THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 27, 1893.

Ashes, pkgs	16	Crude turp., bbls	24
Beans, bbls	506	Spirits turp., bbls	497
Beans, bags	1,154	Rosin, bbls	1,723
Cotton, bales	13,722	Tar, bbls	70
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,960	Pitch, bbls	25
Copper, bbls	500	Oil, cake, pkgs	1,724
Copper, cakes	2,524	Oil, bbls	500
Dried fruit, pkgs	2,095	Oil, lard, bbls	100
Eggs, bbls	74	Oil, lub., bbls	60
Eggs, cases	5,726	Oleo. stock, pkgs	952
Flour, pkgs	70,458	Pork, pkgs	1,901
Buckwheat, bush	775	Beef, pkgs	439
R. W. flour, pkgs	221	Cutmeats, pkgs	4,576
Cornmeal, bbls	475	Dressed hogs, No	7
Cornmeal, bags	3,216	Lard, pkgs	2,231
Oatmeal, bbls	120	Lard, kegs	4,997
Wheat, bush	133,800	Butter, pkgs	6,537
Corn, bush	237,600	Cheese, pkgs	4,462
Oats, bush	142,800	Hops, pkgs	1,505
Rye, bush	800	Raisins, Cal., pkgs	3,172
Malt, bush	6,300	Silk, pkgs	1,095
Barley, bush	48,460	Skins, boles	18
Peas, bush	2,750	Specter, pieces	789
Hay, tons	2,370	Sugar, bbls	29
Straw, tons	50	Tallow, pkgs	77
Grass seed, bags	2,102	Tea, pkgs	262
Grease, pkgs	39	Tin, pigs	222
Hides, bales	1,994	Tobacco, hhds	42
Hops, bales	1,455	Tobacco, pkgs	49
Leather, sides	19,533	Whiskey, bbls	1,317
Lead, pigs	9,405	Wool, bales	509
Molasses, bbls	2,081	Cat. wine, pkgs	2,068
Mustard seed, bags	451		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	109,666	Cornmeal, bbls	517
Corn, bush	45,823	Lubr. oil, gals	138,030
Peas, bush	1,357	Pork, bbls	1,349
Flour, bbls	5,422	Hams, lb	22,000
Flour, sacks	38,879	Beef, tcs	320
Beans, bush	258	Bacon, lb	2,225,800
Feed, lb	69,000	Lard, lb	1,385,250
Oatmeal, pkgs	200	Cheese, lb	214,000
Hay, bales	10,402	Grease, lb	209,000
Ref. petrol'm, gals	3,001,010	Butter, lb	23,650
Grass seed, bags	3,035	Tallow, lb	67,500
Cottonseed oil, gals	71,604	Lard oil, gals	920
Oil cake, lb	936,000		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry		Molasses, prime new	35
Penn	$14 00	Turpentine	29
So. Grey Forge	11 50	Lard, prime West'n	$8 50
Copper, lake ingot	10¼	Pickled hams	9
Coffee, No 7	18⅝	Pork, mess	13 75
Steel rails	24 00	Tallow, prime city	5
Lead	3 20	Sugar, granulated	4½
Tin, spot	20 65	Beef, family	14 00
Coal, stove	4 35	Beef hams	15 50
Cotton, middling	7 13-16	Hops, dressed, 1893	67
Minneapolis patents	$3 75	Butter, Western creamery,	
Wheat, No 2 red	65	fancy	27½@28
Oats, No 2 mixed	33	Cheese, large, fancy	11¾@11½
Corn, No 2 mixed	42¼	Eggs, best Western	25@25½

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 27, 1893.

