THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, August 18, 1896.

Beans, bbls	465	Oil, lub., bbls	300
Flour, pkgs	51,992	Oleo, stock, pkgs	740
Cornmeal, bbls	275	Pork, pkgs	200
Cornmeal, bags	3,010	Beef, pkgs	22
Oatmeal, bbls	35	Cut meats, pkgs	3,581
Wheat, bush	172,825	Lard, pkgs	2,778
Corn, bush	257,225	Lard, kegs	5,815
Oats, bush	324,700	Tallow, pkgs	398
Rye, bush	50,925	Grease, pkgs	82
Peas, bush	1,100	Butter, pkgs	17,500
Malt, bush	10,800	Cheese, pkgs	7,567
Cotton, bales	100	Eggs, cases	9,906
Copper, bbls	2,340	Rice, pkgs	116
Flaxseed, bags	58,450	Sugar, hhds	15
Hides, bdls	356	Tobacco, hhds	34
Oilcake, pkgs	760	Whiskey, bbls	307

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 foundry	$11 50	Minn. patent flour	$3 50
do So. No 2 soft	10 75	Molasses, O K prime	29
Steel rails	28 00	Lard, prime	3 85
Lead	2 75	Tallow, prime	3 1-16
Copper, lake ingot	10 05	Pork, mess	8 25
Wheat, No 2 red	65	Beef, family	9 00
Corn, No 2 mixed	28½	Beef hams	15 50
Oats, No 2 mixed	21½	Sugars, granulated	4⅞
Cotton, middling	8 7-16		
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	16½		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Corn, bush	224,278	Pitch, bbls	100
Oats, bush	1,140	Ref. pet., gals	5,163,291
Rye, bush	63,756	Cottonseed oil, gals	34,000
Barley, bush	101,055	Lubricating oil, gals	443,400
Alcohol, gals	8,480	Pork, bbls	1,420
Peas, bush	925	Beef, bbls	642
Beans, bush	3,000	Beef, tcs	35
Flour, lb	12,515	Bacon, lb	55,000
Flour, sacks	4,525	Hams, lb	16,600
Feed, lb	77,100	Lard, lb	1,084,900
Oatmeal, pkgs	350	Lard oil, gals	252,500
Hay, bales	37	Tallow, lb	335,000
Oil meal, lb	168,875	Grease, lb	137,300
Spirits turp., gals	950	Butter, lb	8,820
Rosin, bbls	970	Cheese, lb	

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

For week ending Tuesday, August 18, 1896.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts for the week: Beans, 2,317 bbls; peas, 25 bbls. Exports: Beans, 2,028 pkgs; peas, 614 bbls. Advices from the interior have been a little stronger, reporting damage in the crop (because of hot weather and rust, shippers felt that prices here ought to respond a little, but there has been no improvement in the general demand, and sellers have been unable to secure any advantage. Marrow are closing fairly steady on the basis of $1 12½@$1 15, the outside figure for strictly choice large beans. Some very nice marks are going at the inside figure. Medium and pea are wanted (bring about $1, in fact all of the present business has been done at that figure. White Kidney neglected. Exporters took a good many red Kidney for the steamers sailing last week, but so far this week business has been slack and it is not difficult to buy best marks at $1 60. Turtle soup held firm, because of the limited quantity of stock available. Yellow eye not plenty, but very dull. California lima have dragged all the week and the feeling is easy. Not much doing in green peas, but Scotch are in light supply, and held a shade firmer. We quote: Beans, domestic marrow, choice, per bush, $1 12½@$1 15; do medium, 97½@$1 05; do, pea, $1; do, white kidney, $1 20@$1 25; do, red kidney, $1 05; do, turtle soup, $1 40@$1 50; do, yellow eye, $1 17½; do, lima, California, $1 02½@$1 05; green peas, bbls, 100@72½c; do, bags, 72½@67½c; do Scotch, bbls, 75c; do, bags, 72½.

