280 bu; corn, 1,580 bu; oats, 4,920 bu; barley, 1,560 bu; rye, 3,650 bu; flax, 15,010 bu; flour, 49,836 bbls; millstuffs, 2,269 tons; fruit, 166,000 lbs; merchandise, 2,265,640 lbs; lumber, 116 cars; machinery, 71,900 lbs; wood, 10,000 cords; cement, 325 bbls; household goods, 102,800 lbs; ties, 10 cars; stone and marble, 2 cars; live stock, 1 car; hides, pelts, etc., 30,000 lbs; railroad materials, 7 cars; sundries, 11 cars; car lots, 900.

## DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 16.—Market dull and slightly weaker. September opened ¼c off at 66½c, sold up to 67c in five minutes, off to 66c at 10:30, and at 12:30 was quoted at 65¼c bid. Cash—300,000 bu to shippers at 1@1¾c over September. Wheat stocks will increase 500,000 bu this week. Cash Sales—9 cars No. 1 hard, 72⅜c; 2 cars No. 1 hard, 71⅜c; 44,000 bu No. 1 northern, 68⅜c; 45,000 bu No. 1 northern, 68¼c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 68c; 4,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67¾c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67⅝c; 6,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67½c; 2 cars No. 1 northern, 67¼c; 1 car No. 1 northern, 67½c; 1 car No. 1 northern, 66⅝c; 10,000 bu No. 1 northern, 66½c; 10,000 bu No. 1 northern, 66¼c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 66¼c; 32,000 bu No. 2 northern, 62¾@63⅞c; 4 cars No. 3 spring, 59@59¼c; 3 cars no grade, 56@58¾c; 1 car No. 3 oats, 23c; 1,500 bu rye, 46½c; 8 cars barley, 31@37½c; 2,000 bu flax, 88¼@88½c. Receipts—Wheat, 629,000 bu; corn, 1,872 bu; oats, 7,569 bu; rye, 5,131 bu; barley, 17,003 bu; flax, 25,205 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 461,573 bu. September closed 65¼c; spot No. 1 hard, 69¼c; No. 1 northern, 66¼c; No. 2 northern, 61¾c; No. 3 spring, 57¾c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 68¼c; No. 1 northern, 65⅛c; No. 1 hard, September, 68¼c; December, 62c; May, 64½c; No. 1 northern, December, 61c; May, 63½c. Oats, 22¾@23¾c. Rye, 46c. Barley, 29@40c. Flax, 88c; December, 87¼c. Corn, 28⅞c.

## ST. PAUL.

Quotations on grain, hay, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., grain and seed merchants:

WHEAT—These quotations are for new wheat; old wheat of corresponding grade commands a premium: No. 1 northern, 65@66c; No. 2 Northern, 61@63c.—CORN—No. 3 yellow, 30@31c; No. 3, 29@30c.—Oats—No. 2 white, 21¾@22¼c; No. 3, 21@21½c.—BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 28@36c; No. 2 rye, 43@44c No. 3, 41@42c.—SEEDS—No. 1 flax, 85@86c; timothy seed, $1@1.15; red clover, $3@3.20.—FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $3.80@4; straights, $3 40@3.60; bakers', $2.80@3; rye flour, $2.40@2.80.—GROUND FEED—No. 1 feed, $11.75@12.—COARSE CORN-MEAL — $11@11.50. — BRAN — $8@8.25. — SHORTS—In bulk, $8.50@9.—HAY—Market higher on very light receipts; choice Iowa and Minnesota upland, $6@6.50; No. 1 upland, $5.75@6; No. 1 wild, $5@5.50; good to choice timothy, $6.75@7.50.

## OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP—Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade. Cables are mixed; September and March are higher and December lower. This has the ear-marks of a drive being made by some one on this side in the latter future for speculative purposes.—Chicago—It is reported that Armour is bringing wheat from Minneapolis and Duluth to Chicago to fill his elevators, and that 1,000,000 bu will be brought down. As there is only 100,000 bu of contract wheat here, 1,000,000 bu from the Northwest will no doubt create a better feeling in the trade here.—New York—Late cables accept every bu of wheat offered last night for the United Kingdom and continent.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 16.—Flour steady. Wheat dull; No. 1 northern, 68c; No. 2 northern, 65½c. Rye dull; No. 1, 48@48½c. Barley dull; No. 2, 43c; sample, 30@43c. Oats steady, 23¾@24½c.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Flour—Receipts, 20,402 bbls; exports, 7,448 bbls; quieter but steady and without change. Wheat—Receipts, 196,100 bu; exports, 124,228 bu; spot steady; No. 2 red, 73c, f. o. b., afloat, to arrive and spot; options closed ⅝@1¼c net lower; No. 2 red, September, 70 1-16@72¼c, closed 70⅞c; December, 67 3-16@68⅜c, closed 67½c. Corn—Receipts, 125,600 bu; exports, 142,876 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 35¼@35¼c, f. o. b., afloat; options ⅛c net higher; September closed 33⅞c; December, 34⅜@34½c, closed 34⅜c. Oats—Receipts, 82,800 bu; exports, 3,925 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 24½@25c; No. 2 white, 28c; options dull and nominal.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 16.—Wheat unchanged to ⅞d lower; December, 5s 4⅞d; March, 5s 5d. Corn quiet, unchanged to ½d lower; September, 3s 1d; October, 3s 1½d; December, 3s 2¾d.

