THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, November 17, 1896.

Ashes, pkgs	20	Lead, pkgs	3,980
Beans, bbls	763	Millfeed, tons	15
Beans, bags	1,960	Molasses, bbls	225
Flour, pkgs	48,923	Moss, bales	79
Buckwheat, bush	21,450	Rosin, bbls	2,379
Rye, flour, pkgs	750	Spirits turp, bbls	155
Cornmeal, bbls	500	Oil cake, pkgs	1,000
Cornmeal, bags	2,225	Oil, lard, bbls	60
Oatmeal, bbls	1,110	Oil, lubricating, bbls	480
Oatmeal, bags	143,035	Oleo stock, pkgs	410
Wheat, bush	426,775	Peanuts, pkgs	265
Corn, bush	181,600	Pork, pkgs	135
Oats, bush	1,600	Beef, pkgs	569
Rye, bush	4,400	Oatmeats, pkgs	9,117
Peas, bush	216,375	Lard, pkgs	5,645
Barley, bush	1,300	Lard, kegs	3,287
Malt, bush	2,165	Stearine, pkgs	200
Cottonseed oil, bbls	2,165	Tallow, pkgs	160
Cotton, bales	6,000	Butter, pkgs	8,411
Copper, cakes	127	Cheese, pkgs	4,969
Copper, bbls	21,301	Eggs, cases	10,675
Dried fruit, pkgs	993	Rice, pkgs	76
Hay, tons	199	Raisins, Cal, boxes	24,125
Straw, tons	51,400	Skins, bales	113
Flaxseed, bags	1,200	Soap stock, pkgs	100
Grass seed, bags	90	Tobacco, hhds	271
Hides, bales	225	Whiskey, bbls	637
Hides, bills	2,029	Wool, bales	1,310
Hops, bales	236	Cal wine, pkgs	627
Jute, bales	2,180	Cal brandy, pkgs	98
Leather, sides	—		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 foundry	$12 75	Minn. patent flour	$4 75
do South, No 2 soft	11 25	Lard, prime	4 15
Lead	2 90	Molasses, OK, prime	29
Steel rails	28 00	Hogs, dressed, 100-lb	4¾
Copper, lake ingot	11 30	Tallow, prime	3¾
Tin, pigs	13¾	Rosin, common	$3 37½
Wheat, No 2 red	89	Beef hams	16 50
Corn, No 2 mixed	23	Beef, family	9 00
Oats, No 2 mixed	18½	Sugar, granulated	4½
Cotton, middling	7¾		
Coffee, No 7 spot	10¾		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	23,100	Rosin, bbls	5
Corn, bush	105,160	Pitch, bbls	12
Oats, bush	31,576	Tar, bbls	3
Barley, bush	94,844	Ref. petroleum, gals	2,482,063
Buckwheat, bush	20,157	Gasoline, gals	440
Flaxseed, bush	633	Cottonseed oil, gals	70,440
Peas, bush	1,071	Lubricating oil, gals	289,070
Beans, bush	3,287	Pork, bbls	1,550
Flour, bbls	6,003	Beef, bbls	1,025
Flour, sacks	12,322	Beef, tcs	425
Cornmeal, bbls	1,025	Hams, lb	42,400
Oatmeal, pkgs	151	Bacon, lb	863,200
Bran, lb	308,820	Lard, lb	3,203,250
Grass seed, bags	3,349	Lard oil, gals	4,500
Hay, bales	12	Tallow, lb	25,200
Hops, bales	6,000	Grease, lb	324,800
Oil meal, lb	1,283,400	Butter, lb	49,750
Oil cake, lb	1,140	Cheese, lb	20,520
Spirits turp., gals			

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

For week ending Tuesday, November 17, 1896.

BEANS AND PEAS.—Receipts for the week, 6,337 bbls of beans and 1,008 bbls of peas. Exports, 2,022 bbls of beans and 1,610 bbls of peas. The market has continued to decline under a very slow trade and quite liberal arrivals, and still continues weak, though prices have now reached such a low point that it is thought shipments will be interfered with and efforts will be made to relieve the markets to prevent any further reduction. Quotations for marrow are not salable to any extent above $1 40, and $1 20 for pea are not salable to any extent above $1 40. The end of the season has become top heavy for medium, though later are scarce. Pea have fallen to $1 10. The export demand for red kidney was light this week, and prices weakened fully 5c. White kidney have continued scarce and firm, and the advance on yellow eye has been well sustained. Not much demand for California beans, and prices show further decline. Green peas quiet but steady. We quote: Beans, domestic marrow, choice, per bush, $1 40; do medium, $1 20; do pea, $1 10; do white kidney, $1 55@$1 60; do red kidney, $1 40; do yellow eye, $1 85; do California lima, $1 40; do pea, $1 90; Lady Washington, $1 10; green peas, bbls, per bush, 77½c; do bags, 72½@75c; do Scotch, bbl, 87½c; do bags, 85c.