BUTTER—Receipts for the week: 34,673 pkgs. Exports: 18,513 pkgs. The market gained a little more strength on strictly fancy creamery, following our last weekly report, but the advance in price cannot be quoted. The demand for other grades of creamery was a pretty dull trade, both on home and foreign account. So far this week business has been on a very moderate scale, but, with somewhat firmer advices from the West, there is a fairly confident feeling, and the recent improvement is fully maintained. It seems probable that we may have a little better local demand because of the change to colder weather, and prices here are now attractive enough to draw out of town orders this way. The export trade has come somewhat to a standstill, shippers buying very much less than for some time past. Possibly the advance here may have had something to do with checking this outlet, but there is more reason to believe that the recent shipments from this side have been so heavy, have filled the foreign markets up pretty well, and shippers are desirous of cleaning up these goods as well as some other lots they have bought ahead. The outlook for future foreign business, however, seems to be reasonably bright. There will be quite a long period before the Australian butter comes on the English markets, and none of the Continental countries are able to supply goods as cheaply as we are. At the close no improvement in the quality, and the irregular character of the stock makes a very wide range of values necessary. Buyers are interested in the really choice lots of half-tubs. Imitation creamery also runs poor and has had dull sale in consequence. Factory is quiet; exporters are doing a little business, mostly in large range of 19@19½c, but have paid up to 19½c for occasional lot of desirable fresh goods. Where the body is weak or the butter borer ragged it is difficult to find a place for it. We quote: Creamery, extras, per lb, 19c; do firsts, 14@15c; do thirds to seconds, 11½@13½c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, 14½@16c; do Welsh tubs, extras, 14@14½c; do firsts, 11½@13½c; do thirds to seconds, 9@12c; do seconds, 10@11c; Western dairy, 9@12c; factory, June extras, 11c; do firsts, 10½@10½c; do current make, firsts, 10@10½c; do thirds to seconds, 7½@9½c; old butter, 6@8c.

