THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, April 22, 1896.

Beans, bbls	100	Molasses, bbls	90
Flour, pkgs	6,757	Moss, bales	55
B. W. flour, pkgs	200	Sp. turpentine, bbls	125
Cornmeal, bags	848	Rosin, bbls	1,360
Oatmeal, bbls	275	Oil cake, pkgs	1,955
Wheat, bush	5,550	Oleo stock, pkgs	2,275
Corn, bush	78,000	Peanuts, bags	56
Oats, bush	75,600	Pork, pkgs	580
Rye, bush	4,855	Cut meats, pkgs	251
Peas, bush	1,100	Lard, pkgs	1,045
Barley, bush	16,575	Lard, kegs	100
Malt, bush	4,800	Tallow, pkgs	180
Cottonseed meal, bags	3,000	Grease, pkgs	423
Cottonseed oil, bbls	750	Butter, pkgs	5,703
Cotton, bales	1,110	Cheese, pkgs	992
Copper, cakes	2,437	Eggs, bbls	87
Dried fruit, pkgs	1,998	Eggs, cases	11,519
Hay, tons	1,310	Rice, pkgs	163
Straw, tons	65	Rice chaff, bags	39
Grass seed, bags	200	Soap stock, pkgs	100
Hides, bales	20	Tobacco, hhds	52
Hides, bundles	600	Tobacco, pkgs	262
Hops, bales	11	Whiskey, bbls	544
Leather, sides	2,750	Wool, bales	316
Lead, pigs	1,671	California wine, pkgs.	637

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 foundry	$12 75	Molasses, O K, prime	29
Southern, No 2 sort	11 50	Hops, dressed, 160-lb	4½
Steel rails	28 00	Lard, prime	5 15
Lead	3 05	Sugar, granulated	5½
Copper, lake ingot	10 75	Tallow, prime	3½
Wheat, No 2 red	75¼	Pork, mess	9 00
Corn, No 2 mixed	39	Beef hams	15 00
Oats, No 2 mixed	25¾	Beef, family	11 00
Minn. patent flour	4 00	Cotton, middling	8 00
Coffee, No 7 spot	13¾		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Corn, bush	234	Rosin, bbls	100
Oats, bush	181	Tar, bbls	10
Peas, bush	260	Ref. pet, gals	62,790
Beans, bush	1,013	Naphtha, gals	380
Flour, bbls	576	Lub oil, gals	10,950
Flour, sacks	8,143	Beef, bbls	26
Cornmeal, bbls	237	Beef, tcs	62
Feed, lb	18,000	Bacon, lb	249,950
Bran, lb	4,920	Hams, lb	49,600
Hay, bales	245	Lard, lb	361,150
Whiskey, gals	16,900	Butter, lb	74,350
Oil cake, lb	643,500	Cheese, lb	80,280
Spts turp, gals	100		

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, April 22, 1896.

COTTON—The market for cotton opened at an advance of about 8 points and soon improved 2 or 3 points more on the execution of some good buying orders, one prominent firm doing most of the buying, while Wall Street sold. During the forenoon prices held steady at an advance of about 6 points as compared with yesterday's closing figures. Receipts were quite liberal, but this did not have much, if any, effect on the market, as traders were inspired by the better demand, and many local operators took the bull side for a quick profit. Dry weather is reported in the Atlantic coast cotton States. Liverpool sent rather encouraging news, spot cotton showing a hardening tendency with spinners taking 9,000 bales of the 10,000 bales sold, and futures advanced, say, 7 points for the day, all of which is taken to indicate a cheerful feeling abroad. The public cables, however, reported Manchester in not very rosy colors and sellers could only do business in yarns at concessions, while cloths were dull. There was increased firmness during the afternoon under free buying of May and August, especially May, by a prominent operator, and the May price was brought even to that of August, and May closed a point or two above August. Some say that the betterment today was largely due to indications of a better drygoods market as well as to increased takings of spinners, New England mills taking about 5,000 bales of spot cotton today. Some expressed the opinion that May is being manipulated. The market closed firm with near months 8 to 12 points higher than they closed yesterday and steady on late months, with a net advance of 4 to 5 points. Total sales were 177,500 bales. The closing prices were at about top figures. The local spot market was 1-16c higher, and Augusta spot market 1-16c higher; other Southern spot markets generally unchanged. Private Liverpool cables are bullishly inclined, and they state that a big concern has the market well in hand with a view to bullish manipulation. It is also stated that Manchester shows an active tendency with spinners inclined to buy freely in the near future. Receipts at New-Orleans Thursday are estimated at 2,300 to 2,800 bales, against 734 bales the same day last week, 4,370 bales last year, and 714 bales two years ago. To-day's receipts at New-Orleans were 360 bales, against 1,279 bales the same day last week, and 2,671 bales last year; Galveston, 2,975 bales, against 1,597 and 1,162 bales; Mobile, 76 bales, against 6 and 43 bales; Charleston, 69 bales, against 144 and 528 bales; Norfolk, 94 bales, against 212 and 541 bales; Savannah, 1,197 bales, against 1,000 and 579 bales. Receipts at Houston Thursday are estimated at 1,200 to 1,500 bales, against 504 bales the same day last year. The New-Orleans Cotton Exchange statement of the semi-weekly movement is reported as follows: Receipts, 11,861 bales, against 8,550 bales the same period last week, and 17,395 bales last year; shipments, 15,124 bales, against 15,441 and 27,340 bales; stock, 202,559 bales, against 219,798 and 156,289 bales. The Agricultural Bureau's weekly crop bulletin says: "Cotton planting has continued under favorable conditions and in the central and southern portions of the cotton region is coming up generally to a good stand; germination, however, has been slow owing to drouth in some sections of the eastern portions of the cotton region."