COTTON—The cotton market opened with prices 5 to 8 points lower. There was a further recession of 1 to 2 points, followed by a reaction of 4 points, and after that the market pursued a zig-zag course, finishing steady in tone, with prices showing 3 to 5 points net decline as compared with yesterday's closing figures. Spots were dull, with prices weaker and lower. Sales were 200 bales. The business done on spot and for future delivery was of a very limited character, and the market was dull and weak throughout the session, under pressure of the continued large movement, which surprises the most sanguine bear. The bulls claim that the price discounts a crop of 7,750,000 bales. This is Neill's estimate, but nearly all the other authorities are much below him, and the curious fact is that the best-informed authorities are giving us the lowest estimates. But even these are much at variance, and include Shepperson, Bradstreet's and Latham, Alexander & Co., in the neighborhood of 6,750,000 bales to Atwood, Violett & Co., who do not change their estimate of 7,400,000 bales. These are all well-informed authorities. So far as the movement itself goes, however, it strongly confirms Neill's estimate or even more than his estimate. It only remains for about 2,530,000 bales to come in sight for the rest of the crop to confirm his figures. There must, indeed, be an abrupt falling off in the movement to justify the present popular estimates of below 7,000,000. So often, however, has the South deceived the North as to data, it will not be surprising if this year does not prove that correspondents have led Shepperson, Bradstreet's, Latham, Alexander & Co. and even Atwood, Violett & Co. to form wrong conclusions. The latter authority say with reference to their own figure (7,400,000 bales): "We incline decidedly to the belief that the crop will fall below our estimate." The market continues to act as if the large crop theories were not accepted, and in view of the movement has shown surprising stability to-day. The information as to the lineage of this crop includes the Agricultural Department's average of 150 pounds of lint per acre; Latham, Alexander & Co.'s estimate of 165 pounds per acre, with Bradstreet's estimating about the same production of lint, and lastly, Atwood, Violett & Co.'s average estimated at 166½ pounds per acre. To sustain Neill's figures, it would require 175 pounds per acre to make a crop of 7,000,000 of average weight per bale. Thus it would require 195 pounds of lint per acre to justify Neill's estimate of 7,750,000 bales. The future of the market turns on the future movement, and the bulls insist upon believing that with the beginning of the new year there will be an abrupt falling off in receipts. The estimated receipts for this week, 270,000 bales, against 290,000 bales last week and 160,000 bales last year. New-Orleans receipts for to-morrow are estimated at 13,000 to 14,000 bales, against 11,896 bales last week and 12,201 bales last year.

Opening, range, and close to-day, and closing bids the previous night and last year follow:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. To-day.	Last night.	Last year.
December	7.35	7.41	7.40	7.41@7.42	7.48	9.04
January	7.39	7.47	7.40	7.45@7.46	7.48	9.06
February	7.53	7.56	7.52	7.54@7.55	7.58	9.18
March	7.61	7.66	7.61	7.65@7.66	7.68	9.29
April	7.72	7.75	7.69	7.71@7.72	7.76	9.39
May	7.79	7.83	7.77	7.80@	7.84	10.08
June	7.88	7.90	7.85	7.87@7.89	7.92	10.17
July	7.95	7.97	7.93	7.95@7.96	7.98	10.24
August	8.00	8.01	8.00	7.99@8.01	8.05	10.28

Market closed steady; transferrible orders issued at December, 7.70; January, 7.50. Spot cotton—The market for spot cotton was dull. Quotations: Middling upland, 7 13-16c; middling Gulf, 8 1-16c. Sales, 227,100 bales. Rates on and off middling at which grades other than middling may be delivered on contract: Fair, ⅛c on; middling fair, ⅛c on; strict good middling, ⅛c on; good middling, 3-16c on; low middling, 7-16 off; strict good ordinary, 13-16c off; good ordinary, 1¼c off; good middling tinged, even; strict middling stained, 7-32c off; middling stained, 7-16c off; strict low middling stained, 29-32c off; low middling, stained, 1⅜c. New-York net receipts, 1,932 bales; gross, 13,722 bales; exports, Continent, 1,792 bales; forwarded, 3,652 bales; stock, 220,931 bales. Total net port receipts to-day, 69,348 bales. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 5,922 bales; France, 11,161 bales; Continent, 11,909 bales. Consolidated net port receipts for this week, 190,881 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 32,179 bales; France, 16,514 bales; Continent, 17,864 bales; total, 65,277 bales; stock, 1,255,103 bales. Liverpool cable—Cotton—Moderate business at easier prices. Sales, 10,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales; American, 8,000 bales; receipts since last report, 7,000 bales; American, 75,655 bales; middling fair, 4 11-16; good middling, 4⅜; American middling, 4 5-16d; low middling, 4⅛; good ordinary, 4; ordinary, 3 13-16; futures opened for a steady; demand moderate at from 4-64 to 6-64 decline from Friday, closed easy at from 5-64 to 7-64 net declines as compared with Friday's closing figures. December-January, 4.08c; January-February, 4.06@4.07; February-March, 4.08; March-April, 4.10c; April-May, 4 11-64@4 12-64; May-June, 4 13-64d; June-July, 4 15-64d; July-August, 4.17c; December, 4.06c.

