COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain and Provisions Record Higher Prices All Around.

CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO THE ADVANCE

Corn Is Firm, Influenced by the Strength in Wheat and Lighter Receipts Than Expected.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—The tide turned in the grain and provision markets today and higher prices were recorded all around. Wheat was benefited by estimates of a shortage in the world's crop. December closing ½c higher. Corn and oats closed ⅝c higher each and provisions advanced from 5c to 12½c higher.

Wheat opened from ¾c to ⅞c higher for December than it closed on the day before. Initial trades being made at from 58⅝c to 60⅛c. All conditions were favorable for higher prices. The Liverpool cable quoted the market ½d higher, and there was more talk of gold imports and the hope of an easier money market. The improvement then became more noticeable in New York and some of the western cities. But the chief factor of strength was found in the estimate of the world's crops published by the Hungarian minister of agriculture showing 141,500,000 bu. less wheat than last year and 158,000,000 bu. less of rye, making a total shrinkage in breadstuffs of 300,000,000 bu. This had the effect of frightening shorts and starting speculative buying, under which the prices went up easily, December bringing 60⅝c by 12:30. Another factor of strength was found in the corn trade news admission of a short Russian yield of wheat and the estimate that 3,200,000 bu. per week would be required from America until December. Chicago receipts were 170 cars, of which twelve were contract and 270,387 bu. were withdrawn from store in the last twenty-four hours. Minneapolis and Duluth received 623 cars, as compared with 713 on the corresponding day of the week before. The upward movement met with some checks, owing to some bank failures reported in the west, but the general tone was strong and prices quickly recovered from the slight reverses. The market continued to develop strength during the last hour, shorts covering freely, and there being good buying for the long account. Late cables came firm, and there were 265,000 bu of cash wheat taken here, and over 500,000 bu. in wheat and flour at Minneapolis. December finally advanced to 60⅞c, but eased off a trifle, the closing being firm at from 60⅝c to 60⅞c.

Corn was quiet and firm, influenced by the strength in wheat and the lighter receipts than expected, but was held up by fair covering by shorts to secure profits. Yesterday's large cash business also lent considerable strength, and the closing was at the high point of the day. September opened a shade higher at 20¾c, advanced to 21c and closed at that figure.

Oats were firm and fairly active. The strength and higher prices came about through sympathy with corn principally, although elevator people bought quite freely and assisted the better feeling materially. September opened ⅛c higher at from 15⅞c, declined a sixteenth and advanced to 16⅛c, where it closed.

Provisions were in better demand than they have been for some time past. Offerings were light, and while buying orders were not for large lots, they were in many hands. Opening prices were slightly higher, and the strength of grain was influential in causing a further advance. The closing was steady. September pork closed 12½c higher at $5.62½; September lard 7½c higher at $3.35; September ribs 5c higher at $3.55.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 175 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 330 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat, No. 2				
Aug	59¾@58¾	57⅞	56⅞	57
Sept	59⅝@58⅞	57⅞	56⅝@58	57⅞
Dec	59⅞@60⅛	60⅛	59⅝	60⅜@⅝
Corn, No. 2				
Aug	20¾	21	20¾	21
Sept	20¾	21	20¾	21
May	25⅝@⅞	25¾	25⅝	25¾
Oats, No. 2				
Sept	15⅞	16⅛	15⅝@⅞	16⅛
May	19@19¼	19¼	19	19⅛@¼
Pork, per bbl				
Sept	5 55	5 65	5 50	5 62½
Oct	5 62½	5 72½	5 62½	5 72½
Jan	6 80	6 90	6 80	6 90
Lard, 100 lbs				
Sept	3 30	3 35	3 30	3 35
Oct	3 37½	3 42½	3 37½	3 42½
Jan	3 72½	3 75	3 70	3 75
Short Ribs—				
Sept	3 20	3 25	3 20	3 25
Oct	3 27½	3 32½	3 27½	3 32½
Jan	3 45	3 50	3 45	3 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.15@3.20; straights, $2.90@2.95; spring patents, $3.15@3.35; straights, $2.50@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 57c; No. 3 spring, 53¼@54c; No. 2 red, 61¼@62½c.

CORN—No. 2, 21c; No. 2 yellow, 21¼@21½c.

OATS—No. 2, 15½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19½@20c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 32c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b. 23@36c; obl; No. 4, f. o. b., 21c, new.