CHEESE—Receipts for week, 31,692 boxes. Exports, 12,619 boxes. The supply of large full cream cheese has continued moderate, and with speculative purchases in the country at decidedly higher prices, together with firmer cables, there has been a steady advance in prices here, with a material gain established during the week. Up to the close of last week 7½c was the general price, though occasional lots went at 7⅝c. On Monday of this week with advices of 8@8 1-16c paid at the Northern markets on Saturday, the market opened very firmly, with holders generally inclined to ask 8½c for both colored and white. On Tuesday, advices of 8½c having been paid at the central New-York markets, holders continued very confident, with many indifferent about showing any fancy cheese below 8½c. The advance, however, has materially checked the demand, and the movement so far this week has been comparatively moderate. Exporters are willing to pay 8¼c for fancy cheese, and have paid in occasional instances 8⅜c, but those figures are all that can be depended upon as yet, though it is probable a fraction more will be obtained later in the week. Owing to the extreme hot weather last week nearly all of the cheese arriving showed more or less effects of heat, but owing to the short supply buyers could not afford to be very particular about quality, and where the flavor was not hurt the cheese were generally taken at full prices, even if a little greasy on the surface. So far this week weather has been cooler, and the cheese have shown up a little better on the surface, but a large proportion of the arrivals showed effects of the late hot weather while the cheese were on shelves. The advance in large cheese has stimulated a little better demand from some trade buyers for small cheese, and a fair movement has been in progress. Prices are somewhat higher, but are still below values of large cheese. Some holders toward the close are indifferent about offering fancy marks at present prices. Part skims continue in moderate supply, and choice large white are held a little firmly in sympathy with the advance in full cream, but all undergrades of skims continue very dull, and prices show little if any improvement. At the Utica markets on Monday 4,000 boxes small cheese sold at 7@7½c, and 5,910 boxes large cheese at 8@8¼c, ruling 8¼c. At Little Falls, 371 boxes large sold at 8¼c, and 1,300 small white and 1,347 boxes twins at 7c. Liverpool cables, 41s for colored, and 39s 6d for white. We quote: State, large full cream, fancy, 8¼@8½c; choice, 7¾@8c; do fair to good, 6½@7½c; do small, fancy, colored, 7¾@8c; do white, 7½@7¾c; do good to choice, 7@7½c; do common to fair, 6@6¾c; light skims, choice, 5½@6c; part skims, good to prime, 4@5c; do common to fair, 2@3c; full skims, 1@1½c.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 40,409 cases. We have passed through the last week one of the worst egg markets ever experienced, the intense heat prevailing throughout the West as well as here showed its effects on nearly all the receipts of eggs, and losses have been simply enormous. It has been rare to find a lot of Western eggs that would lose less than four to six dozen per case, while eight to ten dozen loss have been usual returns on average prime stock, and a good many lots have shown losses ranging from 12 to 22 dozen to the 30-dozen case, and hundreds of eggs showing so badly heated and hatched condition that they have been practically worthless, and had to be carted to the dumping ground. Under these conditions prices per dozen on a loss off basis have had little to do with net results; promptness or slowness with which the goods have been handled had considerable to do with the losses. The nominal value of average good stock up to the close of last week continued at 12c, but for grades not good enough for use of average trade most any bids were accepted. For all grades and qualities of Western eggs it is probable that the entire week's receipts will not average over $1 80@$2 per 30-dozen case. At the close here the weather is cooler, and there is little, if any, actual improvement in general conditions. The stock arriving shows effects of the late intense heat, and this trouble is liable to continue for some time to come. Really fancy eggs, perfectly cool, suitable for the use of the best trade are exceedingly difficult to find, and buyers of such quality in their anxiety to secure a few do not hesitate to offer 16@20c, and even more premium, to secure a few. For the best eggs obtainable in quantity prices are a trifle firmer, but 15c is about all that can be depended upon, while goods not worth that price are still of a very uncertain value. We quote: State, fresh stock, extra, average, 14@14½c; Pennsylvania country marks, 14 @14½c; State and Pennsylvania ordinary, 12@13c; Western, best obtainable in quantity, 13c; Western, average good, per dozen, 12@12½c; do fair to good, per case, $2@$2 40; Western, very inferior, dirties and checks entirely nominal.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples are meeting a very good demand when fancy, but medium and low grade fruit is dull and irregular. Choice pears are not plenty and steady, with a good many going into cold storage for a later market, especially Bartlett. Southern pears mostly poor and receiving little attention, except the best grades. Plums in light supply and steady. Peaches are now arriving very freely from Maryland and Delaware and a few Jerseys have been received. Grapes are quite free supply, but meeting an active demand when prime, some fancy up-river exceeding quotations. Southern offerings generally poor. Blackberries and huckleberries in light supply and steady when prime. Muskmelons from all points show a very wide range as to quality and value; fancy sell well. The cooler weather has shut off demand for watermelons and market is weak and about $50 per car lower than early in the week. We quote: Apples, prime to fancy per double-head bbls, $1@$1 50; do common to good, 25@75c; pears, Bartlett, per bbl, $2@$3; do per keg, $1 25@$1 50; do Clapp's Favorite, per bbl, $2 50@$3; do per keg, $1 25@$1 50; do other varieties, per bbl, $2@$2 25; do Southern pears, $1@$1 50; do cooking varieties, $1 75@$2 25; peaches, Western and Maryland, per carrier, $1@$2 50; do Delaware and Maryland fancy, per basket, 65@$1; do straight lines, 40@60c; do common, 25@35c; do Jersey, 25@75c; plums, per basket, 15@35c; grapes, up-river, Delaware, per case, $1 50@$2; do Worden, $1@$1 25; do Moore's Early and Wyoming, 75@$1 25; do Champion, 40@60c; do Maryland and Delaware Wyoming, 75@$1 25; do other varieties, 50@75c; blackberries, per qt, 4@8c; huckleberries, per qt, 5@9c; muskmelons, Hackensack, per bbl, $2@$3; do Jersey, Jersey Lima, per bbl, $3; do Montgomery County, per bbl, $1@$2 50; do Anne Arundel, per bbl, $1@$1 75; do Baltimore, per crate, 50c@$1; watermelons, per carload, $75@$200; do per 100, $6@$20.

