THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, August 19, 1896.

Beans, bbls	81	Spirits turp, bbls	50
Flour, pkgs	28,824	Tar, bbls	30
Cornmeal, bbls	516	Oilcake, pkgs	90
Cornmeal, bags	1,300	Oil, lub, bbls	370
Oatmeal, bags	346	Oleo stock, pkgs	320
Wheat, bush	86,475	Peanuts, bags	284
Corn, bush	176,475	Pork, pkgs	10
Oats, bush	93,600	Beef, pkgs	125
Rye, bush	17,400	Cutmeats, pkgs	1,882
Malt, bush	6,000	Lard, pkgs	977
Cottonseed oil, bbls	350	Lard, kegs	3,911
Cotton, bales	570	Tallow, pkgs	600
Copper, cakes	1,200	Grease, pkgs	114
Copper, bbls	200	Butter, pkgs	8,594
Hay, tons	818	Cheese, pkgs	4,162
Straw, tons	130	Eggs, cases	8,291
Flaxseed, bags	8,500	Tobacco, hhds	545
Hops, bales	14	Tobacco, pkgs	985
Lead, pigs	400	Whiskey, bbls	749
Rosin, bbls	1,238		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 foundry	$11 50	Mins. patent flour	$3 50
do So. No 2 soft	18 00	Molasses, O K prime	29
Steel rails	28 00	Lard, prime	5 80
Lead	2 67½	Hogs, dressed, 160 lb	5¾
Copper, lake ingots	10 65	Tallow, prime	3 1-16
Wheat, No 2 red	63¼	Pork, mess	8 25
Corn, No 2 mixed	28¾	Beef, family	9 00
Oats, No 2 mixed	22¾	Beef hams	15 50
Cotton, middling	$5 3-16	Sugars, granulated	4¾
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	16¾		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	24,952	Pitch, bbls	101
Corn, bush	119,119	Refined petr., gals	1,778,561
Oats, bush	480	Naphtha, gals	2,000
Rye, bush	8,461	Gas oil, gals	166,160
Peas, bush	655	Cottonseed oil, gals	108,246
Beans, bush	630	Lub. oil, gals	442
Flour, bbls	1,712	Pork, bbls	178
Flour, sacks	13,680	Beef, bbls	126
Cornmeal, bbls	498	Beef, tcs	512,550
Feed, lb	11,800	Bacon, lb	29,600
Bran, bush	1,500	Hams, lb	563,350
Hay, bales	183	Lard, lb	485,400
Whiskey, gals	340	Tallow, lb	10,400
Oilcake, lb	1,167,000	Grease, lb	257,350
Spirits turp, gals	34,350	Butter, lb	51,350
Rosin, bbls	2,063	Cheese, lb	

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, August 19, 1896.

COTTON—The market closed steady, with a net decline of 15@23 points. Total sales were 248,800 bales. The closing prices were only a little above the lowest of the day. The highest prices of the active months were about 4 points under yesterday's closing. The first sales showed a loss of from 13 to 24 points on disappointing Liverpool news, the Liverpool market opening barely steady at an advance of about 3 points and closing with a net advance of 1½ to 2½ points. At Manchester yarns and cloths were quiet but firm. The local market had sharp advances and declines, being influenced largely by the excitement of buying and selling orders. The weather map to-day showed quite general rains throughout the cotton belt, except in Texas, where practically no rain fell. The Mississippi Valley reports some benefit to crop conditions owing to the showers, and there is a cooler atmosphere, which, it is thought, will benefit the crop materially. The general showers in the cotton belt seem to have checked the buying. Liverpool cables say that there was liberal buying there to-day, one operator being credited with taking about 30,000 bales. Business fell off materially during the latter part of the session in our market. Trade seems looking anxiously to the weather, general sentiment is mixed. Conflicting crop statements are received, but they are mostly bad. Bennett, S. C., looks for a decrease in acreage of 25 to 30 per cent. Cuthbert, Ga., expects crop shortage of 25 to 50 per cent. Columbia, Miss., estimates decrease of 15 per cent in crop. Southern spot markets generally ⅛c higher. The weekly weather report of the Department of Agriculture says: "Under the excessive heat and dryness of last week the deterioration of cotton was continued over the greater portion of the cotton belt in the Carolinas and in portions of Louisiana and Eastern Texas local showers have checked deterioration, and in portions of Louisiana and Texas the late crop has been somewhat improved. But, upon the whole, the outlook indicates a crop much below the average. Premature opening of bolls and shedding are generally reported. Picking is now general over the northern portion of the cotton belt, but it has been retarded to some extent by excessive heat. All reports indicate an exceptionally early crop. It is estimated that picking will be completed in portions of Mississippi by October 1, and this statement will probably apply to other States. In Texas a general rain is needed for the top crop, but it would lower the grade of the staple."