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

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing to-day.	Last night.	Last year.
April	—	—	—	7.80@7.82	7.68	6.81
May	7.71	7.81	7.70	7.81@7.82	7.69	6.82
June	7.77	7.85	7.77	7.84@7.85	7.74	6.73
July	7.76	7.84	7.76	7.83@7.84	7.73	6.77
August	7.73	7.81	7.73	7.80@7.81	7.72	6.81
September	7.41	7.43	7.41	7.42@7.43	7.38	6.83
October	7.27	7.30	7.27	7.30@7.31	7.25	6.88
November	7.17	7.22	7.17	7.20@7.21	7.15	6.91
December	7.17	7.22	7.17	7.20@7.21	7.15	6.95
January	7.21	7.25	7.21	7.25@7.26	7.20	7.01

Market closed firm on near months at 8 to 12 points advance; steady on late months, 4 to 5 points advance, compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferrible notices, 755. Total sales, 177,500 bales. New-York gross receipts, 1,110 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 3,477 bales; forwarded, 179 bales; sales, 696 bales; spinners, 496 bales; stock, 149,752 bales. Total net receipts to-day, 5,594 bales; thus far this week, 32,956 bales. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 4,311 bales. Thus far this week: Great Britain, 25,061 bales; France, 144 bales; Continent, 20,756 bales; stock, 469,700 bales. Spot cotton steady, 1-16 higher; middling uplands, 8c; middling gulf, 8¼c; sales, 696 bales, including 496 bales spinning, 200 bales speculation.

Liverpool cables.—Spot cotton hardening; sales, 10,000 bales; American, 9,000 bales; receipts, 14,000 bales; American, 13,000 bales. Middling uplands, 4⅝d. Futures opened steady, sellers at 1-64 advance; closed very steady, 1½ to 2 points net advance. January-February, 360s; April, 419s; April-May, 417½s; May-June, 417½s; June-July, 415½s; July-August, 414½s; August-September, 411v; September-October, 408s; October-November, 361½b; November-December, 359½b; December-January, 359½b. Manchester—Yarns, sellers can only do business at a concession; cloths dull.

COFFEE—Prices were well maintained on a dull, featureless movement. There was a fair proportion of switching. The statistical position showed unimportant changes. Cheap sales were for September. Havre ¼ lower, closing dull; April, 50.25 francs; May, 50.50; June, 50.75; July, 50.75; August, 79.25. Hamburg quiet; April, 67 pfgs; May, 67; June, 66.50; July, 66.25; August, 65. Rio receipts, 2,000 bags. No Santos returns were received to-day. Exchanges were made in the local market as follows: 250 bags December for March at 10 points difference; 250 bags October for December at 35 points; 500 bags March for October, 40 points; 250 bags March for September, 75 points.