FLAXSEED—67c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $5.62½@5.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.35@3.37½; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.25@3.30; dry salted shoulders, boxed $3.75@4.00; short clear sides, boxed, $3.50@3.62½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

POULTRY—Market steady; turkeys, 7½@10c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts	Shipments
Flour, bbls	5,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	99,000	137,000
Corn, bu	259,000	204,000
Oats, bu	450,000	256,000
Rye, bu	10,000	
Barley, bu	22,000	9,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 9@16c; dairy, 9c 14c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11½c. Cheese, firm; 7½@8½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,400 bbls.; exports, 11,745 bbls.; higher in sympathy with wheat, but demand was light; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.75; winter patents, $3.10@3.60; winter straights, $2.90@3.35; Minnesota bakers, $2.35@2.90; winter low grades, $1.80@2.05. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.00@2.05; fancy, $2.60@2.75.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, 60c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 32@36c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 68@69c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 40½@41c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 70,350 bu.; exports, 8,400 bu.; spot, firm; No. 1 hard, 63½c. Options advanced all day on a bullish report from the Hungarian minister of agriculture, lower cables, gold imports, export demand, liberal clearances and covering by shorts, closing at ⅞@1⅛c net advance; August, closed 64⅛c; September, 63⅞@64⅝c, closing 63⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 194,000 bu.; exports, 80,386 bu.; spot, firmer; No. 2, 25½c. Options were more active and generally firmer all day on export demand, prospective smaller receipts and in sympathy with wheat, closing 1@⅞c lower; August closed 22½c; September, 20½@22⅞c, closing 20⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 12,200 bu.; exports, 575 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 20½c. Options were dull and lower, closing nominally weak; May, 19½c; August, closed 20½c; September 20¼@20⅞c, closing 20⅝c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 65c; good to choice, $8.00@8.50.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 2@3½c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2@3½c; 1895 crop, 2@5c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, Buenos Ayres, dry, 20c; Texas, dry, 18c; California, 22c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20@22c and 20@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00; tierces, $8.00@17.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 4@4½c; pickled shoulders, 3½c; pickled hams, $5.00@16.00. Bacon, heavy, 5c; light, 5½c; shoulders, 3½@3¾c; hams, 11@12c. Dry salt meats, loose, clear shoulders and backs, 3½@3¾c; clear sides, 3¾@3⅞c. Lard, steady and active western steam, $3.72½; choice, $3.75; refined, dull. Pork, firm; old to new mess, $7.75@8.25; short clear, $8.75@10.00; family, $9.25@10.00; standard mess, nominal, $6.50@6.75.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,676 pkgs; market steady; western dairy, 9@12c; western creamery, 11@16c; western factory, 9@12½c; elgins, 16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,223 pkgs; market quiet; large, 7½c; small, 8@8½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,296 pkgs; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 12½@13c; western, 12½@13c.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, firm; butter grades, 28@29c; prime summer yellow, 29c; off summer yellow, 29½@30c; choice, 30@30½c. Linseed, closed $1.00½. Turpentine, steady; 29½@29½c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.37@1.50.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $10.75@12.50; northern, $10.75@12.50. Copper, nominal; brokers, $10.62½; exchange, $10.50@10.00. Lead, firm; brokers, $3.20; exchange, $3.00@3.10. Tin, easy; straits, $13.70@13.85. Plates, market firm. Spelter, firm; domestic, $3.60@3.75.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 28.—WHEAT—Closed: August, 60½c; September, 59c; December, 59c; on track, No. 1 hard 63½@63½c; No. 1 northern, 61½@62½c; No. 2 northern, 57½@58½c; receipts, 216 cars.

FLOUR—Stronger; first patents, $3.25@3.45; second patents, $3.05@3.15; first clears, $2.60@2.70; second clears, $2.30@2.40.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—There was a good all around market for staples, coloured cotton goods, printed fabrics, dress goods and the various styles included therein. Agents have advanced the price of blue and brown denims, nine-ounce blues and brown, the ounce blue, brown and drab denims and blue cambets each ⅛c per yard. Printing cloths are in better demand at 2½c. Market firm.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Aug. 28.—Print cloths closed firm and steady at 2½c; mills moderate sellers.

MANCHESTER, Aug. 28.—Cloths and yarns are quiet, with a limited inquiry.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 10c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7c; choice to fancy, country, 11@12c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $5.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.00; Young Americas, 9¾c; twins, fancy, 8½c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 7½@8c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 12½@9c; spring ducks, 8@9½c.

