# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## September Wheat Sells at a Dollar and Then Falls Off on Realizing.

## SEABOARD ENGAGEMENTS A FACTOR

### Rumored Reduction in French Tariff Helps the Bull Crowd—Corn and Oats Weak—Provisions Lower.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—September wheat sold at a dollar today. December came within ¾c of that figure at one time, but declined before the close to 98c, an advance of ½c since yesterday. September closed at 98½c. Strong foreign markets, seaboard engagements and rumors of a reduction in the French wheat tariff were the bullish features, the reaction being caused by realizing sales. Corn declined ¼@⅜c and oats ⅛c. Provisions closed 5@22½c lower on the renewed yellow fever scare in the south.

Wheat was in good demand at the start at about ½c improvement over yesterday's closing price for December and ic for September. For a supposedly defunct deal September exhibited a surprising degree of activity and climbed up to $1 within a minute or two of the opening, when the price was 99¾c. December was decidedly erratic. From 98¼c to 98¼c to begin with, it rose to 98⅝c, turned around and went back again to 98¼c. Then it dropped to 97¾c and rose from that in a gradual way to 99¾c. From the latter point to 99¼c was the work of about twenty minutes and those fluctuations all within the first two hours of the session. The rally was caused primarily by an advance of 1 2-3c in the price at Liverpool at the opening. Paris started 10 centimes lower, but that market closed at an advance of 10 centimes, while Antwerp gained 25 centimes. A cablegram stated there were good prospects of a reduction of 2 francs in the duty of French wheat. This was disputed later, but in the meantime it had caused December to jump to 99¾c. Chicago received 269 cars, only twelve of them contract. Minneapolis and South Dakota reported 400 cars, against 1,423 the corresponding day of the year before. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to about 800,000 bushels. Primary market receipts were 1,538,579 bushels, compared with 1,019,197 bushels the similar day of last year. As was the case in the recent boom in September, the market let had to take a good deal of long grain when the price approached the dollar mark. At 99¼c offerings were very free, much more liberal than the limited demand could absorb, and the consequence was a gradual but steady decline. December first sold down to 98c, where it closed. September closed at 98¼c.

Corn was rather easy. The market opened firm at a slight improvement, the strength of wheat and some bad state crop reports encouraging buyers, but the strength was only temporary. The crowd feared the big government crop figures might look high when issued tonight, which caused considerable selling. The non-appearance of frost in the corn belt also had a weakening influence, but probably the chief reason for the weakness was the growing pressure of the enormous receipts; 1,316 cars were reported today and further country offerings were reported. Atlantic port clearances were 929,000 bushels. Liverpool cables were firm and ⅝d higher. The range for December was between 33⅝c and 33c, the closing price being 33¼c asked.

Oats were firm, notwithstanding the declining tendency of corn. There was an enormous cash demand, sales of about 300,000 bushels being reported and this and a large export business served to sustain prices. Receipts were 429 cars. December ranged from 21⅜c to 21⅜c, closing at 21⅜@21⅜c, a shade under yesterday.

The appearance of new yellow fever cases at New Orleans made a weak provision market. Liquidation was free and stop loss orders appeared on the market. The decline was stopped by support by Swift and other packers, and the close was a little over the bottom. There was weakness on hogs some influence. At the close December pork was 22½c lower at $8.47½. December lard 10c lower at $4.75 and December ribs 5c lower at $4.90.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 215 cars; corn, 1,450 cars; oats, 370 cars; hogs, 14,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yesterday. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat— | | | | | |
| Sept... | 99¾ | 1 00 | 98¼ | 98¼ | 98¼ |
| Dec.... | 98⅛@98¾ | 99¾ | 97¾ | 98 | 97¾ |
| May.... | 98⅜@98¾ | 98¾ | 96¾ | 97 | 97⅝ |
| *Corn— | | | | | |
| Sept.. | 31⅝ | 31⅝ | 31 | 31 | 31½ |
| Dec.... | 33¼@33⅜ | 33⅜ | 33 | 33¼ | 33⅜@33⅝ |
| May.... | 36⅜@36⅝ | 36⅝ | 36¼ | 36¼ | 36½@36⅝ |
| *Oats— | | | | | |
| Sept... | 19⅞ | 20 | 19⅞ | 20 | 20 |
| Dec.... | 21¾ | 21¾ | 21¾ | 21¾ | 21¾@21¾ |
| May.... | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | 23¾ | 24 | 24 |
| Pork— | | | | | |
| Oct.... | 8 55 | 8 55 | 8 35 | 8 42½ | 8 62½ |
| Dec.... | 8 70 | 8 75 | 8 37½ | 8 47½ | 8 70 |
| Lard— | | | | | |
| Oct.... | 4 75 | 4 75 | 4 65 | 4 67½ | 4 75 |
| Dec.... | 4 82½ | 4 82½ | 4 70 | 4 75 | 4 82½ |
| Sh'tRibs | | | | | |
| Sept.... | | | | 5 32½ | 5 47½ |
| Oct.... | 5 45 | 5 47½ | 5 25 | 5 32½ | 5 50 |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm and 15c higher.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 98¼@99½c; No. 3 spring, 93@99c; No. 2 red, 99c@$1.00.