Contracts closed steady at unchanged to 5 advance. Sales were 13,000 bags, as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.	Last year bids.
January	—	—	10.75@10.85	—
February	—	—	10.75@10.85	—
March	10.80	10.75	10.75@10.85	—
April	12.65	12.65	12.65@12.75	13.90
May	12.75	12.75	12.75@12.85	13.80
June	12.45	12.55	12.60@12.65	13.70
July	—	—	12.40@12.50	14.10
August	—	—	11.90@12.00	14.05
September	11.50	11.50	11.50@11.55	14.05
October	11.15	11.15	11.15@11.25	14.15
November	—	—	10.90@11.00	14.05
December	10.85	10.85	10.85@10.95	14.05

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York stock	239,499	238,246	280,903
Baltimore stock	9,275	9,580	10,557
New-Orleans stock	22,344	22,344	24,135
Stock at all ports	271,118	270,170	315,575
New-York deliveries	12,413	21,777	12,804
Baltimore deliveries	305	134	297
New-Orleans deliveries	—	491	465
Totals	12,718	22,312	13,476
Afloat	112,250	126,250	103,500
Visible supply	383,368	396,420	419,075

The jobbing demand for Rio and Santos coffee is fair, but there is very little doing in the way of invoice lines, the market holding to old prices, although they should be considered more or less nominal on the basis of 13¾c for Rio No 7 spot and 13¼c for Rio No 8 spot. Mild coffee is in good demand and firmly held. We note sales of 1,000 bags Maracaibo, 1,000 bags washed Caracas, 500 bags Porto Cabello and 500 bags Bucaramanga, all private terms.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The trade was again disappointingly small, total transactions for the day footing up only 7,900 pkgs, buyers completely refusing to pay asked quotations. The details of sales follow: 500 bbls winter patents, $3 85@$3 90; 1,500 bbls straights, $3 65@$3 70; 150 bbls clears, $3 50; 800 bbls extra Is, $3; 1,510 bbls city patents, $4 30@$4 55; 1,000 bbls city clears, $4 15@$4 25; 250 bbls city fines, $2 80@$3; 1,500 bbls spring patents, $3 80@$3 95; 500 bbls spring clears, $3 50@$3 65. RYE FLOUR—Quiet; sales, 400 bbls, at $2 65@$2 75. CORNMEAL—Dull. Quoted: Brandywine, $2 20; Sagamore, $2 20; Esmeralda, $2 15; Western and Southern, $1 90@$2 15. BAG MEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Fine white, 90c; fine yellow, 85c; coarse, 76@77c. FEED—Quiet. Quoted: 40, 60 and 80 lb, 60@62½c; 100 lb, 65@70c; rye feed, 62½@65c; sharps, 75@80c; hominy chop, 65c; cottonseed meal, $12@$1 02; oil meal, 90@92½c; city feed, 65c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The trade in wheat was at times active to-day, with the movement of the market rather irregular. The opening was weak, with a quick break in the early part of the session, caused by a very sharp rise about midday. During the afternoon the movement of prices was irregular and the close unsettled and unchanged to ⅛c net advance. The weakness at the start was on the crop and weather bulletin, which showed marked improvement generally for winter wheat, and the crop was reported doing well in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and portions of Missouri. Spring wheat seeding was reported well advanced in Southern Minnesota, but in North Dakota no seeding has been done. The foreign crop reports were quite favorable, so much so that the possibilities of French exports of wheat this year are being discussed. The weather to-day was cooler at the West, but still favorable. Receipts at the Northwest were fair. "The Duluth Market Review" claims that with the opening of navigation 9,000,000 bush of grain will be loaded out, of which 7,500,000 bush will be wheat. A claim is made that 7,000,000 bush of this is coming to Buffalo. The quick advance just before noon was on reports of a large amount of wheat for export at the opening of navigation, on the better closing Liverpool and some foreign buying. Shorts were active buyers on the rise, getting long of the market. After the advance the export business was denied, and prices dropped again on this denial. The question of the export trade is an uncertain one to solve, but there seems to be good reason for believing that the last two days have seen about 400,000 bush taken at New-York and outports, mainly opening of navigation. The trade reported to-day was about 120,000 bush, mainly spring wheat, on private terms; No 2 red was quoted at 6¾c over May f o b afloat; No 1 Northern, 2c over May do, and No 1 hard, 3½c over May do; May closed at 70⅝c.....CORN—There was very little feature to the market for corn, and the net movement for the day was unimportant, excepting on April, which showed a gain of ⅞c. The other options were unchanged to ⅛c up. The movement of corn at the primary markets has shown quite an increase this week, the gain in three days being nearly 500,000 bush, while the exports have shown a slight increase. The Government weather bulletin says that preparations for corn planting have been pushed rapidly and some corn has been planted in Illinois and Nebraska, and planting will be begun in Iowa this week. Cash corn was steady. Two cars no 2 corn sold at 39c elevator; 40,000 bush for export, private terms; 1 car steamer white, 39c elevator; 4,000 bush steamer, 38⅝@39c elevator; 3,000 bush No 2 yellow, 39½c elevator; 20,000 bush export, 40c, f o b afloat. May; 1 car rejected corn at 36c elevator, and 3 cars ungraded at 36c delivered up to 38c elevator.....OATS—The movement in the market was narrow again, with, however, a very steady feeling. There has been quite an important increase in the primary receipts this week, and the Government report indicates generally favorable weather conditions for the growing crop. The export inquiry is well maintained, and to-day shippers took 100,000 bush of white clipped and mixed oats on private terms. Futures closed at unchanged to ⅛c advance. Sales of cash oats were 22,000 bush oats for local account, as follows: 2,000 bush No 2 at 25¼c elevator; 1,000 bush No 3 cats, 24½c; 1,000 bush No 2 white, 26½c; 2,000 bush No 3 white, 25½c; 15,000 bush track white, 25½@28½c, and 1,000 bush rejected mixed at 22½c.....BARLEY—Market quiet and easier. Sales, 10,000 bush feeding at 35½c prompt.....RYE—Market steady. Sales, 8,000 bush for export, private terms.....BUCKWHEAT—Market quiet. Sales of occasional carlots of prime State reported at about 40c in the elevator.