FRUITS—DRIED—Receipts for week, 7,107 pkgs; exports, 1,068 pkgs. There has been only a small jobbing demand in evaporated apples all the week, and while holders have not pressed goods for sale, the demand has been met promptly, and no slight shading of values has stood in the way of business. Prices are a little lower than a week ago. Some further business has been done in the new crop for future delivery, but at present neither exporters nor interior makers show much disposition to trade. Chops and cores and skins are slow; a good deal of business has been done for future delivery, but movement now is slack. Peaches entirely neglected. A number of lots of new raspberries arrived recently and without demand; offers to sell at 15c for prime evaporated have failed to result in sales. Cherries are very dull. Huckleberries and blackberries slow but steady. The California steamer in yesterday brought 4,329 pkgs dried fruit, 1,870 of which were for export direct. Apricots are moving fairly, with best stock commanding 9@9½c generally. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, per lb, 1895, 5½@6c; do prime to choice, 4¾@5¼c; do common to good, 3@4c; do sun dried, sliced, Southern, 2@3½c; do coarse cut, State and Western, 2½@2½c; do Southern, 2@2½c; peaches, Southern, peeled, 5@6c; do unpeeled, 1¾@2c; pears, evaporated, 1896, 15c; huckleberries, 1895, 7½@8c; do 1895, 6½@7½c; cherries, 1895, 9@9c; blackberries, 1895, 5½@6c; apricots, California, 1895, 7½@9c; prunes, California, 1895, as to size, 3½@6½c.

HOPS—Receipts for the week, 194 bales. Business has moved along slowly throughout the week, but stocks seem to be fairly well under control, and holders have asked about former rates, with perhaps a trifle more confidence. Those who have strictly choice 1895 hops, either State or Pacific Coast, think pretty well of them, and would not shade present values to effect sales. Medium and common grades are dull and somewhat nominal. Picking is progressing in this State, and we shall hav samples of the new seedlings here within a few days. Estimates of the New-York State crop are generally 40@45 per cent short bales, and the most reliable estimates of the English crop are now 420,000 to 425,000 old duty. We quote: State, 1895, choice, 7½@8c; do good to prime, 5½@6½c; do common to fair, 3@5c; Pacific Coast, 1895, choice, 6½@7c; do common to prime, 3@6c; State and Pacific Coast, 1896, 2½@4c; do 1893, 1½@2½c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—Trade revives slowly. At to-day's market there was evidently good purchasing intent, but qualities of old are not over-inviting, being the wind-up of numerous points. Good straight lines of old, if they are yet accessible are not likely to be rejected, though considerable attractive new is showing daily. Prices for old, though shaded a little in a few instances of public quotations, are fully up to the present merit of quality. Besides a fair-sized volume of new has come down some of the late sharpest rates. Almost one-third of the late receipts were of new crops, and most of it was even enough for classification. Old hay is well worked out of the sheds. Some selections of recent arrivals of clover mixed have been taken by large stables; in this way better prices have been realized for unquestionable horse hay.....STRAW—The dependence of the general market is entirely upon new, but moderate receipts do not advance prices. We quote: New, No 1, 75@75c per 100 lb, new No 2, 65@70c per 100 lb. Prime old, per 100 lb, 90@92½c; No 1, per 100 lb, 87½@90c; No 2, per 100 lb, 77½@82½c; No 3, per 100 lb, 65@70c; shipping, per 100 lb, 62½@65c; clover, mixed, per 100 lb, 67½@75c; clover, per 100 lb, 60@65c; salt hay, per 100 lb, 45@50c; best oat long rye straw, per 100 lb, 90@95c; short do, per 100 lb, 90@65c; new rye straw, per 100 lb, 75@85c; best oat, per 100 lb, 55@60c; tangled rye, per 100 lb, 50@60c; wheat straw, per 100 lb, 45c. The official report of receipts of hay in tons to-day at noon was as follows: Hudson River Railroad, 180 tons; Erie Railroad, 210 tons; Pennsylvania Railroad, 70 tons; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, 20 tons; Lehigh Valley Railroad, 220 tons; Central Railroad of New-Jersey, 30 tons; river boats, 8 tons. Total, 738 tons. Exports of hay for week 2,067 bales. Receipts of straw to-day, 68 tons.