BUTTER—Receipts for the week, 30,407 pkgs. There has been a further falling off in arrivals and the tendency of the market has been toward a firmer price on very grade fresh table sorts. The quality of the Western creamery butter arriving has been largely below fancy, many lots showing quite serious defects. This has given holders of strictly high grade goods some advantage, and prices have gradually been forced upward. At the close there is a pretty firm holding, and sales of strictly fine Western creamery have reached 21½c. There is a moderate demand for grades just under fine, but serious and defective goods are dragging heavily. Fancy State dairy butter, fresh made and suitable for use in a good class of trade is selling freely, and prices have made some improvement; lower qualities of late-made stock are dull. On higher grade of June goods there has been a slight sympathetic improvement. Western imitation creamery is meeting a moderate demand in the better grades, and a few lots of fancy quality have sold at 15c; most of the business in average prime stock is at 13@14c, however, and lower qualities are rather hard to move. Occasional lots of Western factory are showing very fine quality and sell about even with imitation, but such quality is exceptional; average prime lots are not exceeding 10@11c, and a considerable part of the supply can be sold only at lower figures. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 21½c; do firsts, 19@20c; do thirds to firsts, 15@18c; State and Pennsylvania, finest, 20½@21c; do thirds to firsts, 17@19½c; do June extras, 18@19c; do seconds to firsts, 14@17c; State dairy, half-firkin, or tub, full made, extras, 18@18½c; do firsts, 17@18c; do seconds to firsts, 14@17c; State dairy, firkins and tubs, choice, 16@17c; do firsts, 14@15c; State dairy firkins, choice, 15@16c; do firsts, 14@14½c; Western imitation creamery, extras, 15c; do seconds to firsts, 10½@14c; Western factory, June extras, 11½@12c; do summer make, seconds to firsts, 10@10½c; do firsts, 9@11c; do thirds to seconds, 7@9c; rolls, fresh, 10@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts for the week, 26,176 boxes. Exports, 12,850 boxes. Supplies of large full cream cheese have been moderate the last week, but general demand has been moderate the last week, but general demand limited and market somewhat irregular for current receipts of late made cheese. Strictly fancy September quality is now in a few small hands, who are indifferent about making sales at present prices, and most lots have gone direct into store. Some business, however, has been done with home trade buyers up to 10½c on the platform, and from store even more money. Exporters have not generally been disposed to offer above 10½@10¾c for white or colored, but admitting the impossibility of obtaining much stock at those figures, though we hear of some good-sized sales to exporters at the higher figure. Really fine October made is reasonably firm, and have a fair inquiry from exporters, who do not object to paying 10c if quality is suitable, but they found very few good enough for their use, most lots showing soft, pasty or mottled in color, and such grades have been urged for sale from 9¾c down. Cold storage cheese have had some further inquiry, and stocks in refrigerators here are getting into narrow compass. Small size full cream have ruled quiet all the week, but really fancy September have been held with some confidence, generally a fraction above quotations. But buyers as a rule have set their figure at 10c, and shop around very closely before they buy any more. October made small sizes show late made defects, and are freely offered from 10c down. Part skims continue in moderate supply, prices held fairly steady, but demand comparatively limited, excepting for desirable large sizes, which have been wanted by exporters. Liverpool cable, 51s for both colored and white. We quote: State, full cream, large, September made, fancy, colored or white, 10¾@10¾c; do October made, fancy, colored or white, 9¾@10¼c; do good to prime, white or colored, 9¾@10c; do small size, September, 9¾@10c; do common to fair, 7½@9½c; do October, fancy, colored, 10c; do white, 10c; do October, good to choice, 9¾@9¾c; do plain, 7@8½c; light skims, choice, 7¾@8½c; part skims, good to prime, 5½@6½c; do common to fair, 3½@4½c; full skims, 2½@3½c.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 46,168 cases. The market has suffered a very serious break. The effect to hold the price yesterday was only nominally successful, receivers being unable to move the quantity arriving, and there day, with further excessive arrivals, it has been necessary to put the price at a point where the surplus could be safely held over. There is very little trade. Dealers are using a few fresh eggs, and most of these have a fair supply on hand. The Mercantile Exchange there were free offers to sell fine fresh at 22½c, without takers, and finally the price was slashed to 22c, 21½c, and finally 21c; at this figure there were no speculative bids, but holders refused to go any lower, and the market has settled to about that basis for current business. Lower grades are unsettled and irregular. Refrigerator stock is weaker, but strictly fancy qualities are generally held over rather than make any decisive concession. Limed eggs are held unchanged, but are quiet and almost nominal at the moment. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy, per dozen, 23@24c; do State and Pennsylvania, choice, 22c; do fair to prime, 20@21c; Western, extras, 21c; do fair to good, 19@20c; do inferior, per 30-dozen case, $4 50; Southern, choice, 20c; do inferior, per 30-dozen case, $4@$4 50; Western refrigerator, choice, 17½c; do fair to prime, 16½@17c; do dirty, per case, $3@$3 50; do very inferior, per case, $2 25@$2 75; limed, prime to fancy, 15½@16c; do defective, per case, $2@$3 25.