The quotations to-day, the closing prices for the previous day and closing prices for the corresponding date last year follow:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.	Last night.	Last year.
Wheat:						
April	—	—	—	73½	73½	—
May	70⅞	71	70¼	70⅝	70⅝	64⅝
June	—	—	—	—	70½	65¼
July	70½	70⅝-¾	69⅞-70	70⅝	70½	65¼
August	—	—	—	—	70½	65½
September	70½-⅝	70⅞	70-⅛	70⅝	70½	66
December	72⅛	72⅜	71⅞	72⅜	72¼	68
Corn:						
April	—	—	—	36⅞	36	—
May	35⅝	35¾	35⅝	35⅝	35¾	52⅛
July	36½	36⅝	36½	36⅝	36⅝	52⅝
August	—	—	—	37⅛	37⅛	—
September	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝	52⅞
Oats:						
April	—	—	—	—	—	32½
May	24¼	24½	24¼	24½	24⅝	32½
July	—	—	—	24½	24⅝	33½
Do White:						
April	—	—	—	—	—	37
May	—	—	—	25½	25⅝	36⅝

Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted, flour bbls, grain bush, as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	10	37	406	376	2	25
Milwaukee	7	18	3	10	1	3
St. Louis	4	12	27	18	—	—
Toledo	—	70	8	1	—	—
Detroit	—	—	3	3	—	—
Peoria	—	10	51	34	—	—
Minneapolis	—	161	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	95	—	—	—	—
Indianapolis	—	2	5	1	—	—
Totals	21	405	503	443	3	28
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	12	106	841	445	27	100
Milwaukee	18	2	—	83	1	2
St. Louis	6	60	61	18	—	—
Toledo	—	8	50	2	—	—
Peoria	—	1	17	47	—	—
Minneapolis	35	24	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	5	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	3	—	—	—	—
Totals	71	209	969	595	28	102
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	6	6	78	76	5	17
Philadelphia	9	—	7	28	—	—
Baltimore	8	—	32	7	1	—
Boston	4	51	4	29	—	—
New-Orleans	4	9	838	22	—	—
Galveston	—	—	2	—	—	—
Totals	31	66	961	162	6	17
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	6	—	1	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	1	33	50	—	—
Baltimore	11	15	69	—	9	—
New-Orleans	—	—	102	—	—	—
Totals	17	16	204	50	9	—