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

	Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Close to-day.	Closing bids night.	Last year.
August	8.10	8.25	8.08	8.08@8.07	8.29	7.42
September	7.89	8.00	7.80	7.91@7.92	8.06	7.42
October	7.91	8.07	7.92	7.93@7.96	8.08	7.53
November	7.96	8.01	7.89	7.92@7.93	8.08	7.58
December	7.98	8.10	7.94	7.97@7.98	8.14	7.59
January	8.05	8.17	7.98	8.01@8.02	8.18	7.64
February	8.09	8.13	8.08	8.05@8.07	8.23	7.69
March	8.12	8.24	8.08	8.10@8.11	8.28	7.74
April	8.18	8.29	8.14	8.14@8.15	8.33	

Market closed steady at 15 to 23 points decline compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices, 810; total sales, 248,800 bales. New York gross receipts, 570 bales. Exports: Continent, 400 bales; stock, 800; stock, 49,575; total net receipts to-day, 532; thus far this week, 25,080. Exports to-day: Continent, 400 bales. Thus far this week: Great Britain, 9,830 bales; France, 275; Continent, 2,047; stock, 149,197. Spot cotton quiet; ⅛c lower; middling uplands, 8 5-16; middling gulf 8 9-16; sales, 300 bales, on contract.

Liverpool cables—Spot cotton, moderate demand; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000. American, 6,000; receipts, 5,000, all American. Middling uplands, 4⅝d. Futures steady, 2-4d advance; closed barely steady, 1@1½ points net advance. January-February, 4[illegible]; February-March, 42[illegible]; March-April, 421s; April-May, 422s; May-June, 423s; August, 432s; August-September, 428½s; September-October, 432½b; October-November, 429½s; November-December, 419b; December-January, 419b. Manchester—Yarns and cloths, quiet and firm.

COFFEE—The sales to-day were light, with an almost complete cessation of operations most of the day. Free receipts at Santos checks buying. Havre showed but little change. Deliveries keep small. Chief sales September. Rio cables firm at 10,750 reis, an advance of 250 reis; receipts, 8,000 bags. Cleared for the United States, 4,000 bags; stock, 149,000 bags; exchange, 6 11-32d. Santos receipts, 30,000 bags; stock, 361,000; market firm at 300 advance, to 11,000. Steamship Cuyler cleared from Rio with 19,000 bags. Hamburg dull; August, 54.75; September, 53.75; October, 52.75; November, 52.25. Havre, lower; August, 64.50; September, 62.25; October to May, 61.75; market barely steady.

Contracts closed quiet at unchanged to 5 points decline. Sales were 5,500 bags, as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.	Last year bids.
January			9.25@ 9.30	14.85
February			9.25@ 9.30	14.80
March	9.30	9.25	9.26@ 9.30	14.75
April			9.25@ 9.30	14.70
May			9.25@ 9.30	
June			9.20@ 9.25	
July			9.20@ 9.25	15.15
August	10.15	10.15	10.10@10.20	15.10
September	9.75	9.70	9.75@ 9.80	15.15
October			9.45@ 9.50	15.00
November			9.25@ 9.35	15.00
December	9.25	9.25	9.20@ 9.25	15.00

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York stock	246,602	249,602	254,354
Baltimore stock	8,729	8,759	9,511
New-Orleans stock	25,526	25,586	7,992
Stock at all ports	225,000	236,257	271,857
New-York deliveries	10,857	28,152	5,432
Baltimore deliveries	30	81	253
New-Orleans deliveries	370	144	297
Total deliveries	11,257	28,377	5,892
Afloat	390,000	242,000	226,000
Visible supply	485,000	478,257	497,857