## St. Paul Markets.

PRODUCE—The butter market continues to strengthen up and advanced half a cent yesterday. Eggs are firm, with an active market. Potatoes advanced a couple of cents. The following are the street quotations:

Apples—Fancy reds, $3 per bbl; other varieties, $2.50@3; crabs, 75c@$1 per bu.
Bananas—Choice Shipping—Large bunches, $2@2.25; small bunches, $1.75@2.
Beans—Per Bu—Brown, $1; dirty lots, 60@65c; fancy navy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.10.
Beef—Per Lb—Country-dressed, fancy, 6@6½c; rough, 3½@4c.
Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 20@20½c; creameries, firsts, 18½c; creameries, gathered cream, 14@17c; imitations, 12@12½c; dairies, hand separator, 17c; dairies, extras, 15c; ladies, packing stock, 10½c.
Cabbage—Home-grown, doz, 25@35c.
Cheese—Per Lb—Brick, No. 1, 9½c; brick, No. 2, 8c; Limburger, 8½@9c; Swiss, 12@13c; twins, fancy Minnesota and Wisconsin, 9@9½c; Young America, new, 10c; primost, 6@6½.
Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5@5.50; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75@3.
Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 12@12½c; seconds, cases included, 7@8c.
Fish—Per Lb—Pickerel, 4½c; croppies, 7c; trout, lake, 8c; whitefish, 8c.
Onions—Home-grown, 30@35c per bu; California, $1.75@2.
Oranges—Per Box — Mediterranean sweets, $2.75@3; seedlings, choice, $2@2.25; seedlings, fancy, $2.50@2.75.
Grapes—Per Basket—California, four baskets, $1.50; Concord, 15c.
Grape Fruit—Per Box—California, $5@5.50.
Hogs—Clean, per Lb—Heavy, 4½c; light, 4¾@5c; medium, 4¾c.
Honey—Per Lb Sections—Buckwheat, 9@9½c; extracted amber, 6@6½c; extracted white, 6½c; golden rod, 10c; white, choice, 10@11c; white, fancy, 12c.
Melons—Per Bu—Musks, large, 75c@$1; small, 50@75c; watermelons, 100, $8@14.
Lemons—California, 300s to 360s, $4.50@5; Messinas, choice, 300s, $4.50@5; Messinas, fancy, 200s, 5@5.50; Messinas, choice, 360s, 4.50@5; Messinas, fancy, 360s, $5.50.
Maple Sugar—Per Lb—Ohio, in bricks, 10c; Vermont, in bricks, 10c; Western, in bricks, 10c.
Maple Syrup—Per gal, 75@90c; per half-bbl, 45@50c.
Mutton—Per Lb—Bucks, 5½c; country-dressed, 7½@8½c; milk lambs, pelts off, 9½@10c.
Nuts—Almonds, new, small quantities, 11@12c; almonds, Tarragonas, sacks, 100 lbs, 12c; Tarragonas, small quantities, 14c; filberts, sacks, about 200 lbs, 8½c; filberts, small quantities, 10c; hickory, per bu, 60c@$1; peanuts, per lb, raw, 6@6½c; peanuts, per lb, roasted, 7c; pecans, new, Texas, polished, 100-lb sacks, 9c; pecans, small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, 9@10c; walnuts, California, hard, sacks, 100 to 110 lbs, 10@11c; walnuts, California, hard, less quantities, 8c; black walnuts, $1.
Peaches—Michigan, $1.50 per bu; California, 90c@$1.
Plums—Per Box—Royal Hative, $1.25@1.75; Washington, $1; Kelsey Japan, $1.25; Michigans, $1.50 per crate of six baskets.
Potatoes—Early Ohios, 28@30c; mixed stock, 23@25c; Jersey sweets, $2.50@2.75 per bbl.
Poultry—Per Lb—Spring chickens, 10c; live hens, 8@8½c live geese, 6c; live ducks, 7c; live turkeys, 7@7½c; cocks, 4½@5c.
Veal—Per Lb—Coarse and thin, 5c; extra, fancy, country-dressed, 8@8½c; good, 90 to 100 lbs, 8½@9c.
Vegetables—Green—Beans, string, per box, 40c; beans, wax, per bu box, 40c; beets, per doz bunches, 10c; cucumbers, per doz, 20c; lettuce, field, per bu, 20c; new carrots, per doz, 10c; new turnips, per doz, 15c; pie plant, 100-lb box, 40c; spinach, per bu, 25c; tomatoes, 70c; water-cress, 20c; cantelopes, cauliflower, dry, 40c; peas, 25c; Minnesota, doz, 25c; corn, green, per doz, 10c.
Pigeons—Tame pigeons, old and young, alive, per doz, 65c; squabs, fancy, $1.
GINSENG AND SENECA ROOT—Ginseng: Good, bright and clean, large root, $3.25; do do fair root, $3; do dark root, $2.75; green, clean root, 75c. Seneca root: Choice, dry, 20c; fair average, 18c; dark average, 16c; bulby and tops, 14c.