METALS—TIN—The tin market was unchanged, closing at $13 30@$13 40. A special cable to the Exchange reported the sale at Batavia, at an average price of 35⅞ gilders, equal to 69c, c i f Holland; the previous sale in February was at 36⅝ gilders.....COPPER—The market continues inactive and nominally weak, with futures neglected and lower to sell. Spot was quoted at $10 75 for lake ingot, and casting $10 12½@$10 50. The statement of H. R. Merton & Co. makes the world's production of copper last year, including the estimated production of the United States, 334,328 tons, against 322,829 tons in 1894.....LEAD—Market inactive, but about steady, at $3 05 for spot and April, and $3 07½ for May.....SPELTER—Market dull at $4 05@$4 10. A Joplin (Mo.) dispatch says that owing to the light demand for spelter the principal spelter company controlling the majority of the great zinc smelters of the country will shut down 12 to 15 furnaces this week.....IRON—The market continues very dull, with buyers backward. No 2 Pennsylvania pig is quoted at $12 75@$13 50, and No 2 N, $11 50@$12 50. The new prices of the Southern pig iron combination have been issued at Louisville on the basis of $10 75 for No 1 foundry, Southern coke; $10 25 for No 2; $9 75 for No 3; $9 25 for gray forge.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—The market holds steady on foreign, with choice grades of domestic firmly held, and with sales at full prices, as named below. We quote: Molasses—New-Orleans centrifugal, ordinary, 12@13c; common, 14@16c; fair, 17@20c; prime, 21@22c; choice, 24@25c; New-Orleans, open kettle, fair, 27@28c; good, 29@30c; prime, 32@34c; choice, 35@37c; Porto Rico, 28@38c; Barbadoes, 26@29c. Syrups—Sugar, fair, 12@14c; good, 15@16c; choice, 17@19c; fancy, 22@24c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 13,046 bbls; spirits turpentine, 255 bbls; tar, 2,259 bbls. The steady market for spirits of turpentine continues and regulars and machines are still quoted at 28⅝@28¾c. Rosin is quoted at $1 95@$2 for common to good strained, and the market is called firm. The market for tar and pitch is steady and quotations are as follows: Tar—Regulars, $1 55, oil bbls, $3; pitch, $1 85@$1 90.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—There was a little more interest shown on ocean freights to-day, and a little business developed for forward loading. The engagements reported included 2 loads to London at 1¾d, and 6 loads to Liverpool, June, 1¾d. We quote: Grain, Liverpool, 1d; London, 1¾d; Glasgow, 1½d asked; Bristol, 2½d; Leith, 2½d nominal; Hull, 2d; Newcastle, 2½d. Antwerp, 2d asked; Marseilles, 2s 6d; Copenhagen, 2s 6d; Bremen, 30 pfgs; Hamburg, 35 pfgs; Rotterdam, 4c asked; Amsterdam, 4c; Cork for orders, 2s 4½d@2s 6d; petroleum to United Kingdom, 1s 10½d@2s 1½d; cotton to Liverpool, 1-16d.....CHARTERS—Sail tonnage continues in good demand, especially for the case oil and long voyage general cargo trades, and rates for the former show an advance over previous quotations. Lumber tonnage in the River Plate is also wanted, while for the West Indies and coastwise trades the inquiry is only moderate. Steam tonnage shows a slight improvement, the features being two case oil vessels to the far East, and a general cargo boat to the River Plate. Other trades are quiet. Charters follow: British steamer, 100,000 cases petroleum, hence to Kurrachee, private terms; British steamer, 90,000 cases petroleum, hence to Rangoon, at or about 2c. Chartered abroad: Spanish steamer, 1,710 tons, deals, Cork to John H. to Liverpool, 35s; British steamer, 1,489 tons, general cargo, Philadelphia to Hamburg, berthed; British steamer, 1,157 tons, general cargo, hence to River Plate, private terms; Norwegian steamer, 397 tons, Cuba to New-York, one trip, private terms; British steamer, 223 and Norwegian steamer, 394 tons, West India time charter, 3 and 12 months, respectively, private terms; British ship, 55,000 cases petroleum, hence to Java, 10½c, 17½c and 18½c; British ship, 1,937 tons, grain, San Francisco to Cork for orders to the United Kingdom, Havre or Antwerp, 27s 6d, new crop; Dutch ship, 1,754 tons, same voiage, etc, 22s 6d, spot; schooner, 672 tons, lumber, Chemainus to Shanghai, 31s 3d; British bark, 5,000 bbls refined petroleum and naphtha, hence to Liverpool, 2s 3d; British ship, 1,595 tons, general cargo, hence to Sydney and Newcastle, basis 14s 6d; brig, 421 tons, staves, Norfolk to Demerara, private terms; British ship, 1,686 tons, nitrate, west coast South America to Hampton Roads, for orders, 21s 3d, option of United Kingdom or Continent; schooner, 607 tons, general cargo and lumber, hence via Brunswick to Livingston, Guat, private terms; bark, 442 tons, sugar, Macoris to New-York, $2 50, port charges; schooner, 337 tons, general cargo, hence to San Domingo and back with sugar, $5 for the round; schooner, 128 tons, hence to the Bahamas and back, private terms; schooner, 888 tons, sugar, Trinidad, Cuba, to north of Hatteras, 13@14c; schooner, 187 tons, boards, Newcastle to New-York, $4 50; brig, 419 tons, lumber, Darien to Bridgeport, $4 75, free wharfage; schooner, 194 tons, general cargo, hence to Norfolk and Portsmouth, current rates; schooner, 186 tons, pipe, Philadelphia to Machias, $2 50 and loaded; schooner, 267 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Rockland, $1; schooner, 379 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Saco, $1; two schooners, 432 and 473 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Groton, 75c; schooner, 567 tons, coal, Philadelphia to New-Haven, 60c; schooner, 607 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Providence, 60c.