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts for the week have been 34 carloads of Western, 4 of Southern, and 2 of express stock. After our last weekly report the market steadily declined until Friday, when speculators cleaned up all the fowls and chickens at 8½c. Monday fowls advanced to 9c, and chickens 9@10c, with those prices prevailing today. Roosters have declined to 5c. Turkeys continue scarce and firm. Ducks plenty and lower, but geese steady. Pigeons neglected and low. We quote: Chickens, broiled, per lb, 9½@10c; do Western, 9½c; do Southern, 9@9½c; fowls, per lb, 9c; roosters, per lb, 5c; turkeys, per lb, 10c; ducks, Western, per pair, 67c; do Southern, per pair, 50c; geese, Western, per pair, 81@$1 25; do Southern, 75c@$1; pigeons, per pair, 15@25c.....DRESSED—Receipts for the week, 4,067 pkgs. Supplies of Western fowls continued very heavy, and the market ruled weak, with the larger proportion still consisting of chickens, the bulk of which have continued to average small and medium size, and some large quantities have arrived in bad order. Really fancy qualities of chickens in perfect condition have not been in any surplus at any time, but the low prices of average grades have kept prices low even on fancy goods. Up to the close of last week average best scalded chickens were impossible to place above 8@8½c, while small average were urged at every opportunity at 6@7c, and lots out of order ranged down to 3@4c lb, and even lower, but it was simply impossible to effect a clearance, and at the close of the week large lots were seized by the Board of Health. This week the weather has been a little cooler, but receipts heavier than generally expected, and while the tone is a little more confident, it has been difficult as yet to realize English any material advance in prices. Occasional fancy lots have brought a little more, but average best scalded chickens are still offering at 8½@9c. Dry-picked Western chickens unless exceptionally fancy, have been greatly neglected. Nearby chickens rarely of desirable quality and prices low and irregular. Fowls have been less plenty than chickens all the week, and while only moderately active kept sold closely up and prices generally advanced a fraction (@10c for choice dry-picked, but scalded fowls have been difficult to place above 9c. Long Island and Eastern spring ducks sold quickly, and while prices held about the same as last week, the feeling is easy, with top figures extreme. Western ducks very dull and irregular. Eastern geese greatly neglected and in considerable accumulation at the close. Old turkeys scarce and wanted. Tame squabs in liberal supply, very dull and weak. We quote: Turkeys, prime, dry-picked, selected, 13@14c; do ordinary, 10@12c; do Pennsylvania, 10@12c; do Western, dry-picked, choice, 9c; do scalded, 8c; chickens, Western, dry-picked, choice, 9@10c; do scalded, 8c; old cocks, 5@5½c; spring ducks, Eastern and Long Island, per pair, 12@13c; do Pennsylvania and Virginia, 9@11c; do Western, 7@9c; old ducks, Western, 5@8c; spring geese, Eastern, 12@14c; squabs, per dozen, $1@$1 75.

GAME—Only small and irregular lots of fresh game birds arriving and rarely in prime condition. Choice birds would sell to a moderate extent at about quotations. We quote: Grouse and partridges, choice, per pair, 75@81c; woodcock, choice, per pair, 90@81c; Wilson's snipe and golden plover, choice, per doz, $1 75@$2; grass plover, choice, per doz, $1@$1 50.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES—The receipts of Irish potatoes have been moderate of late, and the market has advanced to $1 25@$1 37 for Long Island, with some sales slightly higher. Jerseys bring almost as much as Long Island, but Southern are largely poor and unsatisfactory value. Sweet potatoes have sold readily, but there are no more than steady at the close. Onions are in small supply, and choice rule firm and higher, but common drag heavily at low prices. Cucumbers and pickles in moderate supply and steady at a slight advance in price. Celery largely poor, and such neglected. Green corn plenty and cheap. Green peas firm and high for fancy, but poor neglected. Eggplants steady. Lima beans mostly poor. Okra steady. Tomatoes and other vegetables selling fairly, but at low prices. We quote: Potatoes, Long Island, per bbl, $1 25@$1 37; do Jersey, $1@$1 25; do Lewes, per basket, $1@$1 50; do Virginia, $1 25@$1 50; onions, potato, per bbl, 75@81; do per basket, 50@60c; do State, bags, white, 75@$1 50; do red and yellow, 75@$1 12; do Long Island, per bbl, $1@$1 50; do Bermuda, white, per bbl, $2@$2 25; do red and yellow, $1 25@$1 50; cucumber pickles, per 1,000, 75@$1 50; cucumbers, Long Island, per 100, 30@40c; do Jersey, per box, 15@25c; cabbage, per 100, $2@$2 50; celery, per dozen stalks, 20@40c; green peas, per bag, 50@$2; green corn, per 100, 25@75c; egg plant, per bbl, 50@75c; lima beans, potato, per bag, 50@75c; do flat, 100@40c; peppers, per bbl, 40@75c; tomatoes, per crate, 10@40c; turnips, Russia, per bbl, 60@75c.