PIGEONS—Live, 90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated according to size, $2.00@2.50.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., crated, 50@75c.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 25@40c; ⅓-bu. basket, 25@30c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75@$1.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy mammoth, 75@80c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 25c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 16@17c; large lots, 15c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, $1.00; clings, 50c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per box, $1.35@1.50.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per case, white, $1.25@1.50; black, $1.00@1.25.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50@1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00.

WESTERN PEACHES—Michigan and Ohio baskets, fifths, 22@25c; ⅓-bu. baskets, 50@60c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $1.65@1.75.

NECTARINES—Per case, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Redi, per case, $6.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $6.50@7.00; California lemons, $6.00; fancy, $6.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 10c; choice, 12c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $5.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $4.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 5 crown, 9@10c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished meediums, 8c; large, 15c; peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

DATES—Halloweens, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c.

DRESSED MEATS.

The Shoe and Leather Review says of the hide market that it is dull and weaker. There seems to be no buying spirit and nothing is done. It cannot be said that the stocks are large, indeed, the hide supply is still a fact, but no one has the courage to buy in the face of the prevailing uncertainty. The packer hide market is in a position to be instantly benefited by a favorable turn in the business situation. In almost every selection those of the packers are sold ahead and the remaining slaughter is not offering hides for sale. The hide position is one of great timidity and statistical strength, only qualified by the depression in trade and the financial uncertainty. Undoubtedly the worst of the scare is over, and business men everywhere are getting back their commercial courage. The more possibility that the financial policy of the government might be changed as a result of the election caused a feeling of uncertainty and insecurity that for the time almost paralyzed trade. The feeling now is that the fright was more severe than was justified by the facts. Quotations:

BEEF—Dressed steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½@7c; western steers, 4¾@5½c; good cows and heifers, 4¾@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@5c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow plates, 2c; boneless crucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3¾c; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 19c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8c; loin backs, 6c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6c; cow loins, No. 3, 8c; beef trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 8c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; saddles, 8c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 2½c; sheep plucks, 3c; sheen tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; pork loins, 8c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausages, butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4¼c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 3c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 5 to 12 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c off; green salted bulls, 2½c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to buyers, each, 1c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2½c; tallow, No. 2, 1½c; grease, white A, 2½c; grease, white B, 1½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; grease, house, 1@2c; beeswax, prime, 18@22c; rough tallow, 1¼c.

BONES—In car lots, weight not delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and short, 3@5c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 8c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 8@16c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28.—WHEAT—Firmness abroad and the Hungarian minister's estimate showing a large deficiency in the world's crop early and later strong cables advanced wheat a fraction. No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 61c; track, 61c; No. 2 hard, 52c; August, 62c; September, 60⅝c; December, 62⅝c.

CORN—Advanced fractionally on strong foreign cables and firmer domestic markets. No. 2 cash, 18⅞c; August, 18⅞c; September, 19¼c; December, 21c bid.

OATS—Advanced slightly in sympathy with wheat and corn. No. 2 cash, 17c bid; August, 17c; September, 17½c; May, 19½c bid.

RYE—Firm, 28½c.

FLAXSEED—Firm; 62c.

CORN MEAL—Firm; $1.30.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25@2.65.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 13@19c; dairy, 9@14c.

EGGS—10c.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, old, 6½c; spring, 7½c; turkeys, spring, 6½@7½c; ducks, spring, 7c; geese, spring, 55@60c.

LEAD—Strong; $2.40@2.47½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess jobbing, $5.75@5.87½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $3.22½@3.25. Dry salt meats, steady and unchanged. Dry salt meats, steady and unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 129,000 bu.; corn, 63,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 69,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher, but gradually eased off during the day under light trade and featureless cables and closed steady. August, 15 points lower; other months unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales, 13,600 bags, including August, $16.25@16.30; September, 19.35. Spot coffee, 1¼c steady but quiet; No. 7, 16½c for covering lots and 17c for jobbing lots; mild, quiet; Cordova, $15@16.25. Total warehouse deliveries from United States, 9,081 bags, including 7,834 from New York; New York stock today, 165,259 bags; United States stock, 207,259 bags; afloat for the United States, 281,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 487,259 bags, against 540,863 bags last year.

SANTOS, Aug. 28.—COFFEE—Firm; good average Santos, 11,000 reis; receipts, 25,000 bu.; stock, 414,000 bu.

HAMBURG, Aug. 28.—COFFEE—Quiet; ¼ pfg decline; sales, 9,000 bags.