The Street market for Rio and Santos coffee was dull and nominal, with Rio No 7 spot quoted at 10⅝c, and No 8 at 10c. Mild coffee was active and firm, with sales of 8,500 bags Maracaibo, 1,500 bags do; 142 bags washed Caracas, and 250 bags unwashed Caracas.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The flour market to-day was steadier, with a little more inquiry for spring patents at reduced limits for local trade, and for new winters to arrive, at $3 20@$3 25, but for low grades no demand was reported. At the close the market was somewhat firmer. Total sales were about 22,700 pkgs, including 500 bbls winter patents, $3 75@$4; 2,500 bbls straights, $3 20@$3 30; 1,000 bbls for export at $3 20@$3 25; 450 bbls, extra 1s, $2 40@$2 50; 150 bbls fines, $2 75; 5,300 bbls city patents, $4@$4 25; 3,100 bbls clears, $3 90; 100 bbls city extra 2s, $3; 150 bbls city fines, $2 80; 8,000 bbls spring patents, $3 40@$3 50; 2,000 bbls clears (fair to good), $2 70@$2 75.

RYE FLOUR—Steady; sales, 200 bbls, at $2 15. Quoted: CORNMEAL—Steady; sales, 300 bbls, at $2 15. Quoted: Brandywine, $2 15; Seamore, $2 15; Western and South-ern, $1 90@$2 10. ...BAG MEAL—Steady. Quoted: Fine white, 73@76c; fine yellow, 73@76c; coarse, 62@64c.

FEED—Dull. Quoted: 40, 60 and 80 lb, 45@47½c; 100 lb, 85@87½c; rye feed, 50@55c; sharps, 60@65c; hominy chop, 45@47½c; cottonseed meal, 95c@$1; oil meal, $7½@$8; city feed, 52½@55c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The bulls had the advantage of the day's movement in wheat, and prices at the close scored a net gain of ⅝c. The opening of the market showed the prevalence of a better feeling, and the upward movement, while not large, was continued nearly all day. The market closing very firm. During the forenoon there was a good deal of buying of wheat, mainly Continental, although some of the English houses were reported to have orders on the buying side. It was also alleged that the weather was unsatisfactory in the United Kingdom, causing some apprehension. Early public cables were not particularly strong. The later advices, however, were firm, the market showing an advance both in English and Continental cities. The trade sold at the opening and was inclined to take the side opposite from the foreign houses, but as the day progressed and offerings did not increase, early sellers became good buyers. There were reports of considerable damage by frost in Manitoba, and fears were expressed that the lower temperature would result in further damage. Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were 246 cars for the day, against 266 last week and 218 last year. The movement of wheat at the primary markets, both spring and winter, keeps up well, and for the three days this week has increased 179,000 bush. "Bradstreet's" visible made a decrease in wheat of 780,000 bush out of the Rockies and an increase in European stocks and afloat of 04,000 bush. The American supplies are 37,312,000 bush, and the European 40,000,000 bush. The weekly weather and crop bulletin says that the last week was very favorable for growing crops, but unfavorable for threshing, and grain in the shock and stack suffered further injury. The reports from Wall Street of the likelihood of gold imports of at least $2,000,000 this week and the consequent advance in stocks, had a pronounced effect on the speculative trade in the afternoon. The decline in exchange, while against export business, was very effective in the confidence inspired by the Wall Street news. The cash trade was at a standstill. Late evening exporters took 16,000 bush No 2 hard Manitoba, private terms. No 2 red was quoted at 63¾c over September, 1½c over December, and 1c over May. No 1 northern, 1½c over September, f o b afloat. No 2 hard, 4½c over September, f o b afloat. CORN—The inspiration of the strength in wheat had a beneficial influence on the market for corn, and prices were higher all around, although the volume of trade was not large. Added to the sympathetic influences was the falling off in the movement of the primary receipts have in the three days decreased 1,256,000 bush, due, it is claimed, to the fact that the recent rush of corn was largely of cribbed corn, moving on account of the corn crib rates, and that being disposed of, the arrivals at the lake ports, and that being disposed of, the arrivals naturally let up. The foreign markets were fairly steady, and a little foreign buying was reported of cash. "Bradstreet's" visible shows an increase of 1,427,000 bush, and is now 17,223,000 bush. The Government crop report for the last week says that in the South corn has suffered, and only a light crop is promised. In Arkansas it is almost a failure, and bad reports are received from Oklahoma, Tennessee and other States, and has deteriorated in South Missouri and Southwestern Nebraska, while in Southern Illinois it is badly damaged in Kansas. On the whole, a fine crop is anticipated in the principal corn States. The future market closed very firm at ⅝@¾c net advance. Cash corn was firm; 50,000 bush No 2 were reported for export, private terms, and 9,600 bush sold at 29¾c delivered, local account. The price for No 2 in the elevator was quoted at 28⅝c at the close. OATS—The market for oats was very firm to-day, sympathizing with the rise in wheat and corn and a net gain of ½@⅝c was soon in the option market. Further unfavorable crop advices were received, and it is stated that the weather the last week has further injured grain in shock and stack. The primary movement has decreased, and in five days has fallen off 440,000 bush. "Bradstreet's" visible showed an increase of 400,000 bush, and the total is 11,461,000 bush. Cash oats were dull but firmer; 2,000 bush No 2 sold early at 21¾@21⅞c, the market closing at 22⅛c nominal, and 30,000 bush ungraded white at 18@30c; No 2 white oats were quoted at 25¼c; No 3 white at 23¾@24c; No 3 oats at 20c. ...RYE—Market firmer, with No 2 Western quoted at 38¼@39c, c i f. ...BARLEY—Market steady at 32@32½c, c i f.