FRUITS—FRESH—Receipts of apples for week: 76,686 bbls. We have had an extremely dull market toward the close and stock is accumulating heavily; prices are already so low that holders have made no further concession, but it is impossible to effect anything like a clearance, and the tone is weak and irregular. Exports from Atlantic ports for week ending November 14, including New-York, Boston, Montreal and Halifax, amounted to 166,525 bbls, bringing the total since first of the season up to 1,538,827 bbls, against 332,927 bbls same time last year. Very few quinces arriving, and the season is about over. Offerings of pears are light and meeting a fair demand when of choice quality. Up-river grapes are nearly done, only small scattering lots arriving. Western New-York Niagara of fancy quality bring quite extreme prices, but undergrades are not much wanted. Catawba and Concord have sold fairly well when sound and good, but the latter have been largely below prime; a few exceptionally fancy lots of both bring a premium. Wine grapes in bulk have sold fairly well when of good quality; and choice dry stock closes firm. Receipts of cranberries have continued very liberal, and generally more or less damp. There is also a large accumulation of damp soft berries in store and on the docks. For all defective fruit the market is very dull, and holders are pressing for sales to avoid further deterioration, but anything choice fruit is scarce and more active. We quote: Apples, Pound Sweet, per bbl, $1@$1 25; Gilliflower, $1@$1 25; Snow, fancy Northern, $1 75@$2; do Western New-York, $1 25@$1 50; Fall or York Pippin, $1@$1 50; King, $1@$1 50; Northern Spy, $1@$1 25; Baldwin and Greening, prime, 85c@$1; common stock, 50@80c; pears, Duchess, per bbl, $2 50@$3 75; Keifer, $2@$3 50; Bourre d'Anjou, $2 50@$3 50; Bourre Clairgeau, $3@$4 25; Lawrence, $2 50@$3 50; Vicar, $2@$2 50; grapes, Niagara, Western New-York, per basket, fancy, 18@22c; do plain, 12@15c; do inferior, 6@8c; do Catawba, fancy, 8@10c; do plain, 7@8c; Concord, fancy, 8c; do plain, 7c; Concord and Catawba, inferior, 4@6c; Clinton, in trays, per lb, 1½@2c; do Catawba, 1½@1¾c; do black, 1¼@1½c; cranberries, Cape Cod, extra large varieties, fancy, per bbl, $5 50; do late, usual varieties, fancy, $4 50@$5; do good to choice, $3@$4; do poor to fair, $1@$2 50; Jersey, per crate, $1@$1 25.

FRUITS—DRIED—Receipts for the week, 18,023 boxes evaporated apples and 49,264 pkgs of other fruit. Exports: 20,048 boxes of evaporated apples and 14,239 pkgs of other fruit. The market is in about the same unsatisfactory position reported last week. Interior makers have accepted such low figures that large buyers have obtained goods direct, and the demand here has been confined to small lots for current use. The range of quotations covers sales, but to move any quantity prices would have to be accepted which are on a par with those current in the interior. Scarcely anything doing in sun-dried apples, and very few chops or cores and skins here. Hardly enough peaches or cherries offering to test values. Raspberries continue fine and blackberries also scarce and strong. Huckleberries dull. California fruit quiet, but very firm. We quote: Apples, evaporated, 1896, fancy, per lb, 5@5½c; do choice, 4¼@4¾c; do prime, 3¾@4c; do poor to fair, 2½@3¼c; do 1895, 2@4c; do sun-dried, sliced, 2@3½c; do chops, $1 45@$1 55; do cores and skins, 1¾@1½c; peaches, sun-dried, peeled, 6@8c; cherries, 10c; blackberries, 4½@5c; huckleberries, 6@6½c; raspberries, evaporated, 16c; do sun-dried, 12½@13½c; apricots, California Royal, 9@12c; do Moor Parks, 12@15c; peaches, California, unpeeled, 6½@10c; do peeled, 12@15c; prunes, California, 4@6c.