CORN—No. 2, 31c.

OATS—No. 2, 20@20½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22½c; No. 3 white, 21½@22½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 33@46c; No. 4, 28½@28¾c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.01¼@1.07½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.45@8.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.67½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.25@5.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.75; short clear sides (boxed), $5.75@5.87½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $5.84; granulated, $5.21.

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@18c; dairy, 10@15c. Cheese, easy at 8¼@8¾c. Eggs, fresh, 9½c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8c; springs, 9c; ducks, 7@7½c.

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 8,000 | 5,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 172,000 | 339,000 |
| Corn, bu | 781,000 | 625,000 |
| Oats, bu | 427,000 | 369,000 |
| Rye, bu | 8,000 | |
| Barley, bu | 40,000 | 8,000 |

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

### Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,751 bbls.; exports, 12,154 bbls. Market quiet but firm at a slight advance; Minnesota patents, $5.50@6.10; Minnesota, bakers', $4.75@5.00; winter straits, $4.90@5.15. Rye flour, firm.

CORNMEAL—Quiet.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 32c c. i. f. Buffalo; car lots, 50@52c.

BARLEY—Steady.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,450 bu.; exports, 274,271 bu. spot, quiet. Options opened strong on higher cables and foreign buying; weakened under realizing, rallied on reported reduction of French duty, but declined and closed weak in consequence of disappointing export demand at ⅛@¼c net loss. No. 2 red May, $1.00½@1.02⅝, closed $1.00⅝; September, $1.03 15-16@1.05⅜, closed $1.04⅛; December, $1.01@1.03, closed $1.01⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 177,600 bu.; exports, 219,815 bu. Sales, 330,000 bu., futures, 129,000 bu. spot. Spot, easy; No. 2, 36¾c. Options opened firm with wheat, but weakened under improved crop news and closed ⅝c decline; September, 36⅜@36¾c, closed 36⅝c; December, 33¾@33⅞c, closed 33½c.

OATS—Receipts, 122,000 bu.; exports, 22,854 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 25c. Options dull but steady, with spot closing ¼c net advance, September closed 22c, December closed 22c.

HAY—Weak; shipping, $4.00@4.50; good to choice, $5.00@5.50.

HOPS—Quiet; 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@8c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 15@16½; Buenos Ayres, nominal; Texas dry, 12¼@13c; California, 17c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Receipts, 5,107 pkgs.; quiet; western creamery, 12@18c; Elgins, 18c; factory, 8@12c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,701 pkgs.; quiet, large, white, 8c; small, white, 9½c; large, colored, 8½c; small, colored, 9½c; part skims, 6½@7c; full skims, 2½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,666 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 17@18c; western, 16c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $8.00@10.50; beef hams, $27.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 7½c; pickled shoulders, 5¼c; pickled hams, 9½@9¾c. Lard, easier; western steam, $5.12½; refined, easy. Pork, steady.

OILCottonseed, quiet; yellow, 27½@28¼c. Petroleum, quiet; Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally, 85c. Rosin, steady; strained common to good, $1.45@1.50. Turpentine, steady, 30½@31c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6¼c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25@31c.

METALS—According to metal exchange report pig warrants closed firmer at $8.90@7.00; lake copper, quiet at $11.10@11.75; tin, quiet, $13.75@13.75; spelter, quiet, $4.25@4.30; lead, quiet at $4.35@4.40. The firm fixing the selling price for leading miners and smelters in the west calls the lead market strong at $4.

### Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 10.—FLOUR—Dull; receipts, 6,661 bbls.; exports, 14,810 bbls.

WHEAT—Firmer. Spot, $1.03¾@1.03⅝; month, $1.03¾@1.03⅝; December, $1.04@1.04⅛; steamer, No. 2 red, 99@99¼c; receipts, 180,074 bu.; exports 149,910 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 98c@$1.04⅛; on grade, $1.00@1.00¼.

CORN—Quiet. Spot and month, 36½@36¾c; November, order new or old, 37c; receipts, 154,229 bu.; exports, 229,358 bu; southern white corn, 37@38c; southern yellow, 38@39c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 24¼c bid; No. 2 mixed, 22@22½c; receipts, 23,778 bu.; exports, 20,600 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 54@54¼c; receipts, 4,426 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet; demand slow and unchanged.

BUTTER—Dull.

EGGS—Weak and quiet.

CHEESE—Quiet and unchanged.

### OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

#### Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, weak at 12@12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½@8c; choice to fancy, 10@12c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; cocks, 3@4c; spring chickens, per lb., 6½@7c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6@8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@50c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $6; midland, $5.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best, only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sales new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

#### VEGETABLES.

CANTALOUPES—Per doz., 35@50c.

TOMATOES—Per half bu. basket, 40@50c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@60c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, 1c.

WATERMELONS—Crated, per doz., $1.35@1.50.

#### FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., $1.60@1.85.

NATIVE PLUMS—Per basket, 20@35c.

GRAPES—California, $1.25@1.50.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per ½ bu., 50@60c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Per case, Crawfords, 80@85c; clings, 70@75c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartlett, per case, $1.75 @1.80; Buerre Hardy, $1.60@1.80.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per case, $1.00@1.25.

HOME GROWN GRAPES—Per basket, 12c.

#### TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $4.

LEMONS—Messinas, $4.50; choice California, $4.00@4.50.

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

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

PIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 3 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 12@15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.25; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $2.50.

#### FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 9c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 6½c; fair cows, 5¾c; common cows, 5¼c; cow forequarters, 4½@5c; cow hindquarters, 7½@8c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 6c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 5c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½@5c; steer plates, 3c; cow plates, 2½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins No. 1, 14c; loins No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 6½c; rump butts, off, 8½c; trimmings, 4c; beef, shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 2c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 13c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage, butts, 6c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 6c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, tierced, rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 1½c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each, 5c; cauterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 5c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c.

### St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—FLOUR—Unchanged; patents, $3.10@3.20; straights, $4.75@4.85; clear, $4.20 @4.40; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Unsettled; closing with September ⅛c and December ¼c higher, and May ⅜c lower, compared with yesterday; December opened ⅝c higher, declined ⅜c, advanced 1⅛c, and then went down to weakness, closing with buyers ⅝c above the bottom. September, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.01; track, $1.00¾@1.02; No. 2 hard cash, 93@95c, track; September, $1.00½; December, $1.00⅜; May, $1.00⅝ asked.

CORN—Market closed within ⅛c of the bottom and ⅝@⅞c lower than yesterday. Spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 29¾c; September, 29⅝c; December, 30½c; May, 32½c.

OATS—Futures firm and bids higher, but there was no trading, as offerings to sell and bids were too far apart. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 21c; track, 21c; No. 2 white, 22½@23c; September, 20¼c bid; December, 21¼c bid; May, 23⅝c bid.

RYE—Steady at 50c bid.

BARLEY—Nominal.

TIMOTHY SEED—Strong at $1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Firm; east track, sacked, 51c, f. o. b.; this side, 52c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.03.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.63.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $4.00@6.50; timothy, $6.50@ 9.00.

BUTTER—Slow; creamery, 14@18½c; dairy, 8@ 15c.

EGGS—Higher at 10½c.

WHISKY—$1.21.

POULTRY—Chickens strong; old hens, 6½c; springs, 9c; ducks, springs, 8c; geese, springs, 6c; turkeys, springs, 7@7½c.