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

Wheat:	Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Close ing.	Closing night.	Last year.
August				63¼	62½	67⅞
September	62⅞	63¼	62⅝	63¼	62½	67½
October	63⅞	64¼	63⅞	64¼	63⅞	68⅛
November				65¼	64½	
December	65⅝	66	65⅝	66	65½	69⅞
May	69⅝	69⅞	69⅝	69⅞	69⅝	73⅞
Corn:						
August				28⅝	28½	
September	28⅝	28¾	28⅝	28¾	28½	42½
October	29½	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝	29¼	41⅞
December	30½	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30½	
May	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32½	37⅞
Oats:						
August				22⅛	21½	25
September	21⅝	22	21½	22	21½	24⅛
October	22	22	22	22	21½	24
Do White.						
September	—	—	—	—	—	29⅞
Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted. Flour barrels, grain bushels, as follows:						

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	9	168	524	429	6	25
Milwaukee	12	42	7	78	9	87
St. Louis	4	108	107	27	—	—
Toledo	—	23	10	4	—	—
Detroit	—	10	5	11	—	—
Peoria	—	4	21	46	—	—
Minneapolis	—	114	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	141	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	34	12	3	—	—
Indianapolis	—	6	22	5	—	—
Totals	25	656	705	599	15	62
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	22	165	928	412	—	3
Milwaukee	5	5	—	—	1	—
St. Louis	5	11	174	13	—	—
Toledo	—	6	2	1	—	—
Detroit	—	—	2	—	—	—
Peoria	—	13	7	43	—	—
Minneapolis	60	7	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	326	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	11	10	7	—	—
Totals	95	554	1,123	476	1	3
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	23	87	177	94	17	—
Philadelphia	10	33	5	42	—	—
Baltimore	10	33	191	31	1	—
Boston	5	5	107	24	—	—
New-Orleans	2	4	24	—	—	—
Galveston	—	—	6	—	—	—
Totals	50	182	510	191	18	—
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	12	25	119	1	9	—
Philadelphia	—	168	4	36	—	—
Baltimore	26	96	43	—	—	—
New-Orleans	1	—	50	—	—	—
Totals	39	289	216	37	9	—