SUNDRIES—Beeswax dull and nominal at 25@26c per lb. Maple sugar steady at 7½@8½c per lb. Ginseng root firm at $2 75@$3 75 per lb. Honey entirely nominal. Peanuts steady at 4@4½c for fancy hand-picked; shelled firm at 6@6½c for No. 1. Pecans quiet at 4@4½c per lb for round lots.

MILK AND CREAM—The daily average receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows:

	Condensed Milk.	Cream.
Erie	4,218	68
Susquehanna	1,882	3
Lackawanna	5,550	40
New-York Central and Harlem	1,475	67
New-York and Northern	650	—
New-Haven and Hartford	750	—
Ontario and Western	1,974	393
West Shore	1,475	50
New-Jersey Central	225	15
Short routes	1,550	55
Total daily supply	22,689	188

The average price paid for the surplus on the platforms has been $1 25 a can of 40 quarts.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, August 18, 1896.

COTTON—The local market closed firm, with a net advance of 2@33 points. Total sales were 314,600 bales. The closing prices were about the highest of the day. The market started with an advance of 10 to 14 points. The firmness was due largely to a decidedly higher Liverpool market, which was unexpected by local traders. Bad crop reports from the cotton belt helped the bulls. The market had some slight reactions, but always quickly recovered. There was a bullish sentiment which took a practical form of buying. This buying was largely due to anticipated unfavorable Government report Wednesday. A forecast of this report indicates generally unfavorable conditions, but states that the crop in certain sections of Texas is doing quite well. There was free covering by local shorts. January contracts sold up to 8.20. At times buyers found very little cotton for sale. The price of 8.20 for January is the highest figure touched since the bull movement of last autumn. The weather map showed a little rain in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. Receipts at ports and interior points are heavy, about 10,000 bales at ports. Most of this in new cotton. Houston receipts were 8,860 bales, against 4,339 last week and 793 last year. Receipts at Houston estimated at 3,000 to 3,400 bales tomorrow, against 2,247 bales same day last week and 210 last year. The Georgia Commission of Agriculture estimates a shortage of at least one-third for that State. "The New-Orleans Picayune" reports distressing conditions in North Louisiana.

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.
August	8.10	8.31	8.10	8.29@8.31	8.01	7.30
September	7.78	8.05	7.78	8.00@8.02	7.75	7.29
October	7.80	8.14	7.80	8.13@—	7.81	7.36
November	7.90	8.11	7.85	8.08@8.09	7.77	7.41
December	7.94	8.16	7.90	8.14@8.15	7.83	7.46
January	7.98	8.20	7.95	8.18@8.19	7.87	7.52
February	8.02	8.24	8.01	8.23@8.24	7.91	7.57
March	8.06	8.29	8.05	8.28@8.29	7.96	7.62
April	8.20	8.33	8.20	8.32@8.34	8.01	—

Market closed firm at 28 to 32 points advance compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferrable notices, 8.25. Total sales, 314,600 bales. New-York gross receipts, 100 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 1,759 bales; sales, 300 bales; spinners, 100 bales; stock, 69,405 bales. Total receipts to-day, 4,958 bales; thus far this week, 19,728 bales. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 5,894 bales. Thus far this week: Great Britain, 9,830 bales; France, 275 bales; Continent, 1,647 bales; stock, 144,272 bales. Spot cotton dull, ⅛c advance. Middling uplands, 8 7-16c; middling Gulf, 8 11-16c; sales, 100 bales spinning, 200 bales contract.

Liverpool cables—Spot cotton hardening; sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 300 bales; American, 5,600 bales; receipts, 5,000 bales; American, 2,000 bales. Middling uplands, 4 17-32d. Futures strong, 2-64d advance; closed firm 5½ points net advance. January-February, 417½s. February-March, 418½s; March-April, 419½s; April-May, 420½s; May-June, 421½s; August, 430b; August-September, 426b; September-October, 426½b; October-November, 418½b; November-December, 417s; December-January, 417½s. Manchester—Yarns dearer than last report, but buyers refuse to go on; cloths dull.