HOPS—The market presents very few, if any, new features of interest. Quite a good many hops are being exported, but the bulk are from previous purchases going through direct, either from this State or the Pacific coast. The English crop is undoubtedly light, and English buyers have been securing supplies of our best hops, and that, in fact, has been the basis for the improvement that has been recorded. The free exports have undoubtedly induced many of the Eastern and Western brewers to stock up a little more liberally, and are also attracting more demand from dealers in all parts of the country. Pacific coast hops are showing quite a little lead in price owing to the quality being much better than State hops. Trade in 1895 and older growths continues moderate, but prices are held with a little more confidence in sympathy with the new crop. Late foreign advices place this year's crop in England at 120,000 cwt, old duty. We quote: State, 1896, choice, 12½@13c; do good to prime, 10½@11½c; do common to fair, 8@10c; Pacific coast, 1896, choice, 13½@14c; do good to prime, 11½@12½c; do common to fair, 9@11c; State and Pacific coast, 1895, choice, 8@9½c; do common to prime, 10@7½c; old olds, 2@5c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts for the week have been 37 carloads of Western, 1 of Canada, 2 of Southern and fully 6 of express stock. Under such free offerings the market has steadily weakened, and with a large accumulation at the close the outlook is very uncertain. Fowls were sold yesterday mainly at 6c, but slow became extreme to-day, while chickens ranged from 6c to 7½c, as to quality. Roosters generally command 5c, but some lots have sold lower. Turkeys arriving freely and meeting a good demand, but at much easier prices. Arrivals of ducks are not large, and the market is steady at former rates. Geese in large accumulation and weaker. Pigeons steady. We quote: Fowls, per lb, 8@8½c; chickens, per lb, 6½@7c; roasters, per lb, 4@5c; turkeys, per lb, 8½@9c; ducks, local, per pair, 90@95c; do Western, 65@85c; do Southern, 55c; geese, local, per pair, $1 25@$1 45; do Western, $1 12½@$1 37; do Southern, $1 12; pigeons, per pair, 20@25c.

VEAL—Receipts for the week, 9,028 pkgs. Supplies of fowls and chickens were light early in the week, and prices ruled strong and advancing up to the close on Thursday, but on Friday of last week receipts were a little larger and an easier feeling developed, while on Saturday, with considerable stock in, which had been hurried through by express, the demand for the week pretty well over, and with indications of larger supplies and easier prices, holders were anxious to clean up as much as possible, and did not hesitate to cut prices whenever necessary. This week opened on Monday with quite liberal supplies of both fowls and chickens, though more especially chickens, and with a very slow demand the market declined down to 9@10c, while on Tuesday, with continued liberal supplies, the market declined to 8@9c for scalded chickens and dry-picked fowls and 8@9c for scalded fowls, while dry-picked chickens were rarely salable any higher than 9c, the market closing in a weak and unsettled condition. Philadelphia chickens have been fairly plenty and weaker at the close. Prime Western young turkeys increasing in supply, naturally the case as the holiday approaches, but with advices indicating that supplies will not be excessive for the holiday, holders have been firm in their views for choice stock at 12@13c, nearly 12@13c for dry-picked and 11@12c for scalded. At the moment there is a better outlet, supply being too large for current wants, while prices are held a little too high to attract speculative buyers for the holiday market. Long Island and Eastern spring ducks are so near done for the season and so irregular in quality that further quotations are useless. Prime Western ducks and geese in fair request and steady, but inferior lots very dull and irregular. Game squabs continue in demand and firmly held. Dry-picked poultry has commenced to arrive quite freely, but the weather has not been cold enough, in fact quite mild at the close, and nearly all lots open up more or less sweaty or become so as soon as exposed to the air, and buyers have been very cautious about handling, preferring ice-packed. Strictly prime lots have been salable at about the same prices as last, but only exceptionally fine possible to sell at the quotable price. We quote: Live-scalded, dry-picked turkeys, young, choice, 12@13c; do good to prime, 10@11c; do scalded, choice, 11@12c; do fair to good, 9@10c; do culls, 6@8c; do old mixed weights, 11@12c; chickens, Philadelphia, selected, 14c; do common to good, 10@12c; do Western dry-picked, fancy, 12c; do average prime, 8@9c; do poor to fair, 7@8c; fowls, dry-picked, average prime, 8c; do scalded, 8½c; do poor to fair, 7@8c; old cocks, 6c; ducks, Western mixed, 10@12c; do old, 7@9c; geese, Maryland, 10@12c; do Western, 8@10c; squabs, per dozen, $1 25@$2 25; dry-picked turkeys, Jersey and nearby, per lb, 12@14c; do State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 11@12½c; do Western, good to prime, 11@12c; do poor to fair, 7@10c; chickens, Jersey, prime, 10c; do State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@10c; do Western, prime, 8@10c; do fair to good, 7@8c; fowls, State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@9½c; do Western, prime, 8@9½c; do fair to good, 7@8c; ducks, Western, prime, 10@12c; geese, Western, prime, 8@10c.