OILS—Cottonseed oil is quiet and nominal, with prime summer yellow quoted at 25@25½c, and off yellow at the same price. Lard oil quiet and nominally unchanged, with linseed oil steady and moderately active. We quote: Cottonseed oil—Prime crude, 20c bbls, 21½@22c; prime crude, loose, f o b mills, 17@19c; off crude, bbls here, 19½@20½c; summer yellow, prime, 25@25½c; summer yellow, off grade, 23@23½c; winter yellow, prime, nominally 32@34c; white prime nominally 28@29c; butter oil, 27@28c. lard oil, prime city, 50c; linseed oil, American raw, 49c; American boiled, 43c; Calcutta raw, 52c.

PETROLEUM—At New-York the market for National Pipe Line certificates closed at $1 21 bid. Refined closed at the following prices: New-York bbls, $6 80; Philadelphia, $6 75; cases, New-York, $7 70; Philadelphia, $7 65; naphtha in bbls, $8.

PROVISIONS—The market continues to decline with very small trade at the lower prices.....PORK—Quiet; sales, 200 bbls. Quoted: Mess, old to new, $9@$10; family, $10 50@$11 25; short clear, $10@$11 50.....BEEF—Quiet. Quoted: Extra mess, $7 50@$8; family, $10@$11 50; packet, $9@$10 50.....BEEF HAMS—Quiet; quoted at $15@$15 50.....DRESSED HOGS—Easy; 100 lb, 4⅝c; heavy to light, 4⅝@4¾c.....CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies easy; 4½@5c for 14 to 10 lb. Pickled shoulders easy at 4½c. Pickled hams easy at 8½@9c.....TALLOW—Lower; sales, 100 hhds at 3½c; quoted at 3½c at the close.....STEARINE—Nominal; lard, 5⅝@6c; oleo, 4½c asked.....LARD—Easier; quoted for prime steam at the close at 5.15c asked; city lower at 4.60@4.65c; refined steady; South America, 5.80c; Continent, 5.50c; compound, 4¼@4½c. Options closed for May at 5.12c nominal.

RICE—There is a little better demand for domestic and also a good demand for foreign, with full prices ruling on all desirable grades. Prices are as last quoted. We quote: Carolina and Louisiana, common to ordinary, 2¼@2⅝c; low fair to fair, 3@3½c; good to prime, 3½@4¼c; choice to fancy, 5@5⅝c; extra head, 6c; Java, 3¼@3½c; Java in bond, 1⅝@2c; Japan, 4@4½c; Patna in bond, 4@4⅝c; Patna in bond, 2⅝@3c.

SEEDS—There is no special feature to the market for seeds, although there continues to be a fair jobbing trade at unchanged prices. We quote: Clover, fair grades, $6 75@$7 50; high grades, $7 75@$8 25; timothy, fair grades, $3 50@$3 75; high grades, $4.

SUGAR—The London sugar market is quiet but steady for cane; Java quoted at 14s 4½d and fair refining 12s 9d. Beet ruled quiet, with prices barely maintained; April and May quoted at 12s 9d. The local market for raw sugar is steady and unchanged; 96 test centrifugal quoted at 4 5-16c, muscovado test 3¾@3⅞c and molasses sugar, 89 test, 3½@3⅝c. Refined sugar is in moderate demand, but steady and unchanged; granulated quoted at 5½c.