RIO, Aug. 28.—COFFEE—Barely steady; No. 7 Rio, 19,300 reis; exchange, 9 18-16d. Receipts, 12,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 2,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 224,000 bags.

HAVRE, Aug. 28.—COFFEE—Closed quiet at ¼f net decline; sales, 15,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 28.—WHEAT—Active, 1c higher; No. 2 hard, 51½@55c; No. 3, 48@49½c; No. 2 red, 56@56½c; No. 3, 54@55½c; No. 2 spring, nominally 48@53c; No. 3, 47½c.

CORN—Active, slightly lower; No. 2 mixed, 18¼@18½c; No. 2 white, 19¾@20c.

OATS—Steady and active; No. 2 mixed, nominally 15c; No. 2 white, old, 22@22½c; new, nominally 20c.

RYE—No. 2 nominally 28c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, choice, $7.50@8.00; prairie, choice, $4.50@5.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 13@16c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Steady; demand heavy; quotable at 9c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 28.—SUGAR—Quiet; centrifugal, white, 2⅝@3 15-16c; yellow, 3 11-16@3⅝c; seconds, 2½@3⅛c; molasses, dull at 80 bc; others unchanged.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—SUGAR—Cane, dull; no demand; centrifugal, Java, 11s 6d; Muscovado, fair refining, 10s. Beet sugar, dull and easier; August, 2s 4½d; September, 2s 4½d.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Aug. 28.—Credit balances, $1.06; certificates, opened, highest, $1.06; low and closed, $1.05; no sales; shipments, 31,972 bbls.; runs, 94,922 bbls.

GOLD COMES IN BY STEAM

Growing Confidence in Finance Helps the Money Market.

R. G. DUN'S WEEKLY REPORT OF BUSINESS

Prices Are Low and Trade is Slack—Crop Advices Are Favorable, but Farmers Are Not Disposed to Sell.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Clearing house certificates have not been issued, but instead gold is coming hither largely, on the swiftest steamers, about $10,000,000 being already on the way. Higher lending rates bring it, notwithstanding foreign events which disturb London markets, and the growing confidence in the monetary future of the country helps.

Liabilities in failures for three weeks ended August 20 were $20,922,000, against $6,519,366 last year, and $8,214,479 in 1894; manufacturing were $11,199,838, against $3,517,377 last year, and $2,843,538 in 1894; trading was $4,904,362, against $2,852,989 last year, and $3,884,414 in 1894, while brokers and other commercial concerns added $4,827,983, against $149,000 last year, and $1,884,718 in 1894. The stoppage of Hilton, Hughes & Co. this week is, of course, not included in these figures.

The stoppage of works also continues, including among other iron concerns, the Illinois steel plant at Hammond, Ind., and the Lake Side Nail works there. Disruption of the tin plate association results from inability of manufacturing concerns to go on paying the wages demanded and will presumably be followed by the stoppage of some other iron works which are getting very light new business, many contracts having been deferred "until after the election," and there is so little doing that quotations are almost nominal. Gray forge has sold for $9.25 at Pittsburg, but it is said that speculative purchases, amounting to 10,000 tons of pig, have relieved the Chicago market. Coke production at Connellsville decreased 10,000 tons last week, further decrease being expected. Anthracite has again been advanced 25 cents since September 1. Minor metals are dull, tin 13.35c for spot, copper said to be sold at 10.5c, though 10.85c is the lowest open quotation, and lead only 2.85c with small dealings.

Leather is a shade weaker and hides again lose about 2 per cent for the week. Sales of wool, including some for speculation and some for export, have been, in four weeks, only 9,395,200 pounds, against 23,200,500 pounds last year and 59,155,600 pounds in 1892. Actual quotations are hard to get, but sales to realize are at bargain price and exports of domestic and shipments of foreign are in considerable quantities. No gain is seen in the demand for woolen goods. Cotton shows a stronger tone and in a few qualities slightly better prices, but the change has been in selling from store without disposition to order ahead of current needs.

Speculation in products caused an advance of 1⅝c in wheat, but by Thursday it had been lost, only to rise again and close at nearly the top. Heavy western receipts continue, low as prices are, amounting for four weeks to 18,898,900 bu. against 10,665,298 last year, but begin to be balanced by a gain in exports, which have been for the week 2,054,546 bu., flour included, against 1,379,000 bu. last year, and for four weeks 6,967,178 bu. against 4,268,589 bu. last year. Corn declined on Thursday to 26.25c here and 20.5c at Chicago, which is close to the lowest ever known. Crop advances continue most favorable, but western receipts indicate less willingness to sell at current figures. Cotton has reacted sharply from its advance and there is now little demand.