METALS—Lead, lower at $4.25@4.30. Spelter, dull at $4.05.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, new, $9; old, $8.25. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.55; choice, $4.60. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear and ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.87½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $5.50; extra short clear and ribs, $6.25; shorts, $6.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 141,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 54,000 bu.; corn, 70,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

### Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—COFFEE—Options steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points down, dull throughout the morning, following unsatisfactory advices. Buying checked by heavy Brazilian receipts and lack of outside support; in the afternoon quiet and featureless, closed steady net unchanged to 5 points decline. Sales, 9,500 bags, including September $5.90, December $6.05, March $5.60. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, $6.75; No. 7 jobbing, $7.25. Mild, dull; Cordova, $10.50@16.33 1-3. Sales, 750 bags. Santos, No. 9 afloat, 8@12½.

SANTOS, Sept. 10.—COFFEE—Steady; good Santos, 7,700 reis; receipts, three days, 82,000 bags; stock, 920,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Sept. 10.—COFFEE—Opened ¼ pfg lower; closed unchanged; sales, 10,000 bags.

RIO JANEIRO, Sept. 10.—COFFEE—Steady. No. 7 Rio, 7,500 reis; exchange, 8d; receipts, 26,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 5,000 bags; for Europe, 11,000 bags; stock, 47,000 bags.

HAVRE, Sept. 10.—COFFEE—Closed steady at ¼f net decline. Sales, 15,000 bags.

### Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 10.—WHEAT—Hard, 1@2c higher; receipts active; 300 bu.; no. 1 hard, 92c; No. 2, 80@92c; No. 3, 86½@89c; No. 4, 84½@85c; No. 2 soft, 96½@97c, one car poor, 94c; No. 3, 93@94c; mixed, 91c; No. 4, 88c; No. 2 spring, 88c; No. 3, 86c.

CORN—Weak, rather slow; No. 2 mixed, 27@ 27½c.

OATS—About steady; No. 2 white, 20c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 46½c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $7.50; choice prairie, $5.25.

BUTTER—Active and strong; creamery, 13½@ 15½c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Dull and ½c lower; Kansas and Missouri stock, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 249,000 bu.; corn, 37,700 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 285,000 bu.; corn, 36,400 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

### New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 10.—PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, old, 8½c. Lard, refined, tierce, 4¾c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 5½@c; sides, 6¼c. Bacon, clear ribs sides, 6¾c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 8¾@9½c.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, $9.00@10.00. FLOUR—Steady; extra fancy, $4.70@4.80; patents, $5.15@5.20.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet at 65c.

HAY—Quiet; prime, $12.00@13.00; choice, $14.00@ 15.00.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 sacked, white, 28@29c; mixed, 38@39c; yellow, 40c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 sacked, 25½c.

RICE—Firm; ordinary to good, 4@4¾c.

### Sugar Markets.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—SUGAR—Muscovado, 9s 6d. Beet Sugar, September, 9s 2¼d; October, 9s.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; refining, 3¾c; centrifugal, 3⅞c; refined, steady; No. 6, 4¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 10.—SUGAR—Open kettle, quiet at 2¼@3¾c; centrifugal, strong; granulated 4¾@4 9-16c; white, 3 15-16@4 1-16c; yellow, 3½@4c; seconds, 3@3¼c.

### Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Sept. 10.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 30c. OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 22½c.

WHISKY—Market firm; basis for finished goods, $1.21.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 71,150 bus.; oats, 41,500 bus.; rye and whisky, none; wheat, 500 bus.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 25,500 bus.; oats, 25,500 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 1,157 bbls.; wheat, none.

### Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 10.—PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, 58s.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, western winter, firm, 8s 1d; No. 1 red, northern spring, firm, 8s 9½d.

CORN—American mixed, spot, new, steady, 2s 3½d; American mixed, old, steady, 3s 3½d; October, steady, 2s 3½d; November, steady, 3s 6¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis, fancy winter, steady, 10s 6d.

### Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—BUTTER—Quiet, but steady; fancy western creamery, 17c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 17c; fresh western, 16½c.

CHEESE—Steady.

### San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, $1.07½.

# BUSINESS GROWING BETTER

## No Halting in Its Advance Noted During Past Week.

## INCREASE IN PRODUCTION IS STEADY

### Thirty-Four Per Cent More Men at Work Than One Year Ago—Wheat Goes Up Five Cents.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade in its issue tomorrow will say:

There is no halting in the advance. Business grows better in all ways, for while its speculative end broke conspicuous gamblers for a decline, a steady increase in production, in working force and in the power of the people to purchase is the feature which overshadows all others. Reports of New York trade unions show an increase since one year ago of 54 per cent in the number of men at work and a similar increase among men in like position throughout the country would exceed 340,000, while every week adds many establishments to the active list. The coal miners' strike has disclosed such facts, and brought to light such differences, that work will probably be very soon resumed by a large share of the men. The farmers are helped by higher prices for wheat, and while western receipts do not show that they have marketed a tenth of their crops, assurance of a handsome profit to come prepares them to buy liberally hereafter. Because of this and the increase of hands at work, dealers throughout the country have started replenishing stocks, which is the great force at present operating in manufactures and trade, though distribution by retail trade has greatly increased.