COFFEE—The market opened inactive, with prices from unchanged to 15 points advance. The sales on the first call reached 1,500 bags, at 12 m 4,000 bags, and at 2 p m 12,000 bags, including December, 16.75@16.75; January at 17.10; February at 16.70; March at 16.35; May at 15.90; July at 15.45, and September at 15.20. The improvement was based on a local demand to cover, prompted by the strong market for spot coffee: No 7 Rio being quoted 18⅝@18¾c, and not much offering at that. The foreign advices cut some figure as a bull influence. Havre being ½fr c higher; London 3@6d higher, and Hamburg 4@5 pf higher. Receipts, 7,000 bags, against Brazil; the last called Rio quiet at 15 3-100 for No 7; 10% for exchange; receipts, 9,000 bags, and stock, 204,000 bags. The latest Santos advices reported the Santos market quiet, with good average quoted 15 9-700; receipts, 5,000 bags, and stock, 1,738,000 bags. There has been some fair local buying on Investment account. The market for contract closed steady, and 5 to 15 points higher to unchanged to 5 lower. The sales were 11,750 bags, as follows:

	Sales, bags.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closed To-day.	Last year bids.
December	4,250	17.20	17.05	17.05@17.10	15.00
January	1,750	17.10	17.10	17.07@17.10	15.10
February	2,000	16.70	16.70	16.65@16.75	15.95
March	2,000	16.35	16.35	16.30@16.35	15.90
April	...	...	...	16.05@16.15	15.80
May	500	15.90	15.90	15.85@15.90	15.70
June	...	...	...	15.60@15.65	15.60
July	250	15.45	15.45	15.40@15.45	15.65
August	...	...	...	15.20@15.30	15.65
September	750	15.10	15.20	...@...	15.65

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	Today.	Yesterday.	Last year.
Stock, New-York	107,976	117,112	167,720
Stock, Baltimore	23,263	24,596	18,504
Stock, New-Orleans	26,500	26,855	26,429
Stock, United States	157,825	168,463	209,653
Afloat for United States	262,000	262,000	422,000
Visible supply	419,825	430,463	631,653
Warehouse deliveries, N. Y.	9,140	Holiday	3,876
Warehouse deliveries, Balt.	1,263	Holiday	175
Warehouse deliveries, N. O.	265	Holiday	367
Total warehouse deliveries	10,668	Holiday	4,418

Brazil coffee on spot ruled quiet but somewhat firmer, in sympathy with the steady uplift in the price of contract coffee. Sales were 2,000 bags Rio No. 7, per Herschel, 18¾c; 1,750 bags Rio No 7, per Manitoba, 18c, and 1,500 bags Rio No 9, per Manitoba, 17c.

Mild coffee is firm but rather quiet. Cordova is still quoted at 20@20½c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The flour market was again in the same old state of depression, with prices at the close showing practically no change of interest for the day. Spring wheat patents to buy are held at $4 on a good many brands, although to sell these does not seem to be much prospect of market above $3 75. Total sales to-day were 6,260 pkgs, including 150 bbls winter patents at $3 60; 600 bbls straights at $3@3 10; 3,000 bbls city mills clears at private terms; 500 bbls extra 1s at $2 50@$2 60; 300 bbls extra 2s at $2 35@$2 40; 1,200 bbls spring patents at $3 85@$4; 300 bbls clears at $2 60; 150 bbls spring patents at $2 50. Southern flour was dull. ..... BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Market is neglected; sales were only in jobbing lots at $2 85@$2 90. ..... RYE FLOUR—The market was dull. Sales, 200 bbls, at $2 85@$2 90. Quotations follow:

	Spring. Sacks.	Spring. Barrels.	Winter. Sacks.	Winter. Barrels.
No grade	$1 60@$1 70	...@...	$1 65@$1 75	...@...
Fine	1 70@1 75	...@...	1 80@1 90	1 90@2 00
Sup'fine	1 75@1 85	...@...	2 00@2 10	2 15@2 25
Ex No 2	1 85@2 00	2 00@2 20	2 10@2 25	2 30@2 40
Ex No 1	2 10@2 25	2 20@2 40	2 30@2 45	2 45@2 60
Clear	2 20@2 50	2 40@2 70	2 50@2 65	2 70@2 90
Straight	2 70@2 85	3 00@3 50	2 70@2 90	3 00@3 15
Mich do	...@...	...@...	...@...	3 00@3 10
Patent	3 20@3 40	3 50@3 90	...@...	3 90@4 00
City mills, West India grades	...@...	...@...	3 00@3 10	3 60@3 65
De patents	...@...	...@...	4 15@4 25	...@...
Pure rye	...@...	...@...	2 85@2 95	...@...
Mixed rye	...@...	...@...	2 70@2 85	...@...

CORNMEAL—The market is quiet and heavy. Yellow Western, $2 55@$2 70; Brandywine, $2 70; Sagamore, $2 70; Southern white, in bags, $1 15@$1 25. ..... BAG MEAL—Quiet. Quotations: Fine white $1 03@$1 05; fine yellow, these $1; coarse, 86@88c. ..... FEED—Market firm and in continual good demand. Quotations of Western carlots, 40-lb, 80@82½c; 60-lb, 80@82½c; 80-lb, 82½@85c; 100-lb, 85@90c; sharps, 90c@$1; city feed is held at 85c in bags; rye feed, 75@80c; hominy chop, 85c; cottonseed meal, $1 20@$1 25; oil meal, $1 40@$1 42½.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The opening of the wheat market to-day was very dull, at about the closing figures of last evening. For some time there was a feeling of indifference, but toward midday, led by Chicago, where there seemed to be liquidation, prices broke about ⅝c here and ¾c at the West, with a moderately active volume of trade. Later business became quiet again, and there was very little interest exhibited in future dealings. There was a correction in the visible supply early, making the decrease 103,000 bush, against a decrease of 263,000 bush reported yesterday. This decrease was due to a correction by Buffalo of an error made in reporting her stocks yesterday. Such telegraphic errors or errors in reporting as that of Buffalo and also that of Detroit yesterday, whence three statements were received regarding the stocks, seem to demand a careful supervision of the method of reporting stocks from various points outside of New-York, as the outside carelessness reflects on the accuracy of the New-York reports. Just before the close a new selling movement developed in wheat, and May touched 70c, a decline of ⅛c for the day, and the lowest price on record for that option. It also touched 61¾c for May at Chicago, also the lowest price on record. Cash wheat here was weak, in sympathy with futures, closing at 65c, or within 1½c of the lowest price of the panic July 21. The cash market at Chicago, however, was not so demoralized, and is still about 5c over the panic prices. The trade in cash wheat on the decline was somewhat more active. Sales were 240,000 bush, including 216,000 bush for export, as follows: No 2 red, 5c under May in store; May closed 70c, 4c under May f o b afloat; 3½c under May, delivered and 3¾c under May f o b afloat; No 1 Northern spring, May price delivered; No 2 red, 30,000 bush, 65⅝@65¾c store; No 2 red, 5,000 bush, 66¼c delivered; No 2 red, 48,000 bush, quoted 3¼c under May f o b afloat and p f; No 1 hard Manitoba spring, 1,000 bush, 1¾c over May delivered; No 1 Northern, 40,000 bush, p t delivered; No 2 red, 48,000 bush, f o b, p t. ..... CORN—The market was very quiet and dull early, weakening a little toward midday, in sympathy with the West and on some selling for local account. The movement of corn at the interior has this week shown some decrease on account of the cold weather, which is a reduction is natural, and about an equal amount of decrease is also seen in the arrivals of wheat and oats. The talk still continues quite active about the probability of a large Eastern movement on account of the rates, and such intimations, of course, act as a drawback against any advance. The market for corn was also weak and depressed late in the day, selling at 42½c for cash, and closed at 42¼c for December, the lowest price of the year. The net decline for the day was ¼@½c on futures, with the final market steady. Cash corn was moderately active and weaker, sales amounting to 186,000 bush, including 168,000 bush for export as follows: No 2 corn, car lots, 42½@42¾c elevator; No 2 corn, 2,000 bush, 43½c delivered, and 42,000 bush private terms; delivered; No 2 corn, 40,000 bush, 44⅜c f o b afloat and private terms; yellow, 1,000 bush, 44c elevator; steamer yellow, 1,000 bush, 43½c elevator; ungraded white, 43@43½c. ..... OATS—The market for oats was quiet and about steady during the morning, easing off later with the reaction in wheat and corn. Oats were dull and heavy, in sympathy with decline in other cereals, closing quiet at a decline of ¼c. Cash oats were quiet. Sales were 48,000 bush. ..... MALT—Market steady; Western, 67@80c; Canada, 90@95c; six-rowed, 80@88c. ..... BARLEY—Very quiet and easier; No 2 Milwaukee, 61@62c; ungraded Western, 50@61c; two-rowed State, 62@63c. ..... RYE—Market nominal. ..... BUCKWHEAT—Continues quiet at 80c for Canadian, duty paid; sales, 3 cars; State quoted at 85c for carlots. ..... SEEDS—Cloverseed firmer; sales, 200 bags, December prime, at $10 25 per 100; closing, December, $10 50 asked, $10 25 bid; No 1 December, $10 65 asked. Timothy—Market firmer; carlots quoted at $4 25@$5 per 100 lb, with small sales. Flaxseed—The market nominal.