COFFEE—As a result of higher cables there was a good advance in local prices to-day. Have showed a rise of 10@15c francs. Trading here, however, was of a limited character. Light receipts helped the upward movement. Rio made firm at 150 points advance to No. 10,500. Exchange quoted at 9 1-16 reis; receipts for ten days, 11,000 reis; clearances for United States, 6,000 bags; stock, now 245,000 bags. Santos receipts for three days, 26,000 bags; stock at Santos, 331,000 bags; market quiet at 10,800 reis. Hamburg steady; August, 54.75; September, 53.75; October, 52.75; November, 52. Havre steady. August, 62.25; September, 60.75; October, 63; November, 62.75; the New-York stock, other than Brazilian, is now 117,586 bags. Contracts closed barely steady at 5@20 points advance; sales were 13,250 bags, as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.	Last year bids.
January	9.30	9.30	9.25@9.30	14.90
February			9.25@9.30	14.85
March	9.30	9.30	9.25@9.30	14.75
April			9.25@9.30	14.70
May	9.35	9.35	9.25@9.35	14.65
June			9.25@9.30	—
July	9.30	9.30	9.25@9.30	—
August	10.30	10.25	10.10@10.25	15.25
September	9.80	9.80	9.75@9.80	15.20
October			9.50@9.55	15.25
November	9.40	9.40	9.30@9.40	15.10
December	9.30	9.25	9.20@9.30	15.05

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York stock	261,992	240,591	202,012
Baltimore stock	8,759	9,366	9,764
New-Orleans stock	25,806	7,779	8,166
Stock at all ports	296,257	266,736	219,975
New-York deliveries	*28,152	4,767	2,703
Baltimore deliveries	81	145	136
New-Orleans deliveries	144	213	304
Total deliveries	28,377	5,121	3,233
Afloat	242,000	230,000	283,000
Visible supply	478,257	496,736	482,975

* Including 13,959 ex-ship.

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FOREIGN DRIED FRUIT—The trade in dried fruit continues of a very quiet, featureless character, in nearly all the different lines of goods, with practically very little interest shown in futures. Raisins are steady, currants quiet, prunes and figs with the interest in new crop California light; nuts are dull. We quote: Valencia raisins, 3½@7c; sultana, 5½@8c; California, 3½@6c; dates, 2½@4½c; currants, 3½@5½c; prunes, 4@6½c; almonds, 7½@8½c; Brazil nuts, 4@4½c; walnuts, 6½@8½c; filberts, 6½@8½c; figs, 5½@8½c.

FOREIGN GREEN FRUITS—There is a quiet but steady market for the seasons, with little besides a jobbing trade expected, until the next auction sale the latter part of the week; oranges are in light supply but quiet; bananas are in somewhat better request; limes are unsettled; cocoanuts dull. We quote: Lemons, $5 25@$7 50; oranges, Rodi, $4 75@$5 25; bananas, 0@$1 25.....Florida pineapples, $11@$14; cocoanuts, $25@$30; lime, $1 25@$1 50.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for flour was treated to a decided surprise in the action of the Spring Wheat Millers' Association, which decided to suspend the minimum limit on spring wheat patent flour. This minimum limit has for some days past been $3 60 net, and immediately after suspension sales were made in lines at $3 50, and flour was offered freely at $3 40 for standard patents, the closing quotation, with buyers waiting to bid much lower, $3 40 for any flour. The suspension of the limit by the Association was looked upon as, temporarily at least, the giving up the idea of attempting to control quotations. The Association has not been looked upon as a success as viewed from the New-York standpoint, and the action to-day was considered by the agents as a confirmation of the ideas of much of southwest of the Association. Total sales were 24,600 bbls, including 1,000 bbls winter patents, $3 60@$3 65; 1,500 bbls straights, $3 25@$3 40; 500 bbls superfine, $2 05; 3,800 bbls city patents, $4@$4 35; 1,500 bbls city clears, $3@$3; 13,500 bbls spring patents, $3 40@$3 65; 2,000 bbls clears, $2 70@$2 90.....RYE FLOUR—Steady; sales, 500 bbls, at $2 40@$2 75.....CORNMEAL—Quiet; sales, 200 bbls, at $2 15. Quoted: Brandywine, $2 15; Sagamore, $2 15; Western and Southern, $1 90@$2; kiln dried, $2 10@$2 20.....WHEAT—Steady. Quoted: Fine red winter, 73 9/16c; fine yellow, 73c; choice, 62@64c.....FREIGHTS—Quoted: 3c, 60 and 80 lb, 47½@52½c, 100 lb, 55@57½c; rye feed, 50@55c; sharps, 60@65c; hominy chops, 90@95c; cottonseed meal, 95@$1; oilmeal, 87½@90c; city feed, 85@87½c.