GAME—There has been a generally fair demand for most leading descriptions of game birds during the week, though, as the close approached, the weather having turned decidedly milder, the demand has fallen off materially. Quail continue in liberal supply, quality very irregular and at $1 75@$2 the extremes for average best quality arriving. Prime dark undrawn grouse continue scarce and wanted at firm prices, but drawn grouse have only a moderate demand. Nearby partridges about steady for choice, but Western birds in more or less accumulation and sell slowly. Woodcock about steady. Snipe and plover scarce and wanted. Wild ducks of better varieties, if choice and heavy, sell readily at firm prices, but all light weights and common ducks offering at irregular prices. Rabbits plenty, but rarely of desirable quality. Wild celery in good supply, but prime working out at about 90@95c per bush. We quote: Quail, choice, per dozen, $1 75@$2; do small and Southern, $1@$1 50; partridges, nearby, per pair, 90@$1; do Western, undrawn, prime, 75c; do drawn, 50@60c; grouse, Western, undrawn, prime, $1 15@$1 25; do drawn, 75@85c; woodcock, fair to choice, 75@$1; wild ducks, canvas, choice, heavy, per pair, $2 50@$3; do red-heads, choice, heavy, $1 50@$2; do inferior, 25@$1; do mallard, prime, 75@85c; do blue-wing teal, 50@60c; do green-wing teal, 25@30c; do common, 15@25c; rabbits, per pair, 15@25c; venison, saddles, per lb, 15@18c; do whole deer, 10@12c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—The market was again quiet, and prices had no chance to recover from the shaky condition of the week's opening. Receipts were in sellers' favor, and it is possible that shippers will take a timely hint and not overflow the supply, a safe course to follow in the present tender state of the market. Long rye straw received better additions to-day, and the market not so sharp as before, to-day 65c was worth any the best. We quote: Hay, prime, large bales, per 100 lb, 75c; No 1, per 100 lb, 65@70c; No 2, per 100 lb, 60@65c; No 3, per 100 lb, 62½@65c; shipping, per 100 lb, 60@62½c. All small prices for lots are be under the foregoing rates for best grades. No grade hay, 45@55c; salt hay, per 100 lb, 45@50c; clover mixed, per 100 lb, 65@72½c; clover, per 100 lb, 55@60c; long rye straw, per 100 lb, 60@62½c; short rye straw, per 100 lb, 50@55c; do tangled, per 100 lb, 50@60c; oat straw, per 100 lb, 37½@40c. The official report of the receipts of hay at New-York to-day was as follows: Hudson River Railroad, 140; Erie, 160; Pennsylvania, 90; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 30; West Shore, 110; Lehigh Valley, 160; Ontario and Western, 10; Central of New-Jersey, 40; river boats, 163; total, 903 loads; exports for week, 6,102 bales. Receipts of straw to-day, 106 loads.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES—The market for potatoes continues very dull; receipts are liberal and largely below choice quality. Sales at our top figures are rare, the great bulk of the business is in range of 75@$1 per bbl. Jersey sweet potatoes moving slowly, and dull. Virginia stock is dragging at the low prices rule weak. Onions are well sustained in the highest rates quoted. Cabbages have ruled quiet and easier for all grades; medium and lower qualities are dragging, but the supply is not large of any grade. Cauliflowers have sold better toward the close, prices have made some improvement, closing firm for choice grades. Cabbages very dull. Pumpkins have been in light supply and higher, and prime marrow squash showed some improvement. Hubbards continue dull. Florida cucumbers of choice quality are meeting a fair demand, but undergrades are hard to sell. Egg plants sold very low up to the close of last week, and shipments were checked, leading to some advance toward the close; top figures are now somewhat extreme. Southern green peas have advanced under light supplies and good demand for choice qualities, and strictly prime lots of Southern string beans have made some improvement, although lower qualities are still dragging materially and comparatively low figures. We quote: Potatoes, Long Island, in bulk, per bbl, $1 25@$1 37; do State, prime, per 180 lb, $1@$1 12; fair to prime, per sack, 90@$1; do common to fair, per 180 lb, 75@80c; Jersey, fancy varieties, per bbl, $1@$1 12; do common to fair, 70@80c; do prime, per sack, 90@$1; do Maine, per sack, $1 10; sweet potatoes, Vineland, per bbl, $1 25@$1 75; do South Jersey, $1@$1 25; do Virginia, large bbls, 75@80c; do small bbls, 60@65c; Brussels sprouts, per qt, 4@6c; cucumbers, Florida, fancy, per crate, $1 25@$1 50; do common to fair, 75c@$1; cabbages, per 100, $2 50@$3; do red, $2 50@$3 50; celery, per dozen stalks, 60@65c; do flat bunches, per dozen, 75c; cauliflowers, extra fancy, per bbl, $1 25@$1 50; fair to prime, 75c@$1; egg plants, Florida, per ½-bbl box, 75@$1 50; do per bbl, $1 50@$3; lettuce, Eastern, per dozen, 25@40c; do Charleston, per basket, 50@60c; onions, Eastern white, per bbl, $2 50@$4; do red, $2@$2 25; do yellow, $1 62@$1 75; do State and Western yellow, $1 12@$1 37; do Orange County, white, per bag, $1 50@$2 50; do red, $1@$1 75; do yellow, $1@$1 50; pumpkins, per bbl, $10@$1 25; green peas, Norfolk, per ½-bbl basket, per bbl, $1@$1 25; green beans, Norfolk, per bbl, 50@60c; string, $1 50@$2 50; spinach, Norfolk, per bbl, 50@60c; string beans, Charleston, per bush basket, green, 75@$1 25; do wax, 50@$1 50; do Virginia, per ½-bbl basket, 50@$1; do Savannah, per crate, 50@$1 25; do Florida, excess, $1@$1 25; do freight, 40@$1; squash, Hubbard, per bbl, 75c; do marrow, 75@$1; turnips, Canada, Russia, per bbl, 60@65c; tomatoes, Long Island, fancy, per carrier, $2 50@$2 75; do per crate, $1@$1 75.