A gain of 12 per cent in one month in the output of pig iron, from 165,378 tons, August 1, to 185,107 tons, September 1, is noteworthy, more than half a dozen other furnaces are preparing to resume, and that unsold stocks have been reduced 14,400 tons weekly in August, indicating a consumption of about 190,000 tons more, explains the moderate advance in prices of finished products. Pig is a shade stronger at Chicago, but the proof that the advance is healthy is found in the growing demands of consumers, especially for bars, with inquiries for 200,000 tons reported at Chicago, for structural work, including 12,000 tons for Santa Fe shops, and for other heavy materials, including 10,000 axles, and for plates, especially for ship yards on the lakes, so that most prices have advanced $1 per ton. Copper is steady and lead a shade stronger at 4.35 cents, and the production of coke rose to reached 240,000 tons, with 12,717 ovens in operation.

Wheat has risen 5 cents the last week, not in a flurry, but in answer to thedaily increasing foreign demand. Though reports of the crop, now almost wholly out of danger, indicate a yield never surpassed but once, foreign accounts still present the belief that the deficiency abroad will be about 100,000,000 bushels more than usual and meanwhile reports indicate that less corn than was expected will be available for export. Its price has risen about ⅝ of a cent, while that of wheat exceeds 5 cents. Chicago has been breaking records, receipts at all the western points are for the week a little below last year's, but Atlantic exports, 9,778,138 bushels, flour included, against 4,270,705 bushels last year for two weeks, with 5,579,771 bushels of corn, against 3,570,255 bushels, indicate a heavy demand apparently limited at present only by ship room.

Since the small corner in August, cotton has relapsed to 7½ cents, no rumors affecting prices much. Northern mills are consuming largely, with a continuing demand for goods which has advanced the prices of many. With enormous speculative sales of wool, which appear to constitute most of the market at Boston, there is also more buying there and elsewhere by the woolen mills, which are enjoying extraordinary demand for goods at prices averaging not 1c per cent higher than was paid early in the year. The average advance for the week in sureties has been $1.12 per share for railroads and 79 cents for trusts.

Failures for the week have been 215 in the United States, against 215 last year, and thirty-three in Canada, against forty-seven last year.

## WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

### Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at eighty-seven cities for the week ended September 9 with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