METALS—TIN—A quiet market prevailed in tin, with prices closing dull at 13.25 for spot. The sale at Batavia was at 36 guilders, against 36½ in June. ...COPPER—The market very little interest shown in the market, quotations were at 10.65@11. A slightly firmer tone abroad made sellers somewhat more cautious. ...LEAD—The continued depression of the market at St. Louis and lack of any special demand made an easier feeling locally, the market closing at 2.67½. ...SPELTER—The market was dull and flat, both here and at the West, and was quoted nominally to close at 3.45. ...IRON—The market continues very dull, with prices unsettled and lower. We quote: Pennsylvania No 1 X, $12@$13; do No 2, $11 50@$12; Southern No 1 foundry, $10 50@$11; No 2 soft, $9 75@$10.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—Trading was light, but the market holds steady at unchanged rates. Southern markets are firm and supplies there are light. We quote: New Orleans centrifugal, ordinary, 12@16c; common, 14@16c; fair, 17@20c; prime, 21@23c; choice, 24@25c; New-Orleans, open kettle, fair, 27@28c; good, 29@30c; prime, 32@34c; choice, 35@37c; Porto Rico, 28@35c; Barbadoes, 25@27c; syrups, sugar, fair, 12@14c; good, 15@16c; choice, 17@18c; fancy, 22@24c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 24,117 bbls; spirits turpentine, 2,357 bbls; tar, 1,657 bbls. Rosin ruled steady but unchanged; common to good strained quoted at $1 57½@$1 60. Spirits turpentine quiet but steady and unchanged, regulars and machines quoted at 24@24½c. Tar and pitch unchanged. We quote: Tar, regulars, $1 65; all pitch, $2 25, pitch, $1 80@$1 90.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—In ocean freight room a quiet market was reported to-day, but the steadiness of prices is quite noticeable to nearly all points. Engagements reported to-day of one load of heavy grain to London at 3d, 2 loads to Copenhagen at 3s, and reports were current of 15 loads to Antwerp at 3¼d. We quote: Grain—Liverpool, 2½d; London, 3d; Glasgow, 3½d; Bristol, 3½d; Leith, 3¼d; Hull, 3½d; Newcastle, 3½d; Antwerp, 3½d; Marseilles, 2s 6d; Copenhagen, 3s; Bremen, 50 pfks; Hamburg, 55 pfks; Rotterdam, 8c; Amsterdam, 7½c; Cork for orders, 3s; petroleum to United Kingdom, 5c; do to Continent, 7½c; cotton to Liverpool, ¼d; steam, CHARTERS—The sail tonnage market was somewhat more active to-day, the improvement being chiefly in the South American and West India trades. Rates were unchanged. There continues a steady demand for large-sized vessels with tonnage offerings still light. Steamers are in good demand for grain, with rates firm, 3s 1½d being required to Cork for orders. September-October loading. Other departments there is but little doing, but rates are firm. Charters follow: Bark, 1,535 tons, grain, North Atlantic ports to Cork for orders, 3s 1½d—option of picked ports United Kingdom, including Rotterdam, 2s 7½d, berth terms; if to a French port, 2s 9d; British steamer (re-let), 15,000 qrs grain, Philadelphia to picked ports United Kingdom, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 2s 7½d, berth terms, September; British steamer, 254 tons, Pensacola, grain, San Francisco to St. Vincent for orders, 26s 3d; Norwegian steamer, 298 tons, Central American trade, 3 months, $350 per month; Italian ship, 1,527, and British bark, 1,082 tons, grain, San Francisco to Cork for orders, to the United Kingdom, Havre, Antwerp or Dunkirk, 26s 9d and 26s 3d, respectively, German ship, 11,500 bbls refined petroleum, Hoboken to London, 2s 1½d, or Avonmouth, 2s 3d, September-December, brig, 3,000 bbls refined petroleum, hence to Belfast, 3s 3d; British bark, 912 tons, sugar, Demerara to New York, prime terms, schooner, 481 tons, white pine lumber, Pensacola to Demerara, $4 75; schooner, 339 tons, lumber, King's Ferry to Curacao, $7 and port charges, and back from Bonaire to New-York or a Sound port, salt, 6c; schooner, 187 tons, lumber, King's Ferry to Beriboo, private terms; schooner, 213 tons, general cargo, Fernandina to St. John, P. R., lump sum and port charges; schooner, 499 tons, lumber, Jacksonville to Noank, private terms; schooner, 343 tons, lumber, Fernandina to New-York, $4 50; two schooners, 180 and 300 tons, lumber, Norfolk to New-York, private terms and $2 15, respectively; British schooner, 197 tons, coal, Edgewater to Wolfville, N. S., 90c; British schooner, 149 tons, coal, Edgewater to Liverpool, N. S., 90c; British schooner, 111 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Halifax, owners' account; schooner, 330 tons, cement, Rondout to Boston, 13c; schooner, 234 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Hyannis, 80c; schooner, 432 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Bristol, 60c; schooner, 653 tons, coal, Philadelphia to New-Haven, 50c; schooner, 339 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Richmond, 60c.

OILS—Cottonseed oil is firmly held, with some holders asking 23½c for prime summer yellow, but 23c seems to be the trading price and a few small sales were made on that basis. Exporters continued to show interest, but they did not buy much to-day. Lard and linseed oils dull and nominal. We quote: Cottonseed oil, prime crude, nominally 19@20c; prime crude, loose f o b mills, 14@16c; off crude, bbls, here, 18@19c; summer yellow, 23c; summer yellow, off grade, 22½@22¾c; butter oil, nominally 20@22c; winter yellow prime, 30@32c; white prime, 25½@26c; lard oil, prime city, 39@40c; linseed oil, American raw, 31@32c; American boiled, 33@34c; Calcutta raw, 50c.