Failures for the week have been 288 in the United States against 188 last year, and 33 in Canada against 42 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 416,919,851		18.7
Chicago	65,350,018		8.5
Boston	61,859,790		14.7
Philadelphia	54,604,236		8.7
St. Louis	18,227,695		8.7
San Francisco	11,235,543		12.8
Baltimore	10,481,527		3.6
Pittsburg	12,779,617		6.7
Cincinnati	8,438,500		15.6
Kansas City	8,590,184		14.6
New Orleans	7,059,971	11.7	
Buffalo	2,189,424		9.1
Milwaukee	3,657,000	10.9	
Detroit	4,824,736	10.5	
Louisville	4,088,599	11.1	
Minneapolis	8,013,659	30.6	
Omaha	3,570,433	5.6	
Providence	3,408,700	30.8	
Cleveland	5,445,259	12.6	
Houston	3,529,789	47.0	
St. Paul	3,146,413		10.9
Denver	2,680,821		26.0
Indianapolis	2,903,864	1.7	
Columbus, O.	2,682,400		18.6
Hartford	1,619,552		8.5
Richmond	4,516,076		18.3
Washington	1,331,441		9.7
Duluth	476,032		
Dallas	1,988,792	2.1	
St. Joseph	959,000		17.8
Peoria	1,393,156		13.6
Memphis	912,349		2.4
Portland, Ore.	827,552		14.3
Richmond	1,076,027		18.2
New Haven	1,009,289		18.6
Savannah	2,180,875	29.5	
Springfield, Mass.	952,147		14.8
Worcester	992,243		2.8
Portland, Me.	1,050,982		7.0
Atlanta	825,429		
Fort Worth	786,920	19.2	
Waco	526,937	22.1	
Syracuse	599,653		
Des Moines	578,278		8.2
Grand Rapids	659,616		10.8
Seattle	491,790		4.5
Knoxville	375,618		
Lowell	389,259		16.7
Wilmington, Del.	686,400	17.0	
Norfolk	692,127		11.9
Sioux City	315,222		13.2
Los Angeles	795,991		2.4
Tacoma	516,273		4.4
Rockford	183,921	17.2	
Spokane	373,176	25.5	
Jacksonville	187,959	3.8	
Lincoln	233,500	5.5	
New Bedford	301,335		20.2
Wichita	187,247		38.2
Birmingham	337,468		7.4
Topeka	443,695	13.3	
Binghampton	204,657		26.0
Emporia, Kan.	226,400		14.0
Hay City, Mich.	219,356		31.0
Toledo	447,899		28.6
Akron, O.	1,587,962	35.8	
Springfield, O.	220,600		1.8
Canton, O.	115,054		50.0
Sioux Falls	140,093		20.6
Fremont, Neb.	31,226		
Hastings, Neb.	28,956		28.0
Chattanooga	62,922		13.5
Parsons	214,000	1.9	
Nashville	1,154,669	3.1	
Galveston	626,253		2.4
Salt Lake City	4,832,900	28.3	
Scranton	960,400		18.6
Helena	718,656		1.6
Augusta	463,952		35.7
Kalamazoo	571,600	12.5	
Davenport	207,447	3.0	
	573,961		
Totals U. S.	$ 748,684,748		15.6
Exclusive of New York	337,164,717		12.3
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
St. John	$ 549,327		
Montreal	9,504,698		2.1
Toronto	5,802,502	23.8	
Halifax	1,355,901	31.9	
Hamilton	491,188		1.4
Winnipeg	1,249,149	41.0	
Totals	$ 18,403,425	8.9	

Clearings at Augusta, Toledo, Davenport, Dayton, Knoxville, Waco, Houston, Bay City, Fall River, Akron, Springfield, O., Canton, Sioux Falls, Fremont, Hastings, Chattanooga, Fargo, Nashville and Galveston not included in totals.

MUST WAIT TEN WEEKS MORE.

Bradstreet's Says Business Will Not Pick Up Until November.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The volume of general business has not increased within the week. Expectations appear to be brightest at Baltimore, Louisville and Kansas City, which send out more favorable reports as to the quantities of general merchandise sold than any other centers. Early movement of crops is said to be behind the increased orders. Another encouraging influence is found in lower rates for foreign exchange, the movement of $16,000,000 in gold from abroad to the United States and the expression of opinion that not less than $25,000,000 in gold is to be imported in the near future. Conspicuous among checks to trade are greatly increased firmness for money at nearly all financial centers. As at New York, banks of almost all the larger cities report withdrawals of deposits, in many instances by country banks, higher rates for call loans, and at some points the practical refusal to make time loans.