TEAS—The market for tea is fairly firm, as indicated by the auction sale to-day, which went off well and generally at a firm average, the offerings amounting to 11,261 packages, including the following: Moyune—323 hyson, 5@6c; 951 young Hyson, 6@26c; 312 imperial, 7@21c; 503 gunpowder, 9½@33c. Fing Suey—389 imperial, 9½@13½c; 1,341 gunpowder, 7¼@17c. Japan—34 pan-fired, 13½c; 80 siftings, 3¾@4c; 804 Congou, 9@23c; 110 India and Orange Pekoe, 11¼@24c. Oolong—1,551 Foochow, 8@10c; 1,484 Amoy, 7¾@9c; 3,379 Formosa, 12@27c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKET.

New-York, April 22, 1896.

BEANS AND PEAS—The market is fairly steady for domestic marrow beans, with general sales of choice quality at $1 30; it is possible that round lots might be bought a shade lower. Medium are quiet and steady, and choice pea are quite firm on reduced supply. Red kidney have had further sales for export at $1, and the feeling is steady on that basis. White kidney, turtle soup and yellow eye continue dull and rather weak. Lima firm. Green peas slow. We quote: Beans, domestic marrow, choice, per bush, $1 30; do, medium, $1 15@$1 17½; do, pea, $1 12½; white kidney, $1 25; do, red kidney, 97½c@$1; do, turtle soup, $1 25; do, yellow eye, $1 20@$1 25; do, Lima, California, $1 85@$1 90; do, foreign pea, old, 85@90c; do, foreign medium, old, 75@85c; green peas, bbls, 77½@80c; do, bags, 70@72½c; do, Scotch, 75c.

BUTTER—There was a little more disposition to trade to-day, and the market for fancy fresh creamery had a steady tone. Jobbers were unable to buy strictly fancy quality below 14c, and the business of the day was on that basis. Some lots approaching fancy very closely have been shaded ½@1c, but buyers who were particular about quality were unable to secure any concessions. Firsts went at 13c to a limited extent, nearly all buyers wanting the best goods they could find. State dairy remains quiet, with 13@13½c top price for half-firkin tubs and 13c for best Welsh. The Western packings are very dull and still favoring the buyer. We quote: Creamery, Western fancy, per lb, 14c; do, firsts, 13c; do, thirds to seconds, 10@12½c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, fancy, 13@13½c; do, Welsh tubs, fancy, 13c; do, common to prime, 10@12½c; imitation creamery, firsts, 11@11½c; do, seconds, 9½@10c; factory firsts, 10c; do, thirds to seconds, 7½@9c; old creamery, 9@11c; old State dairy, 8@11c; old Western dairy and factory, 7@9c.

CHEESE—The demand from the home trade continues very slow and with increasing anxiety on part of holders to clean up, the market is in a weak, unsettled position. In a small way strictly fancy mild fall made full cream works out at about top prices, but few would hesitate to offer further inducements to move any quantity, while for grades below fancy prices are very uncertain, and largely subject to negotiation between buyers and sellers. Exporters have taken further lots of early choice at generally 6⅝@7c, though a few exceptional lots have reached 7¼@7½c, and some cheaper lots were sold down to 4@5c. Not enough new full cream arriving to have much influence. Liverpool white, 42s 6d. We quote: New-York State, fancy, fall made, full cream, large, 9½@9¾c; do good to choice, 8@9½c; do common to fair, 6½@7½c; do fancy small, 9¾@10c; do good to choice, 9@9½c; do common to fair, 7@8½c; summer made, large, good to prime, 7@7½c; do small do, 7½@8c; summer made, common to fair, 5¾@7c; light skims, choice, 5½@6c; part skims, common to prime, 3@5c; part skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—The market shows very little change. Arrivals continue heavy, but the cool weather has steadied the feeling slightly, particularly on the better grades. Of the recent heavy arrivals a large part of the best goods has been placed in cold storage, and the supply of superlative quality is not now much beyond the wants of trade. A large part of the stock offering being unsuitable to store is freely offered for current sale, and buyers of these grades are beginning to complain seriously of poor quality. For the average lots of Western arriving 10½c is still the ruling price, but strictly desirable lots are not hard to sell at 10½c. Fancy selected stock, suitable for storage use, is sparingly offered; there are some buyers for this class of goods, who bid 11c, with some freedom for straight lines, and the offerings at that price are moderate. Southern eggs are out of favor, and very hard to sell at comparatively low prices. Duck eggs dull and lower. Goose eggs have very little demand. We quote: Jersey and nearby fancy, per dozen, 12@12½c; State, Pennsylvania and Maryland, country marks, 11@11½c; Western, closely selected for storage, 11c; do average prime, 10½@10½c; Southern, 9½@9¾c; do common to fair, 9@9½c; duck eggs, Maryland, per dozen, 18c; do Western, 15@16c; do Southern, 12@15c; goose eggs, 15@20c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples show slight improvement under light offerings, and a little more inquiry for prime red varieties. Russets moving slowly at unchanged prices. Inferior qualities of all kinds still very dull. California oranges moving slowly; fancy stock held about steady, but inferior grades urgently offered. Strawberries are in larger supply to-day, and the demand is much lighter; prices show some decline, and close weak, with outside quotations extreme. We quote: Apples, Baldwin, per bbl, $2@$3; do Ben Davis, $2 50@$3 50; do russets, $2@$2 75; inferior stock, $1@$1 50; oranges, California, per box, $1 75@$3 75; strawberries, Charleston, per qt, 25@35c; do Florida, 20@28c; do North Carolina, 18@30c.