PETROLEUM—The market for National Pipe Line certificates was unchanged, closing with $1 04½ bid. Refined was unchanged and quoted as follows: Barrels, New York, $6.65; Philadelphia, $6.60; cases, New-York, $7.50; Philadelphia, $7.50.

PROVISIONS—The market was quiet and somewhat easier to-day for pork and lard, while meats were steady. PORK—Quiet and easier; sales, 150 bbls. Quoted: Mess, $7 75@$8 50; family, $9 25@$10; short clear, $8 75@$10. ...BEEF—Steady. Quoted: Extra mess, $6 75@$7 25; family, $8@$8; packet, $8@$8 50. ...BEEF HAMS—Firm at $15 50@$16 50. ...PRESSED HOGS—Higher on light supply. Quoted: 100 lb, 5¾c; heavy to light, 4⅞@5¼c. ...CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies firm but quiet at 4⅞@5¼c asked for 14 to 10 lb. Pickled shoulders steady at 3½c. Pickled hams firm at 9¼@9¾c. ...TALLOW—Firm at 3 1-16c. ...STEARINE—Steady, but quiet at 4½c. ...LARD—Lower on moderate demand, sales in pails, at tanks, equal to 75 cos, at 3.52½c, closing at 3.80c asked; city, 3½c; refined steady. South America, 4.65c; Continent, 4.25c; compound, 3½c asked. Options closed at 3.70c nominal for September.

RICE—The market shows considerable strength on best grades, and there was some trading in a small way. Prices unchanged. We quote: Fair to good, 4@4¼c; fine, 4¾@5c; ordinary, 2¼@3c; low fair to fair, 3¼@3¾c; good to prime, 3¾@4¼c; choice to fancy, 5@5¾c; extra head, 5⅝@6c; Java, 3⅝@3½c; Java in bond, 1¾@2c; Japan, 4@4¼c; Patna, 4@4¾c; Patna in bond, 2¾@3c.

SUGAR—The local market for raw sugar was quite busy and steady at unchanged prices, centrifugal, 96 test, quoted at 3⅜c; Muscovado, 89 test, 3c, and molasses, 89 test, 2¾c. The London sugar market was quiet for cane; Java quoted at 7s 6d, and fair refining, 9s. Beet was firmer and 1½d higher; August quoted at 7s 7½d, and September at 9s 9d. The market for refined sugar was steady but quiet and unchanged; granulated quoted at 4⅝c.

TEAS—The weekly auction sale was a disappointment. New Congou sold at 9c, which is the lowest price touched. Country greens sold at fairly good prices, with old greens barely steady. Ping Sueys were a little lower on very low grades, but steady on other grades. Foochows were steady but unchanged. New Formosas sold on the same low basis as reported last week. The sales footed up 1,805 pkgs, and included the following: Congous, 50 pkgs Hyson, 59½c; 381 pkgs Young Hyson, 7½@9c; 100 pkgs Imperial, 9@14c; 200 pkgs Gunpowder, 11½@27c. Ping Suey—14 pkgs Young Hyson, 8¼@9½c; 144 pkgs Imperial, 8@9c; 1,842 pkgs Gunpowder, 6½@19c. Japan, 933 pkgs Common, 6¾@14c; 96 pkgs India and Ceylon, Pekoe, 14@18c; 50 pkgs Souchong, 11½@14½c. Oolong, 420 pkgs Foochow, 7½@8¾c; 1,314 pkgs Formosa, 13@17c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

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BEANS AND PEAS—Arrivals have been quite moderate for several days past, and while trade has not improved, the feeling is perhaps a shade steadier. I would be difficult to buy choice marrow below $1 15; experience has paid that price for perhaps too little to go to Havana. Medium and pea hold generally at $1, possibly some marks might be picked up a shade less. White slides and grade are very dull. Red kidney are selling mainly at $1 60 for best stock. Durbas are high scarce, and hold in instances above the quotations. Green peas slow, but Scotch are rather firm. We quote: Beans, domestic, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 12½@$1 15, do medium, 97½@$1; do pea, $1, do white kidney, $1 20@$1 25, do red kidney, $1 60, do yellow eye, $1 17½, do turtle soup, $1 40, lima, Chilian, $1 62½@$1 65, green peas, 90@$1, Scotch peas, 67½@70c; do split, 40@42½c, do Durbas, 72½.