SUNDRIES—Beeswax has had a moderate demand at 27c per lb. Ginseng root in fair supply and barely steady at $2 25 to $3 65 per lb. Maple sugar quiet but steady at 9@10c per lb, and syrup, 60@80c per gallon. Honey has a moderate jobbing demand at unchanged prices. State clover comb quoted at 10@12½c per lb; do buckwheat, 8@9c; do clover extracted, 5@5½c; do buckwheat extracted, 4@4½c; do California extracted, 6@6½c; Southern, per gallon, 50c. No new hand-picked peanuts arriving for sale as yet and stock coming in from the Southern ports has been reported generally below choice quality; new shelled peanuts have ruled slightly weaker. Chestnuts are almost out of market. Hickory nuts in good demand and firmer. We quote: Peanuts, hand-picked, old, per lb, 3½@3¾c; do Spanish, shelled, new, per lb, 5c; do Virginia, old, per lb, 4@4½c; pecans, round lots, per lb, 48@50c; chestnuts, per bush of 60 lb, $3 50@$3 50; hickory nuts, per bush, $2@$2 50.

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:

	Milk.	Condensed Milk.	Cream.
Erie	3,742	36	120
Susquehanna	1,640	—	35
Lackawanna	5,100	—	55
N. Y. C. and Harlem	2,435	91	18
New-York and Northern	350	—	—
New-Haven and Hartford	920	—	136
Ontario and Western	3,779	—	24
West Shore	1,335	35	12
New-Jersey Central	210	—	50
Short routes	1,500	—	—
Total daily supply	20,981	162	416

The average price paid for the surplus on the platforms has been $1 35 a can of 40 quarts.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