| CITIES. | Clearings. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | $ 670,060,623 | 59.5 | |
| Boston | 88 184 57 | 36.8 | |
| Chicago | 12,141 141 | 26.7 | |
| Philadelphia | 58,447 094 | 28.3 | |
| Boston | 26,509,679 | 5.3 | |
| Pittsburg | 13,917,224 | 4.1 | |
| Baltimore | 18,5 4,132 | 55.4 | |
| San Francisco | 13,2 5,091 | 29.4 | |
| Cincinnati | 10 7 2 940 | 13.5 | |
| Kansas City | 10 065 3 | 21.5 | |
| New Orleans | 5,0 893 | | 21.6 |
| Minneapolis | 7,910,205 | 43.2 | |
| Detroit | 5,624 068 | 38.4 | |
| Cleveland | 5 48,9 9 | | 13.3 |
| Louisville | 5,346,123 | 17.5 | |
| Providence | 3,952,000 | 16.2 | |
| Milwaukee | 4 338 172 | 8.5 | |
| St. Paul | 3,314,585 | | |
| Buffalo | 4,075,331 | 21.4 | |
| Omaha | 4,0 3,425 | 14.4 | |
| Indianapolis | 5,134,241 | 77.8 | |
| Columbus, O. | 2,875,500 | 5.9 | |
| Savannah | 2,134 123 | | 36.9 |
| Denver | 2,129 717 | 23.3 | |
| Hartford | 2,150 787 | 48.1 | |
| Richmond | 2,345,176 | 59.9 | |
| Memphis | 1,246,473 | | 4.4 |
| Washington | 1,579,187 | 8.7 | |
| Peoria | 1,057,488 | 19.5 | |
| Rochester | 1,276,865 | | 48.6 |
| New Haven | 1,422,152 | 27.0 | |
| Worcester | 1,101,197 | 14.2 | |
| Atlanta | 1,1 4,6 | | 8.2 |
| Salt Lake City | 1,215,905 | 45.8 | |
| Springfield, Mass. | 1,3 2 76 | 19.7 | |
| Portland, Me. | 1,250,401 | 7.4 | |
| Portland, Ore. | 1,2 4 54 | 91.1 | |
| St. Joseph | 1 711 325 | 5.8 | |
| Los Angeles | 1,200,877 | 40.3 | |
| Norfolk | 6 5,458 | | 19.6 |
| Syracuse | 1 1 0 | | |
| Des Moines | 939,761 | 57.4 | |
| Nashville | 1,0 8,097 | 37.5 | |
| Wilmington, Del. | 977,993 | | |
| Fall River | 808 821 | 53.6 | |
| Scranton | 1,5,528 | | 11.1 |
| Grand Rapids | 860,166 | 32.0 | |
| Augusta, Ga. | 748,673 | 39.9 | |
| Lowell | 756,25 | 25.2 | |
| Dayton, O. | 5 4,5 1 | 7.0 | |
| Seattle | 7 0,822 | 65.1 | |
| Tacoma | 5 9,778 | 40.0 | |
| Spokane | 10 ,238 | 26.4 | |
| Sioux City | 6 3,721 | 103.8 | |
| New Bedford | 2 0,225 | 11.4 | |
| Knoxville, Tenn. | 5 8,3 8 | 49.8 | |
| Topeka | 4 2,7 8 | 23.5 | |
| Birmingham | 3 5,1 6 | 30.0 | |
| Wichita | 2 9,0 6 | 13.9 | |
| Binghampton | 3 5,4 0 | 38.4 | |
| Lincoln | 2 2,7 8 | 59.1 | |
| Lexington, Ky. | 3 3,8 4 | 25.6 | |
| Jacksonville, Fla. | 1 5 ,4 7 | | 45.8 |
| Kalamazoo | 2 3,0 4 | 25.8 | |
| Akron | 2 2,0 0 | 2.7 | |
| Bay City | 2 0,2 8 | 1.9 | |
| Chattanooga | 2 4,0 1 | | |
| Rockford, Ill. | 1 2,9 8 | 6.1 | |
| Canton, O. | 1 4 ,5 0 | | 10.5 |
| Springfield, O. | 2 0,5 6 | 45.5 | |
| Fargo, N. D. | 8 9,5 8 | | 63.0 |
| Sioux Falls, S. D. | 5 7,7 7 | 4.0 | |
| Hastings, Neb. | 1 1 ,4 2 | 37.5 | |
| Fremont, Neb. | 9 0,0 7 | 73.6 | |
| Davenport | 7 4 ,5 2 | 51.1 | |
| Toledo | 1,5 6,4 6 | 17.9 | |
| Galveston | 5,0 2,5 0 | | |
| Houston | 6,6 2 ,5 8 | | 4.0 |
| Waco | 1,3 5,3 1 | 41.9 | |
| Youngstown | 2 3,6 5 | | |
| Totals, U. S. | $1,104,6 0,6 0 | 45.6 | |
| Totals outside N. Y. | 4 4,5 0,0 7 | 28.4 | |

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | $ 11,9 6,1 6 | 34.5 | |
| Toronto | 6,4 4,4 2 | 25.4 | |
| Winnipeg | 1,4 7,2 5 | 48.1 | |
| Halifax | 1,0 1,1 1 | | |
| Hamilton | 5 9,8 0 | | 6.1 |
| St. John, N. B. | 9 7,6 7 | 1.8 | |
| Totals | $ 22,1 4,4 1 | 30.8 | |

## BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

### Improvement in Business Noted All Along the Line.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Bradstreet's will tomorrow say:

The business week has been marked by a continuation of comparatively free buying by jobbing and commission merchants, in anticipation of future wants at almost all important distributing points. A number of centering special rate excursions of merchants have assisted the week's volume of business, notwithstanding the intervention of a holiday. Speculative interest and the strength of wool remain the features of that market. Cotton fabrics have improved their position in view of increased demand and cheaper raw material. There has been a falling off in general trade in portions of the South, due in part to the unwillingness of planters to sell cotton at its present price. But at central western points, notably Chicago and St. Louis, business has been active. Western iron and steel mills are practically independent of buyers for the remainder of the calendar year.