"Bradstreet's" visible made an increase in wheat of 81,000 bush east of the Rockies, and an increase of 13,000 bush on the Pacific Coast, a net increase of 97,000 bush. Corn increased 744,000 bush, and oats decreased 518,000 bush. The European supply of wheat decreased 1,632,000 bush. The total American visible is: Wheat, 119,208,000 bush; corn, 10,000,000 bush; oats, 9,000,000 bush; rye, 1,000,000 bush; barley, 2,000,000 bush. Australian afloat and yet received. Indian shipments of wheat last week were 340,000 bush, making the total exports this season 17,220,000 bush, against 26,720,000 bush last year, a decrease of 8,900,000 bush.

Quotations follow. We give for comparison closing prices of last night and corresponding date last year:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Last night.	Last year.
Wheat:						
December	...	...	...	65	66⅛	76½
January	65⅝	65⅝	65⅛	65⅛	65⅞	76⅞
February	66½	66½	65½	65½	...	78
March	67⅝	68½	67⅝	67⅝	68⅜	79½
May	70⅝	71	70	70	71	81¼
Corn:						
December	42½	42½	42¼	42¼	42¼	48½
January	42⅝	42⅝	42	42⅛	42½	48⅞
February	42⅞	42⅞	42⅜	42⅜	42⅞	49⅜
March	43⅜	43½	43	43⅛	43⅝	50¼
May	44⅛	44¼	44	44⅛	44¼	51
Oats:						
December	...	...	...	33¼	33⅞	34¼
January	33¼	33½	33¼	33¼	33½	34¼
February	33⅝	33⅞	33⅝	33⅝	34⅛	37
May	...	...	...	34⅝	34⅞	38½
Do. white:						
December	...	...	...	34⅝	35	41⅝
January	...	...	...	35⅛	35⅛	40⅝
February	35⅝	35⅝	35⅛	35⅛	35	...

Exports of grain and flour from Atlantic ports for week ended December 23, and since September 1, 1893, compared with the previous year:

	Last week.	From Sept. 1.	Previous week.	Previous Sept. 1.	Changes.
Flour, bbls	182,737	4,370,830	4,860,798	Dec. 38,987	
Wheat, bush	741,517	18,478,699	31,791,406	Dec. 13,315,707	
Corn, bush	979,019	14,567,773	9,985,523	Inc. 4,582,250	

Grain on passage:

	U. Kingdom.	Continent.	Total.	Changes.
Wheat, bu	23,480,000	8,488,000	31,968,000	Dec. 1,192,000
Corn, bu	2,720,000	1,696,000	4,416,000	Dec. 744,000

And with the visible compared with last week:

On passage.	Visible.	Total.	Changes.
Wheat, bu	31,968,000	119,208,000	Dec. 1,295,000
Corn, bu	4,416,000	10,000,000	Dec. 147,000