BUTTER—The condition of the market is very much the same as for some days past; the trade wants are very moderate, and there are ample supplies to meet all demands. Influenced a little, however, by the firm Western advices, receivers take rather a firm view of the position, and are refusing to sell unless full rates are obtained. We quote: Creamery, extras, 19½@20c; firsts, 18@19c; seconds, 15@17c; State dairy, half firkin tubs, extras, 14@15c; do Welsh tubs, extras, 14@14½c; do firkins, 15@16c; imitation creamery, firsts, 12@13c; seconds, 10@11c; Western dairy, 09@12c; factory, June make, extras, 11c; do firsts, 10½@10½c; do current make, firsts, 10@10½c; do thirds to seconds, 7@9c; old dairy, 6@9c.

CHEESE—The fresh arrivals of large full cream cheese were quite moderate to-day, and very little stock available to work upon. Demand, however, was moderate; neither buyers nor sellers showing much inclination to operate, both sides apparently inclining to hold off and wait to-morrow's developments. The position, however, is a firm one, especially on fancy colored, and nothing of any fancy stock could be obtained to-day. But few holders care to offer stock to arrive to-morrow even at that price. Small sized full cream are in good demand from home trade buyers, and time shows increased firmness, with, in fact, some holders refusing to sell at our advanced prices. Part skims continue in only moderate supply, and choice grades hold quite firmly, with occasional sales even higher than we quote, but little if any improvement in demand or prices of under grades. Ins. exposed cotton, 4½c for colored and 3¾c 6d for white. We quote: State, full cream, large fancy, colored or white, 8¾@8½c; do large choice, 8@8¼c; do fair to good, 7@7¾c; do common, 5@6c; do small colored, fancy, 8@8½c; do small white fancy, 8c; do small good to choice, 7½@7¾c; do small common to fair, 6@7c; State light skims choice, 6c; do part skims good to prime, 4@5c; do common to fair, 2@3c; full skims, 16@1½c.

EGGS—Here and there occasional small lots of Western show a trifle improvement in quality, but as a rule nearly all the eggs arriving were collected during the intensely hot weather, and show more or less effect of the heat. There is still an active demand for really fancy eggs free from heat, and buyers in anxiety to secure a few such promptly bid 19½c premium, and even more, but such quality is still impossible to find in sufficient quantity to establish quotations. Average best eggs obtainable are generally offering at 15c, and stock not good enough to suit average trade wants have to sell by the case at a wide range in price. Little improvement in the general conditions can be expected until all the hot weather eggs get here and are worked out. We quote: State, fresh gathered, average, 14@14½c; Pennsylvania, country marks, 14@14½c; State and Pennsylvania, ordinary, 12@13c; do average best obtainable, 13c; do fair to good, per case, $2@$2 40; do very inferior, nominal; do dirties, per 30-dozen case, $1@$1 75; do checks, per 30-dozen case, $1@$1 75; do refrigerator, nominal.

FRUITS—DRIED—There is only a small peddling trade in evaporated apples, and no change in the general line of values. Hobbies are desirous of closing out the remaining lots, and meet the demand that comes along still dragging. Raspberries dull and weak, much easier to buy than to sell best evaporated at 15c; huckleberries and cherries are dragging also; other fruits without much change. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, 9½@10c; do prime to choice, 4@6½c; do common to good, 3@4c; do sun-dried, sliced, fancy, 2@3½c; do quarter cut, Southern, 2½@2½c; do quartered, 2¼@2½c; do State and Western, 2½@2½c; do unsliced, 2¼@2½c; do common to good, 2@2½c; peaches, Southern, peeled, from 9c to 6c; do unpeeled, 1¾@2c; raspberries, evaporated, 1896, 15c; cherries, 1896, 90c; do 1895, nominal; huckleberries, 7½@8c; blackberries, 3½@3½c; California apricots, 1896, 6@9c; prunes, California, as to quality, 3½@6½c.