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COTTON—The cotton market closed quiet and steady, with a net advance of 2 to 4 points. Total sales were 163,400 bales. The market opened with an advance of 2 to 5 points on early months, but the weakness was developed as the call progressed, and before the call adjourned prices were about 3 points under yesterday's closing. The early advance was attributed to better Liverpool reports than expected. Liverpool eased off a little, however, and there was some selling for English and German account. Liverpool arrivals closed with a net loss of 5 to 1 point, while at Manchester yarns and cloths were quiet. The reports from Fall River indicating that sales are exceeding production helped the market somewhat, and cabling from Liverpool intimated that English spinners would be from Liverpool intimated that English spinners would be liberal buyers if there was a little easing off in price for the grades wanted by them. The market was steady at midday, with prices then showing a slight advance over yesterday's closing. The market was fairly steady during the afternoon. The movement is heavier than anticipated at all ports. It is estimated that there will come into sight this week about 400,000 bales, against 346,800 last week. It is estimated that to-morrow's report of the weekly interior movement will show receipts of 100,000 bales, against 78,000 for the corresponding period last week. It is expected that the port receipts this week will be only a trifle less than 300,000 bales, against 281,085 last week and 207,541 last year. It is thought that the movement next week will show a further increase, and that there will be no turn toward lesser receipts for two or three weeks to come. In spite of the heavy movement, however, there is a generally better feeling. During the afternoon there was some buying by the Southern people, that the heavy movement is in part attributed to the fact that cotton has been held back by "bad roads" and that it is supposed that the weak longs have generally liquidated, thus leaving a depressing selling pressure. Reports from the South continue to come in to the effect that a greater part of the crop has been marketed than ever before within the same period. Port clearances were about 9,000 bales for Liverpool, which will go into the "various receipts" at the end of the week. The rather heavy movement at Memphis is said to be owing to the fact that some planters are pushing their cotton forward so as to get ready cash to meet maturing obligations. The receipts to-day at interior points were as follows: August, 4,140 bales, against 2,022 same day last year; Houston, 4,140 bales, against 2,409 and 2,877; Houston, 16,300 bales, against 14,740 and 12,938. Receipts at Houston Wednesday are estimated at 7,500 to 8,500 bales, against 4,620 same day last week and 5,209 last year. New-Orleans, 10,000 to 11,000 bales, against 10,808 same day last week and 14,388 last year. Receipts at principal ports to-day were as follows: Galveston, 7,394 bales, against 5,493 same day last week and 3,258 last year; New-Orleans, 21,874 bales, against 18,844 and 17,839; Mobile, 2,803 bales, against 2,280 and 2,542; Savannah, 7,613 bales, against 7,283 and 5,234; Charleston, 856 bales, against 2,316 and 1,665; Norfolk, 11,184 bales, against 8,169 and 2,045. The Southern markets were generally lower. St. Louis lost ⅛c, Charleston ⅛c, and Mobile, Savannah and Norfolk, 1-16c.

Advices from Lucknow, under date of October 7, refer to the Indian crop as follows: "The condition of the crop as reported in the first forecast was good in the cotton-growing districts up to the middle of August last, but the fall of rain which took place toward the close of that month was scanty, especially in the Upper and Central Doab. The month of September was practically rainless. Scattered showers fell in most districts, but were so slight as to be quite insufficient for the requirements of the crop. The continued drouth and the dry westerly winds which prevailed proved disastrous to the crop, except where irrigation was practicable. The pods are beginning to form, and where the crop has been irrigated their condition is good. Owing to the destruction of the crop in places where irrigation is not possible, the total area under cotton is now estimated by the Zamindars at 10 per cent less than the normal area. The average condition of the crop in the several divisions of the provinces is as follows, 100 representing a full average condition:

Divisions.	Average conditions.
Meerut	75
Agra	40
Rohilkhand	70
Allahabad—Doab	45
Allahabad—Bundelkhand	70
Benares	50
Gorakhpur	50
Oudh	50

"This relates to condition up to September 30."

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

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing today.	Last night.	Last year.
November	7.34	7.53	7.32	7.50@7.54	7.49	8.06
December	7.39	7.59	7.32	7.57@7.58	7.55	—
January	7.48	7.69	7.42	7.67@7.68	7.64	8.12
February	7.73	7.91	7.71	7.90@7.93	7.91	8.17
March	7.79	7.92	7.74	7.91@7.92	7.78	8.21
April	7.82	7.87	7.82	7.85@7.87	7.83	8.26
May	7.87	7.92	7.84	7.90@7.91	7.88	8.29
June	7.90	7.95	7.89	7.93@7.94	7.91	8.33
July	7.92	7.99	7.91	7.97@7.98	7.94	8.35