## Live Stock Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Sept. 16.—The receipts at the Union stockyards today were: Cattle, 115; calves, 65; hogs, 703; sheep, 12. The receipts of cattle were light and not enough to satisfy half the demand. This gave dealers a chance to clean up left over stuff and the yards were practically cleared. The hogs received were of fair quality and trading was brisk, although the tendency of the market was weaker, owing to the efforts of some of the buyers to bull the market. There was practically no sheep market, owing to light receipts and no offerings.

Hogs—Market weak and a shade lower, in sympathy with heavy decline elsewhere. Sales were brisk, owing to tendency of some buyers to bull. Representative sales:

| No. | Wt. | Dkg. | Price. | No. | Wt. | Dkg. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 201 | .. | $3 80 | 3 | 343 | .. | $3 60 |
| 15 | 172 | .. | 3 85 | 59 | 255 | 40 | 3 85 |
| 6 | 350 | .. | 3 70 | 43 | 365 | 160 | 3 80 |
| 8 | 80 | .. | 3 00 | 3 | 407 | .. | 3 60 |
| 7 | 170 | 80 | 3 75 | 48 | 285 | .. | 3 85 |
| 71 | 265 | .. | 3 95 | 26 | 300 | .. | 3 90 |
| 53 | 240 | 120 | 3 70 | 14 | 195 | .. | 3 90 |
| 45 | 215 | 80 | 3 60 | 53 | 185 | .. | 3 85 |

Cattle—Market steady and active. Small receipts of last two days gave dealers a chance to get rid of poor and left over stuff and yards were practically cleaned out. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

| No. | Wt. | Price. | No. | Wt. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 985 | $3 25 | 5 | 1100 | $3 85 |
| 1 | 1040 | 2 75 | | | |

Stock Cows and Heifers—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 460 | $3 25 | 7 | 575 | $3 40 |
| 1 | 420 | 3 35 | 1 | 660 | 3 05 |

Stockers and Feeders—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 830 | $3 30 | 7 | 500 | $2 80 |
| 4 | 765 | 3 35 | 3 | 510 | 3 00 |
| 3 | 715 | 3 35 | 1 | 540 | 4 00 |
| 1 | 580 | 3 00 | 4 | 165 | 3 25 |
| 4 | 360 | 3 00 | 3 | 535 | 3 15 |

Thin Cows and Canners—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 850 | $1 50 | 1 | 770 | $1 40 |

Butcher Steers—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ..... | ..... | 1100 | $3 85 | |

Bulls—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 430 | $3 00 | 1 | 950 | $2 25 |
| 3 | 300 | 3 00 | 1 | 410 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 250 | 3 00 | 1 | 360 | 2 50 |
| 8 | 685 | 1 75 | 1 | 590 | 2 00 |

Milkers and Springers—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 cow | ..... | $23 | 1 cow | ..... | $25 |

Sheep—Market steady, with little doing. Practically no receipts, and none of the left-over stuff was offered. Representative sales:

4 lambs ..... 65 $4 75

| Disposition of Stock— | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wier & Co | .. | 55 | .. |
| Van Hoven company | .. | .. | 4 |
| Spencer | .. | 71 | .. |
| McMillan | .. | 82 | .. |
| Swift & Co | 3 | 430 | .. |
| McCormick | 7 | 45 | 12 |
| R. N. Katz | 5 | .. | .. |
| Staples & King | .. | 21 | .. |
| Hartzell | 21 | .. | .. |
| J. Murray | 2 | .. | .. |
| Lytle & Raeburn | 2 | .. | .. |
| J. J. Sutton | 45 | .. | .. |
| Cudahy | 4 | .. | .. |
| J. R. Jones | 10 | .. | .. |
| W. V. Parker | 104 | .. | .. |

MILCH COW EXCHANGE—South St. Paul, Sept. 16.—Lytle & Raeburn's report: Demand for No. 1 fresh cows and springers continues good, with only a fair supply. Medium cows are also selling fairly well. Canners and common stock dragging. Representative sales.