HOPS—A very dull trade was reported again to-day and there are no indications of important interest at present; conditions have not change, however, and the range of values is substantially the same as quoted of late. We quote State, 1895, choice, 17½@18c; do good to prime, 5½@6½c; common to fair, 3@5c; Pacific Coast, 1896, choice, 6@8c; do good to prime, 3@4c; State and Pacific Coast, 1894, 2½@4½c; do 1893, 1½@2½c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples are in moderate supply and with demand good for fancy the market is firm and a shade higher, but medium and poor fruit shows no improvement. So many Barlett pears are going into cold storage that the market is firm and a shade higher. Few other pears arriving, except Southern Keiffer and Sand, other pears are nominal, except Southern Keiffer and Sand, which are mostly poor. Peaches in liberal supply, Pennsylvania Railroad bringing 44,800 packages. Demand moderate and prices much lower. Plums in small supply, but mostly poor and dragging. Grapes in light receipt, but demand small and all grades rule weak and lower. Blackberries and huckleberries in small supply, but mostly poor and slow sale. Muskmelons plenty and dragging, quality and value. Watermelons plenty and dragging. We quote: Apples, per double-headed barrel, 50c@$1 75; do per open-head barrel, 25@75c; pears, Bartlett, per bbl, $2 25@$3 25; do per box, $1 25@$1 75; do per basket, 40@60c; do Clapp's Favorite, per bbl, $2 50@$3; do cooking kinds, $1 75@$2 25; do Keiffer, per bbl, $1@$1 50; do Sand, per bbl, $1@$1 75; peaches, Maryland and Delaware, per carrier, 50@$1; do per basket, 25@50c; do per box, per basket, 50@$1; plums, per basket, 15@30c; do per half-bushel basket, 25@$1; plums, per basket, 15@30c; blackberries, per quart, 4@8c; huckleberries, per quart, 5@8c; grapes, up-river, Delaware and Niagara, per case, $1 25@$1 75; do Warden, per case, $1@$1 12; do Worden, per case, 75@$1; do Concord, per case, 75@$1 12; do Hayes's Early, per case, 75c@$1; do Champion, per case, 40@60c; do Delaware and Maryland, Wyoming, per case, 75@$1; do black kinds, 50@75c; do per large basket, 50@60c; muskmelons, Hackensack, per bbl, $2@$3; do other Jersey, per bbl, $1@$3; do Anne Arundel, $2@$3; do Delaware, per crate, 75c@$1; watermelons, per bbl, $18@$1 75; do Delaware, per crate, 75c@$1; watermelons, per carload, $70@$175; do per 100, $6@$20.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—The cool weather of to-day favored the market and trade was encouragingly active. The volume of sales would have been greater were it not for the absence of top grades in the light receipts. More than one-half of the supply was by North River boats, and they are not expected to contain a large proportion of attractive hay at this part of the season. Prompt disposition of upper grade old hay by make early room for nice well-cured new, but the tendency of prices is to an easier scale than has been current. Still, when the city wants enlarge, good paying prices may be expected if supplies come in a reasonable limit. A good term of hot weather is still likely to occur, and shippers are urged to avoid tight baling. Supplies of straw are improving and the outlook is for easier prices. We quote: Hay, per 100 lb, 75@85c; per 100 lb, new No 2, 65@70c; per 100 lb, No 3, 50@60c; per 100 lb, 87½@90c; No 1, per 100 lb, 87½@90c; No 2, per 100 lb, 75@80c; 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, 55@65c; long rye straw, per 100 lb, 90@95c; short rye straw, per 100 lb, 75@80c; new rye straw, per 100 lb, 75@80c; wheat, per 100 lb, 55@60c; tangles, rye, per 100 lb, 50@60c; wheat straw, per 100 lb, 45. The receipts consisted of receipts of hay in tons to-day at ports as follows: North River boats, 1,200; Hudson River Railroad, 35; West Shore, 90; Hudson River Railroad, 30; Baltimore and Ohio, 20; Central of New-Jersey, 20; river boats, 50; total, 818 tons. Receipts of straw, 120 tons.

POULTRY ALIVE—Receipts, 17 carloads of Western and 1 car of Southern. The market was active and steady at about former prices. Indiana and other heavy chickens brought 9½@10c, but average chickens sold in with lots at 9. Turkeys very firm. We quote: Chickens, local, per lb, 9@10c; do Western, 9@10c; do Southern, 9@10c; fowls, per lb, 9@10c; do Western, 9@10c;