Market closed quiet and steady at 2 to 4 points advance compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices, 755. Total sales, 163,400 bales. New-York net receipts, 2,691 bales, gross, 13,091 bales. Exports: Forwarded, 4,993 bales; sales, 550 bales; spinners, 79 bales; stock, 200,142 bales. Total net receipts to-day, 39,294 bales; thus far this week, 155,642 bales, against 147,323 bales last week, and 108,465 bales last year. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 8,739 bales; Continent, 6,937 bales. Stock, 1,106,396 bales. Spot cotton quiet, unchanged; middling uplands, 7¾c; middling gulf, 8c; sales, 570 bales, including 500 bales contract and 70 bales spinning.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton quiet; sales, 10,000 bales. Speculation and export, 500 bales; American, 9,000 bales; receipts, 41,000 bales; American, 39,000 bales. Middling uplands, 4 15-32d. Futures steady, partially 1-64d decline; closed quiet, ½ to 1 point net decline. January-February, 4 13c; February-March, 4 12½c; March-April, 4 12c; April-May, 4 12@4 13; May-June, 4 13c; June-July, 4 13½d; July-August, 4 14½c; August-September, 4 16c; November-December, 4 17c; December-January, 4 14½c. Manchester—Yarns and cloths quiet. The effect of the drouth on the crops in India is shown by the second report on the cotton crop in the Northwest Provinces and Oudh. In the middle of August prospects were good, but by the end of September, instead of an average condition, 1896, the various districts ranged from 85 to 75, the net result being a reduction of 10 per cent, owing to the very little rain that had fallen during September. The winter rice crop in Bengal also promises at best to be only three-fourths of that of 1895, owing to the absence of rain; the area sown is 29,507,000 acres, or 804,000 acres less than last year.

COFFEE—The contract market closed with a net decline of 15 to 20 points. Total sales were 12,250 bags. The market was narrow, and the only month on which two prices were made was September. The opening showed a decline of 10 to 15 points. During the afternoon 250 bags January at 9.45 and 250 bags March at 9.50 sold together. The European markets were lower. The visible supply in the United States is large. Receipts at Rio were very heavy, in fact, the largest reported in the history of the trade for any one day. They footed up 69,000 bags for both ports. The steamer Corsica cleared from Rio for New-Orleans yesterday with 6,000 bags. The public cable reported Rio No 7, change standard at 11½c; exchange, 8d. Rio receipts for two days, 42,000 bags. Rio clearances for United States, 5,000 bags, and for Europe, 9,000 bags. Rio stock, 323,000 bags; market flat. Santos receipts for two days, 27,000 bags. Santos stock, 1,128,000 bags; market quiet; good average Santos, 12½c. A slow business is reported on the Street for Brazil coffee, the market showing a nominal range of prices, with Rio 7s on spot now quoted at 10¾c for invoices, and No 8 at 9½c. The jobbing demand is quite indifferent, as the country buyers are not at all urgent about purchasing. Mild coffee is quiet but steady. Sales were 400 bags Savanilla on private terms.

The following shows the highest, lowest and closing prices to-day on contracts.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.
January	9.45	9.45	9.40@9.50
February	—	—	9.40@9.50
March	9.50	9.50	9.45@9.55
April	9.50	9.50	9.45@9.55
May	9.50	9.50	9.45@9.55
June	—	—	9.45@9.55
July	—	—	9.50@9.60
August	—	—	9.50@9.60
September	9.60	9.55	9.50@9.60
November	—	—	9.50@9.60
December	9.45	9.45	9.40@9.50

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York stock	320,322	325,063	223,008
Baltimore stock	19,587	20,241	25,147
New-Orleans stock	20,370	20,310	24,951
Stock at all ports	360,279	354,244	282,106
New-York deliveries	17,565	8,561	12,614
Baltimore deliveries	654	253	1,119
New-Orleans deliveries	940	850	1,550
Total deliveries	19,159	9,664	15,283
Afloat	321,000	352,000	423,000
Visible supply	680,279	706,244	705,106

OILS—Opium quiet and easy; cases quoted at $2 15@$2 17½; jobbing, $2 17½@$2 20; crude, $2 00@$2 10. Morphine quiet; bulk quoted at $1 50@$1 65; ounces, vials, $1 55@$1 65; tablets, $1 75@$1 90. Quinine unchanged, but quiet demand fair; domestic bulk selling at 18@20c and foreign bulk at 17@18c. ESSENTIAL OILS—Generally steady, with anise firm. We quote: Anise, $2 25; bergamot, prime, $1 60@$1 80; cassia, 60@65c; cloves, $1 25@$1 30; cubeb, $2@$2 25; eucalyptus, 50@60c; lemon, pure, $1 10@$1 15; good, 85@90c; lemongrass, 90@95c; limes, 90@95c; mace, $1 10@$1 15; nutmeg, $4 75@$5 50; artificial, $3 75@$4 40; peppermint, Western, $1 75@$1 90; New-York, $1 40@$1 45; rosemary, $1 50@$1 75; sassafras, natural, 45c; artificial, 40c; spearmint, $1 75@$2 25; wintergreen, natural, $1 25@$1 35; artificial, $3@$3 50; wormseed, $2 50@$2 75; wormwood, p