Receipts of breadstuffs at the ten points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted, hour bills, grain bush, as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	22	119	488	327	17	78
Milwaukee	10	72	20	45	5	40
St. Louis	1	14	154	15	...	...
Toledo	...	25	51	1	...	...
Detroit	1	54	22	24	...	...
Peoria	...	...	146	61	...	...
Minneapolis	...	181	...	...	...	...
Duluth	...	40	...	...	...	...
Kansas City	...	11	1	...	...	...
Indianapolis	...	3	22	...	...	...
Totals	34	519	899	473	22	124
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	14	10	426	231	13	21
Milwaukee	34	...	...	...	1	2
St. Louis	16	6	256	56	...	...
Toledo	...	7	10	...	...	...
Detroit	1	4	6	7	...	...
Peoria	...	...	31	54	...	...
Minneapolis	21	38	...	...	...	...
Duluth	...	1	...	...	...	...
Kansas City	...	5	...	...	...	...
Totals	86	71	729	348	14	26

Receipts at Atlantic ports:

New-York	57	123	238	113	1	49
Philadelphia	16	1	19	27	...	...
Baltimore	38	54	80	9	1	...
Boston	6	4	61	49	...	...
New-Orleans	1	1	87	2	...	...
Totals	118	193	500	221	2	49
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	32	110	46	...	...	...
Philadelphia	5	5	7	25	...	...
Baltimore	15	...	...	...	...	...
Boston	3	32	...	...	...	...
New-Orleans	...	26	120	...	...	...
Totals	57	173	173	25	...	...

METALS—IRON—The market for pig iron at New-York continues very quiet and uninteresting, with nominal quotations about as follows:

Pig Iron—American-Scotch, No 1	$15 00@$15 50
American-Scotch, No 2	14 50@15 00
Pennsylvania makes, No 1X	14 00@15 00
Pennsylvania makes, No 2X	13 00@14 00
Southern makes, No 1 foundry	14 00@14 50
Southern makes, No 2 foundry	13 00@14 00
Southern makes, No 1 soft	13 00@14 00
Southern makes, No 2 soft	12 00@13 00
Bessemer, good ordinary (at furnace)	13 50
Bessemer, for special steel (at furnace)	14 00@16 ...
Coltness, Scotch, No 1	21 00@22 00
Summerlee, Scotch, No 1	21 00@21 50
Eglinton, Scotch, No 1	20 00@20 50
Steel billets, foreign ex ship	28 00@28 50
Steel billets, foreign ex ship	29 00@ 10 00
Ferro-Manganese (80 per cent)	55 00@56 00
Spiegeleisen (20 per cent)	25 00@25 50
Spiegeleisen (10@12 per cent)	22 00@22 50
Steel rails—At mills at Pittsburg and east thereof	24 00@
Old T rails—Iron	13 00@13 50
Old T rails—Steel	10 00@11 00
No 1 wrought scrap iron, ex yard	10 00@11 00
No 1 wrought R R scrap, delivered	11 50@12 50
No 1 machinery scrap	11 50@12 50
Old wrought pipe and tubes	7 50@ 8 00
Old car wheels	12 00@12 50
Wrought terminus, delivered at mill	9 00@ 9 50
Cast berings, delivered at mill	6 50@ 7 00
Burst iron, delivered at mill	7 25@ 7 50

* For importation, none in stock.

The Philadelphia iron market is nominally unchanged, with manufacturers so anxious for business that they would shade almost anything to give them a start for the new year. ..... COPPER—Market closed dull; spot, 10¾c bid; December and January, 10¾c. ..... SPELTER—Market closed easy; January, 4 88 bid. ..... TIN—The market closed quiet but steady; spot, $20 70 asked; December, $20 55; January, $20 60. ..... LEAD—Spot, $3 30 asked; December, $3 20; January, $3 25; market closed a shade easier. Cables received at the Metal Exchange to-day were as follows: Glasgow—Scotch warrants closed 43s 5d. Middlesbrough, No 3 foundry iron, 35s 9d. ..... LONDON COPPER—Spot, £42 0s; futures, £43 10s; spelter, £16 12s 6d; tin, spot, £74 15s; three months, £75 12s 6d; soft Spanish lead, £9 11s 3d.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—The sales movement to-day has been very slow all along the line, and most of the trading has been in small jobbing lots. Prices are nominally unchanged. We quote: New-Orleans, new crops, fair, 24@26c; good, 35@37c; choice, 38@40c; New-Orleans, old crop, centrifugal, ordinary, 12@14c; common, 15@16c; fair, 18@20c; prime, 22@24c; good open-kettle, 30@32c; fancy-do jobbing lots, 33@35c; Porto Rico, 13@28c. Syrups—We quote: Sugar, ordinary, 10@11c; common, 12@13c; fair, 14@16c; good, 17@18c; prime, 19@20c; choice, 21@22c.