Jobbers and manufacturers report no general increase in demand for staple merchandise. The tendency of the jobber is to let the manufacturer carry stocks, and of the manufacturer to cut down production until necessity compels freer purchases by wholesalers. Trade outside is that little gain in business need be expected until after election.

Merchants in regions where cotton and new wheat are moving freely are somewhat hopeful as to prospects.

The record of this week's business failures in the United States shows a large increase over last week 320, as compared with 266, a gain of 54. Compared with the week a year ago, the increase is 130, and with two years ago the gain is 128. The last week in August, 1893, during the panic, there were 303 failures reported.

Total exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States and from Montreal this week amounted to 3,281,854 bushels, against 2,[illegible],000 bushels last week, 1,871,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 3,420,000 bushels two years ago, and 5,092,000 bushels three years ago.

STOCK CHANGES UNIMPORTANT.

Speculation on Wall Street Has Been Strictly Professional.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Bradstreet's review of the New York stock market tomorrow will say: Changes in stock market values for the past week have, on the whole, been unimportant. The speculation has been of the most strictly professional kind. Commission houses have done, to all appearances, virtually nothing, but the larger operators waited, though at the end of the week there was an appearance of covering, which could only mean that the big bears did not like the situation and that some, at least, among the more prominent chaps of speculators were inclined to take the bull side of the market for a turn. Europe has not been a factor in any true sense. A little alternate selling and buying from that quarter summarizes its operations in our market. The whole speculative situation, in fact, hinged on the action of money and exchange, and on the large importations of gold, which have followed the break in foreign exchange rates. These and other things would seem to be responsible for the improved tone of the stock market and the decidedly more cheerful feeling which is now asserting itself in speculative quarters. No clearing house loan certificates were issued, and it would seem that serious opposition to such action developed in the clearing house, not only because the stronger banks would virtually have to carry the other institutions, but because it is the opinion still held by some that the gold shipments are artificial, Americans claiming the transaction under the best. The Paris bourse was better, closing easier. The Berlin market was steady.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	10¾	N. Y. Central	92
Adams Ex	158	N. Y. & N. E.	29
Am. T. & S. F.	51	Ontario & W.	12
Am. Express	105	Oregon Imp.	½
Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	Oregon Nav.	11
Canada Pacific	57	O. S. L. & U. N.	10
Canada Southern	43½	Pacific Mail	17¾
Central Pacific	13	Peoria Dec. & Evans.	19½
Ches. & Ohio	12¾	Pittsburg	155
Chicago & Alton	159	Pullman Palace	139
C., B. & Q.	80½	Reading	7¾
Chicago Gas	69¾	R. G. W.	15
Consolidated Gas	139	R. G. W. pfd.	40
C., C., C. & St. L.	22¾	Rock Island	54⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	14	St. Paul	73½
Col. & Hock. Coal	8½	do pfd	121½
Delaware & Hud.	116	St. P. & Omaha	34
Del., Lack. & W.	146	do pfd	115
D. & R. G. pfd.	59	Southern Pacific	16¼
East Tenn.	12¼	Sugar Refinery	101½
Erie	26	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16½
do pfd	15	Texas Pacific	5½
Fort Wayne	145	T. & O. Cent. pfd.	50
Hocking Valley	19¾	Union Pacific	14⅞
Illinois Central	86	U. S. Express	30
L. E. & Ft. Smith	24	W. St. L. & P.	5
L. & N.	70	W. St. L. & P. of L.	12¼
L. N. A. & Chicago	74	Wells Fargo Ex.	65
Lake Erie & West	13¾	Western Union	76
do pfd	60	Wheeling & L. E.	5¾
Lake Shore	140	do pfd	21½
Lead Trust	17¾	D. & R. G.	3½
Louisville & N.	39¾	do pfd	23½
L. & N. A.	78	N. L.	12
Manhattan Con.	78⅝	C. F. & I.	19¾
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd	90
Michigan Central	88	T. St. L. & K. C.	4½
Missouri Pacific	16¼	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	16
Mobile & Ohio	16	S. R. R.	7¾
Nashville Chattanooga	68	R. R. R. pfd	17½
National Cordage	3½	Am. Tob. Co.	57
Nat. Cordage pfd	6¼