FRUITS—DRIED—The wants of the jobbing trade are being supplied at about the previous prices for evaporated and sun-dried apples, but the volume of business is light, with pretty liberal offerings. Chops and cores and skins are dull and weak. Peaches dragging. Small fruits show no quotable change, but the demand is slack and prices somewhat unsettled. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy to extra fancy, 5½@6c; prime to choice, 4½@5¼c; do common to prime, 3@4½c; do sun-dried, Southern sliced, 1½@3½c; do coarse cut Southern, 1½@2½c; do Western, 2½c; do State, 2½@3½c; chops, 2@2½c; cores and skins, 2@2½c; peaches, Southern peeled, 4@7c; do unpeeled, 1½@7c; raspberries, evaporated, 16½@17c; cherries, 8@10c; blackberries, 5@5½c; huckleberries, 5@5½c; plums, State, 5c; do Southern, 4½c; apricots, 8@11c; peaches, California, peeled, 10@14c; do unpeeled, 3½@6½c; prunes, 3½@6½c.

HOPS—No features of special interest. Trade continues very moderate and for most classes of stock the feeling is easy. The one exception to this is choice shipping hops, which are relatively scarce and have some call from exporters. We quote: State, 1895, choice, per lb, 8c; good to prime, 6@7c; do common to fair, 3½@5c; Pacific Coast, 1895, choice, 7c; do common to prime, 3@6c; State and Pacific Coast, 1894, 2½@4c; do 1893, 1½@2½c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts, 12 carloads of Western. Demand good and market firm at unchanged prices. We quote: Spring chickens, per pair, 60@90c; fowls, per lb, 10½@11c; roosters, per lb, 6½c; turkeys, per lb, 10c; ducks, per pair, 60@85c; geese, per pair, 75c@$1; pigeons, per dozen, 25@40c.....DRESSED—The receipts of dressed fowls to-day were not large, but invoices are liberal of stock to come the balance of the week, and, with no improvement in the demand, the market continues weak and irregular, with the very extreme prices selected all small and large are offering at 8@8½c and all large at 8c. There is very little demand for latter. A good many lots are still arriving with the ice all melted off, and unfit for stock more or less out of order, and such offering from 4 to 7c. Other descriptions without material change. We quote: Fresh—Turkeys, average grades, young hens, 14c; do mixed hens and toms, 12@13½c; do young toms, 12@13c; do old toms, 11@12c; Apong, Philadelphia, large, 20c; do medium size, 17@18c; do small and slips, 13@16c; do Western, large, 16@18c; do small and slips, 12@14c; broilers, Long Island, scalded, 22@25c; do Philadelphia, dry-picked, under 3 lb, 20@22c; do 3 to 4 lb per pair, 25@28c; do 4 to 5 lb, 22@25c; chickens, Philadelphia, yearling, fancy, 15@17c; do fair to good, 12@14c; do Western, average best, 14@16c; do fair to good, 12@14c; fowls, Western, light average, 8@9c; do fair to good, 7@8c; do large, 8@8½c; do heavy weight, 8c; do poor to fair, 4@7c; old cocks, 5½@6c; spring ducks, Long Island, fair, 40@70c; old ducks, 50@75c; spring ducks, Western, per dozen, $1 50@$2 75. Frozen—Turkeys,