The August advance in prices for more than 100 staple raw and manufactured articles, products, live stock, etc., amount to 3.4 per cent, following a 3.1 per cent advance in July. During the first six months of the calendar year prices referred to fell away about 2.6 per cent.

Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States and Montreal, show a falling off from last week, but are still very large aggregating 5,641,506 bu. With the exception of last week, when the total exports aggregated 6,268,247, they were the largest for any week this year, and compared with exports in the like week a year ago of 3,729,141, in 1895 of 1,810,039, in 1894 of 2,897,000 and 1893 of 2,587,000 bu.

Corn exports are the largest for any week since last spring, aggregating 4,493,348 bu., against 2,658,000 last year, 649,000 in 1895, 69,000 in 1896 and 59,000 in 1895.

There were 173 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, against 182 last week, 208 in the week of last year, 213 two years ago, 223 three years ago and as compared with 200 in the like week of September, 1893. There are thirty-two business failures reported from the Dominion of Canada this week, compared with thirty last week, forty-one in the week a year ago, twenty two years ago and as contrasted with thirty-six in the like week of 1893.

## REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

### Effective Bull Leadership and Active Buying Are Features.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—In its review of the stock market Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

The stock market continues to be active and high and excited. Public participation in the buying is on a very large scale, and the market has effective bull leadership. London has been a seller of stocks, though at the close of the week speculative purchases for foreign account were again noted. The professional element has several times endeavored to create a reaction. Such attempts resulted, however, in little beyond fractional losses, though the market gives some evidence of overbuying, and of the distribution of many stocks in the hands of weak people or of operators whose disposition is to overspeculate.

In spite of this, there was no liquidation, and at declines a decided demand for stocks asserts itself. The principal speculative event of the week was the declaration on Thursday by the St. Paul company of an extra dividend of 1 per cent in addition to the usual semi-annual. This action was followed by a rise in St. Paul to 101¾, and Burlington's price followed this example on the next day. St. Paul's course went far to overcome any disappointment due to the failure of the sugar company to declare either an extra dividend or increase on the regular rate. A leading bullish force in the market has been the increase of railroad earnings.

## STOCKS AND BONDS.

### Market Irregularly Strong in Spite of Realizing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Today's market was strong almost without variation, but in an irregular degree in different parts of the list. Realizing sales at one time depressed the average price a fraction below last night's close, the extreme net decline being shown by Louisville, ⅝ per cent; New Jersey Central, ¾ per cent; Missouri Pacific, ¾ per cent, and Northern Pacific preferred, ⅜ per cent. In addition there were some sharp declines from the best before the close, but the net advance in the list throughout the list are more noticeable in view of these facts. There was little news of a special character beyond what was confirmatory of facts already known. Much importance continues to be attached to the declaration of the extra dividend by St. Paul yesterday and the good influence of this was manifest in the improved buying for London account today. This helped to keep the price of Chicago Gas firm all day and advanced Union Pacific 1⅝ per cent. Burlington, although it closed ¾ per cent under the best, shows a net gain of over a point, and Rock Island, 1¼ per cent. Sugar advanced at one time nearly 3 points and its allied line, Northwestern, 2½ points, falling back somewhat at the close. Burlington's crossing the par line was greeted with enthusiasm. In the southwestern group, Kansas and Texas Pacific led with an extreme advance of 2¼ per cent and a net gain of 1⅜ per cent. In the Vanderbilt group, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis gained 1⅜ per cent, and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western 1 per cent. Dealers in investment issues, except Chesapeake & Ohio, which continued exceptionally heavy. The large earnings reported and in prospect from the enormous movement of grain had to do with the strength of all these stocks. Trading was of unusual proportions during most of the day on account of the disappointing dullness which continues in the anthracite trade. This encouraged some short selling and a sharp rise of 2½ points in New Jersey Central in the afternoon indicated the distress of the shorts and rallied some of the other coilers. The heaviness in Louisville was probably due to a recurrence of apprehension over the yellow fever epidemic. In miscellaneous specialties notable gains were registered by Western Union, Brooklyn Transit on large increase of traffic, National Lead, Leather Preferred, Rubber United (as