NAVAL STORES—There has been a further advance in the price of spirits turpentine, owing to improvement in Southern markets, but trade here is slow and in small lots. Rosin ruled steady, with a moderate demand, and practically unchanged, while tar and pitch were quite dull and steady. Stock—Rosin, 25,208 bbls; spirits turpentine, 1,701 bbls; tar, 1,879 bbls. We quote: Spirits turpentine, 29½c in Southern bbls and 30½c in machine-made bbls. Rosin, common strained, $1 27½; good strained, $1 30; N, $1 45@$1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 65; H, $1 95; I, $2 30; K, $2 90; M, $3 75@$3 80; N, $4; W G, $4 25; W W, $4 50; tar, F o b, $2; pitch, $1 50; pitch, light weight, $1 50; pitch, regular weight, $1 60.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berth freights is more active and steady for rain. Engagements: To Antwerp, 12 loads grain at 3d; 2,600 bales cotton at 9-16d. To Glasgow, 5 loads grain at 3d. To Leith, 1 load grain at 3¼d. To Liverpool, 4 loads grain at 3d, and 25 hhds tallow at 15s. To Amsterdam, 5 loads grain at 7c. To Hull, 150 tcs grease at 17s 6d. To London, 6,000 sacks flour at 10c; 150 tcs beef at 3s 6d; 3,000 pails lard at 20c, and 100 bags measurement goods at 45c. Quotations follow: Liverpool, 4d; London, 2½d; Antwerp, 2d; Newcastle, 4d; Bristol, 3½d; Hull, 3½d; Glasgow, 3½d; Leith, 3½d; Cork for orders, 3s 3d. Cotton, 5-32d; petroleum, 18 7½d. In the way of charters business has been moderately active at steady rates. ..... CHARTERS—A steamer (chartered), 12,000 qrs grain, Baltimore to Cork, f o, 3s 4½d, prompt loading; a steamer, cotton, New-Orleans to Liverpool or Continent, 3⅝c; a steamer, cotton, New-Orleans to Liverpool, Havre or Bremen, 3⅛; a bark, 1,779 tons, with wheat, San Francisco to Cork f o, 23s 9d; a bark, lumber, Boston to Buenos Ayres, $7; a brig, sugar, Guantanamo to New-York, 12c; a schooner, lumber, New-York to Mananas, $3 75; a schooner, lumber, Charleston to Kingston, $6 62½; a schooner, lumber, Fernandina to Santiago, $5 50, Spanish gold; a schooner, 1,800 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Port Tampa, $1 45, and back to Baltimore with phosphate rock, $1 70 and loaded; a schooner, rosin, Georgetown, S C, to New-York, about $2 per ton; a bark, 748 tons, with lumber and ties, Brunswick to New-York, $4 75 and 15c respectively; a schooner, lumber, Wilmington to New-York, about $4 25; a schooner, lumber, Newberne to New-York, $5; a schooner, oil, New-York to Norfolk, 25c per bbl; a schooner, oil, New-York to Boston, 20c per bbl; a schooner, salt, New-York to Boothbay, $1 25.

OILS—Cottonseed oil ruled dull but without material change in prices. It is quite difficult to name accurate prices, as the views of buyers and sellers are quite at variance. There is very little business under way at the mills, and Western buyers are not taking any large lots. Lard oil is quiet, but about steady, and so is linseed oil. We quote: Prime crude, bbls, 28½@29c; prime crude, loose, 26@28c; off-crude, bbls, 25@28c; butter oil, 30@37c; summer yellow, prime, 34@35c; summer yellow, off-grade, 32@33c, according to quality; lard oil, 70c; American raw, 47c; American boiled, 50c; Calcutta raw, 62c.