CORN—WHEAT—The wheat market opened firm, and was firm and fairly active during the morning, advancing about ⅛c. The advance appears to be partly due to some foreign buying, and partly to a little buying on the reports of frost in Manitoba and some covering of shorts. At the advance trade was very light. The tone of the foreign markets was very steady, and the buying for Europe, which has been a feature for several days past, was quite an encouraging item of the situation. The reports from the West were unchanged. The movement of spring wheat is liberal, and at Minneapolis and Duluth was 488 cars, against 257 last week and 282 last year. The official Illinois report for August shows the acreage of wheat harvested 1,082,000 acres, yield, 13 bush, total crop, 15,314,581 bush, against 1,000,712 last year. The European agent of the Agricultural Department reports on foreign crops as follows: Great Britain—Harvest is half over. Wheat will closely approximate 32 bush per acre, the highest average for many years. The total crop will approximate 56,000,000 bush. Barley good; oats below an average; hay deficient. Scarcity of feeding stuffs will lessen the value of cattle and sheep. France—The wheat yield is expected to exceed 340,000,000 bush. Germany—Wheat harvest beginning; total crop estimated at 112,000,000 bush. Barley exceptionally good. Rye average; potatoes an average crop. Spain and Portugal—Harvest irregular, but the minimum estimate of wheat of the Iberian peninsula is 50,000,000 bush, of which Portugal cannot produce more than 4,000,000 bush. Italy—Wheat crop something more than an average, about 75,000,000 bush. Austro-Hungary—Prospect is for an average crop of wheat and barley. Wheat estimate ranges from 175,000,000 to 225,000,000 bush. Russia—Heavy rains have seriously delayed Wheat in the Southwest will be under an average. Elsewhere through the country a good average is expected. Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway report average crops. The market during the afternoon was fairly steady, but not active, hardening in the last few minutes of the session, closing very steady at ⅞@⅞c net gain. The demand for cash stuff was insignificant. Two loads of No 1 hard Manitoba were reported for export, shipment Nov 20 and the usual number of cargoes for shipment at 57½c, local. The damage in grain by the elevator fire in Brooklyn was estimated at only about $25,000. No 2 red was quoted at 3¾@4c over September, f o b afloat; September closed at 62⅝c; No 1 Northern 1½c over September f o b afloat, and No 1 hard 4½c over September f o b afloat.....CORN—The market for corn was quiet but very steady to-day. There was very little outside speculation, and Chicago some buying was reported, with a drop in temperature, the reports of frost in the Northwest and predictions of frost for to-night. The buying was not very active, however, the principal feature seeming to be an absence of offerings. During the afternoon trade was small, and the close was steady at ⅛c net advance. The exports of corn from the principal Atlantic ports last week were 2,451,000 bush. The Illinois official report made the conditions of corn 95 on an area about the same as last year. The cash market was steady. Sales were reported of 8,000 bush for export of No 2 at 1⅛c over September f o b afloat. No 2 was quoted at 28½c in elevator. September closed at 28⅝c.....OATS—The market for oats was very firm, with fair trading. The opening showed very little stuff for sale and prices improved as the day advanced, the market closing firm at ½c net gain. The Illinois crop report showed a total yield of oats of 104,425,000 bush, against 73,707,000 bush last year, but this, in view of the adverse reports regarding quality and the good demand for choice old oats, had practically no effect. Locally there was quite a good demand for oats, the trade buying freely of ungraded white. Prices were firm. Sales were reported of 2,000 bush No 2 at 21½c and 172,000 bush of ungraded white at 18@20c, new and old. No 3 oats were quoted at 19½c new, No 2 white, 23c, and No 2 white, 23½c, f o b afloat.....RYE—Market firm, with No 2 Western quoted at 38@39c, c i f New-York.....BARLEY—Market quiet but steady, with feeding quoted at 32@33c, c i f.....FLAXSEED—Market weak, with prices quoted at 73½@74c c i f.

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