| No. | Price. | No. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 cows | $ 0 | 1 cow | $40 |
| 2 cows | 70 | 1 cow | 43 |

AMONG THE SHIPPERS—The following shippers were on the market yesterday: Schwartz & Schmelke, Royalton, three loads cattle; Dunn & Co., Waseca, hogs; B. F. Flint, Osage, hogs; Fairbank & Pratt, Owatonna, hogs; D. Barnes, Cresco, two loads of hogs; Skiff, Carter & Co., Sevaledale, hogs; E. Schmahl, Redwood Falls, hogs; G. Groebreur, New Ulm, hogs and sheep; A. D. Sackett, Janesville, hogs; Ed Paulson, Sacred Heart, three loads of cattle, calves and hogs; S. O. Solomonson, Lake Mills, hogs.

COMMISSIONS, ETC.—Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. On double-deck loads—per car. Dressed animals, including lumpy-jawed cattle and meats, are condemned. Sales, unless otherwise stated, per 100 lbs, live weight. Dead hogs, 100 lbs and over, ½c per lb, less than 100 lbs of no value. All animals apparently affected with actinomycosis, or lumpy jaw, or having any swellings on the head or neck, are subject to inspection by the state veterinarian. If they pass their carcasses are sold for food, otherwise for fertilizers, etc. Public inspectors dock pregnant sows 40 lbs, and stags, altered boars, 80 lbs each. Yardage: Cattle, 25c; hogs, 3c; sheep, 5c per head. Feed: Corn, 60c per bu; hay, 75c per 100 lbs; bedding, 50c per 100 lbs. Commissions: Six dollars carload for single-deck carloads of hogs and sheep, and $10 carload for double-deck carloads of the same. Fifty cents per head for cattle of all ages, up to $10 per carload; veal calves in less than car lots not less than 25c per head; cars of cattle containing less than five veal calves of less than 200 lbs weight each, the commission on the calves discretionary. Double-deck cars of calves, $18. Mixed carloads of stock, 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves, 10c per head for hogs and sheep, up to $12 per carload. Thirty head and over of hogs and sheep arriving at these yards in a single car to be charged $6 per car; less than carload lots, 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves; under thirty head of hogs or sheep, 15c per head. Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. Telegraphic market reports, except when quoting bona fide sales made the same day, the telegram is sent for the person to whom the telegram is addressed, are at the expense of the recipient. All live stock not suitable for human food is condemned by the government.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION—Cattle, hogs and sheep are held on account of advanced pregnancy. Cows within a month of parturition and for ten days after will be subject to condemnation; also sheep and hogs three weeks before and ten days after. The government inspectors in the various slaughter houses condemn the meat of all cows that have calves inside with hair on. The inspection of hogs made by the government inspectors at the scales before weighing is very close, and their decision is final, salesmen having no appeal therefrom. All badly pregnant sows, hogs with bunches, boils and also hogs with cuts on the hams and shoulders, "bob" or "deacon" calves are condemned. Scabby sheep and those that are emaciated are thrown out.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET — Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul. Barrett & Zimmerman's report: A special demand for logging horses was the tone of today's trade, which makes an inducement to supply the market with such stock. The trade branched favorably to all classes of horses, and experienced an all-around good trade. Prices were satisfactory, except on light general purpose horses, which sold at low prices. The general outlook of trade is pointing towards an unusual activity on logging horses this fall. The nominal value of service sound horses from 4 to 7 years old is as follows:

| | Weight. | Price. |
|---|---|---|
| Drafts, extra | 1,800 | $160 |
| Draft horses, com | 1,600 | 85 |
| Farm horses, extra | 1,500 | 120 |
| Farm horses, com | 1,500 | 75 |
| Mules | 1,100 | 85 |

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Sept. 16.—Cattle receipts, 200; Thursday, 795; shipments, 1,508. Market steady; slow. Sales: 20 beeves, av 984 lbs, $4.50; 9 beeves, av 1,282 lbs, $5; 4 cows, av 1,010 lbs, $2.15; 6 cows, av 732 lbs, $3.80; 9 stock heifers, av 653 lbs, $3.35; 7 stock heifers, av 327 lbs, $3.90; 2 bulls, av 1,240 lbs, $2.65; 1 bull, av 1,090 lbs, $3.15; 1 bull, av 650 lbs, $3.45; 22 stockers and feeders, av 928 lbs, $3.85; 16 stockers and feeders, av 764 lbs, $4.25; 8 yearlings, av 684 lbs, $3.80; 7 yearlings, av 523 lbs, $4.30; 13 calves, av 477 lbs, $4.15; 8 calves, av 275 lbs, $5.10. Hogs received, 1,200; Thursday, 1,735; shipments, 55. Market