PROVISIONS—The opening of the provision market was fairly steady on moderate live hog receipts, and later quite a little firmness developed on estimates of the stock of provisions in Chicago for January 1, which point to a total of about 25,000 bbls of pork, 1,000 tierces lard and 5,000,000 lb of short ribs. ..... PORK—Quiet; sales, 150 bbls; quoted: Mess, $12 75@$14 50; family, $15@$15 50; short clear, $15 50@$17 50; extra prime, $13 25@$13 75. ..... BEEF—Steady; quotations: Family, $14@$15 50; mess, $8 50; jacket, $12@$13; extra India mess, $18@$22. ..... CUT MEATS—Market quiet; $15 50; Chicago hams at $14 50. ..... DRESSED HOGS—Steady on moderate receipts and cold weather: 180-lb, 6¾c; 160-lb, 6⅞c; 120-lb, 7@7½c; pigs, 7¼@7½c; bacon, 6¾@7½c. ..... CUT MEATS—Pickled shoulders easier; quoted at 6c; hams quoted at 9@9½c; pickled bellies neglected and irregular; 12-lb quoted at 7½c; 14-lb, 7@7½c; 10-lb, 8@8½c. ..... LARD—Market steady; Western closed at 8.50c; city closed at 7½c, with sales of 225 tcs; refined for Continent, 8.90c; South America, 9.05c; compound, 6¼@6¾c. In options, December closed at 8.50c nominal; January, 8.25c nominal.

Exports of provisions from Atlantic ports for the week ended December 23 and from November 1 to date, compared with previous year:

	Last week.	From No. 1.	Prev. year.	Changes.
Pork, lb	4,814,400	6,454,400	8,453,600	Dec. 1,999,200
Bacon, lb	10,070,894	67,210,983	75,425,366	Dec. 8,196,607
Lard, lb	6,629,910	50,273,817	74,154,129	Dec. 23,880,303

RICE—Was quite steady in tone, but only moderately active, passing sales being for small lots to fill urgent needs of buyers. Primary markets are fairly steady in tone, but quiet. We quote Carolina and Louisiana: Common to ordinary, 2¼@3c; low fair to fair, 3@3¼c; fair to fine, 3¼@3¾c; choice to fancy, 4¼@4¾c; good to prime, 5¼@5¾c; fancy, 5¾@6c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c; Patna, 4¾c; Rangoon, 4¼@4¾c; in bond, 2@2½c.

SUGAR—RAW—The market for raw sugar ruled steady but quiet, with prices as last quoted. We quote: Centrifugal, 96 test, 2⅞c; muscovado, 89 test, 2⅝c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 2¼c. Today's London cable reports as follows: Cane quiet, no change; Java, 15s; fair refining, 13s. Beet quiet, nothing doing; present month, 12s 6d; next month, 12s 6d. A sale of 1,000 bags 96 San Domingo centrifugal was made, to arrive, at 2⅞c, cost and freight, steamer just arrived, and yesterday, 5,000 bags new Cuba centrifugal, for shipment, to test, at 2⅞c, cost and freight.

Willett & Gray report the movement for the week at United States ports, as follows: Receipts, 17,150 tons; last week, 36,732 tons. Meltings, 25,000 tons; last week, 23,000 tons. Total stock, 76,999 tons; last week, 84,843 tons. Cuba, six principle ports, by cable: Receipts, 6,000 tons; last week, 3,000 tons. Exports, 10,000 tons; last week, 1,000 tons. Stock, 49,000 tons; last week, 54,000 tons. Meltings will be considerably reduced, on account of closing of several refineries.

REFINED—There is only a fair demand for refined sugar, and there have been no further changes in prices, the market, however, ruling steady. Shipments are dull, based on present rates. We quote: Powdered, 5 7-16@5¾c; Granulated, 4 3-16@4¾c; Fine granulated, 4 5-16@4¾c; Coarse granulated, 4 5-16@4¾c; Extra fine granulated, 4 3-16@4¾c; Cubes, 4 7-16@4¾c. ..... STANDARD A, 4 3-16@4¼c; XXXX powdered, 4 9-16@4¾c; Mould A, 4¾c; Confectioners' A, 4 1-16@4¼c; Diamond A, 4 3-16@4¼c; Confect's A, 4 1-16@4¼c; Columbia A, 3¾@4¼c; Extra C, 3⅞@4c; C, 3⅝@3¾c. ..... STEARINE—Lard firm at 9¾c; oleo easier at 7¼c. Sales, 100,000 lb oleo at 7¼c. ..... TALLOW—Steady; quoted 5