THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 21, 1896.

Ashes, pkgs	8	Lead, pigs	1,200
Beans, bbls	448	Mill feed, tons	283
Beans, foreign, bags	762	Molasses, bbls	1,404
Flour, pkgs	43,968	Moss, bales	36
Buckwheat, bush	52,650	Rosin, bbls	1,880
Cornmeal, bbls	955	Spirits turp., bbls	91
Cornmeal, bags	1,880	Oil cake, pkgs	975
Oatmeal, bbls	65	Oil, lub., bbls	180
Wheat, bush	130,425	Oleo. stock, pkgs	65
Corn, bush	71,175	Peanuts, bags	1,685
Oats, bush	97,200	Pork, pkgs	521
Rye, bush	1,950	Beef, pkgs	83
Peas, bush	1,650	Cutmeats, pkgs	1,803
Barley, bush	29,250	Lard, pkgs	1,425
Malt, bush	27,000	Lard, kegs	1,200
Cottonseed oil, bbls	2,607	Tallow, pkgs	192
Cotton, bales	9,008	Grease, pkgs	64
Copper, cakes	2,298	Butter, pkgs	4,604
Dried fruit, pkgs	13,247	Cheese, pkgs	2,806
Hay, bales	1,440	Eggs, cases	3,840
Straw, tons	110	Rice, pkgs	26
Flaxseed, bush	5,850	Raisins, Cal., boxes	1,226
Grass seed, bags	491	Spelter, pieces	1,100
Hides, bales	42	Tobacco, hhds	423
Hides, bills	528	Tobacco, pkgs	944
Hops, bales	496	Whiskey, bbls	400
Jute, bales	189	Wool, bales	969
Leather, sides	17,450	Cal. wine, pkgs	201

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry	$12 75	Flour, Minn. patent	$4 65
do No. 2 soft	11 25	Lard, prime	4 12½
Lead	3 05	Molasses, OK prime	24
Copper, lake nominal	11 35	Hogs, dressed, 100 lb	4⅞
Steel rails	25 00	Tallow, prime	3¾
Wheat, No. 2 red	97½	Pork, mess	8 50
Corn, No. 2 mixed	28¾	Beef, family	9 50
Oats, No. 2 mixed	22	Beef, hams	17 50
Cotton, middling	7⅞	Sugar, granulated	4⅛
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	10		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	24,815	Spirits turp., gals	6,560
Corn, bush	36,285	Rosin, bbls	152
Oats, bush	35,534	Pitch, bbls	45
Rye, bush	50,250	Tar, bbls	11
Buckwheat, bush	20,280	Refined pet., gals	1,024,530
Flaxseed, bush	16,473	Benzine, gals	2,500
Peas, bush	4,065	Cottonseed oil, gals	13,050
Beans, bush	715	Lub. oil, gals	160,950
Flour, bbls	9,538	Pork, bbls	811
Flour, sacks	38,483	Beef, bbls	343
Cornmeal, bbls	3,195	Beef, tcs	318
Meat, lb	3,000	Bacon, lb	1,296,000
Oatmeal, pkgs	250	Hams, lb	32,000
Beef, lb	65,400	Lard, lb	982,400
Grass seed, bags	2,175	Lard oil, gals	2,700
Hay, bales	400	Tallow, lb	33,200
Hops, lb	303	Grease, lb	15,600
Quinoa, lb	287,070	Butter, lb	36,000
Cheese, lb	698,100	Cheese, lb	115,860

WEEKLY EXPORTS.

Wheat, bush	307,410	Spirits turp, gals	15,660
Corn, bush	483,554	Rosin, bbls	2,835
Oats, bush	348,119	Pitch, bbls	287
Rye, bush	72,100	Tar, bbls	92
Barley, bush	428,067	Ref. pet, gals	14,004,278
Buckwheat, bush	105,870	Naphtha, gals	402,750
Flaxseed, bush	24,923	Benzine, gals	5,100
Peas, bush	10,623	Gasoline, gals	10,200
Beans, bush	7,087	Cottonseed oil, gals	127,100
Flour, bbls	32,242	Lub. oil, gals	633,650
Flour, sacks	97,758	Pork, bbls	3,178
Cornmeal, bbls	8,885	Beef, bbls	1,225
Feed, lb	27,000	Beef, tierces	607
Oatmeal, pkgs	1,905	Bacon, lb	8,926,400
Rice, lb	568,140	Hams, lb	272,000
Grass seed, bags	5,515	Lard, lb	4,869,700
Hay, bales	2,920	Lard oil, gals	21,400
Hops, lb	740	Tallow, lb	435,200
Whisk., gals	1,580	Grease, lb	905,800
Cheese, lb	477,125	Butter, lb	257,900
Cotton, lb	4,783,200	Cheese, lb	303,100

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 21, 1896.

COTTON—The market started with a loss of about 4 points on early months, but later months were quite about 1 point higher than they closed Saturday. This decline was supposed to be due to what was generally considered to be rather disappointing news from Liverpool, that market closing with a loss of 2@2½ points on arrivals, although spot cotton was in good demand and spinners took 12,000 bales. Some traders maintain that Liverpool was about as expected. The trading was not animated and fluctuations were within a comparatively narrow range. New-Orleans bought some cotton here, and Liverpool also purchased cotton against sales made there. This carried prices slightly above Saturday's closing. Weakness developed on liberal liquidation for Wall Street account and on anticipated large movement at Houston and New-Orleans to-morrow. Receipts at ports to-day, as officially reported, are 68,275 bales, or about 6,000 bales larger than expected. These receipts include 6,000 bales reported shipped from Pensacola. The Cotton Exchange has changed its system of figuring receipts. Heretofore it has been the rule to report the movement at Port Royal, Pensacola, Brunswick, etc., into the receipts on Friday of each week under the head of "various." Hereafter they will be added into the daily receipts as they are reported. Liverpool, to-morrow, will be opening. Some private advices indicate that foreigners are of the opinion that the prospective supply will be in excess of consumptive requirements. It is supposed that they based this idea on the movement, but it is maintained that some estimates of production have been considerably overestimated. A member of the Cotton Exchange, who went to the South for the purpose of seeing for himself the situation regarding the crop, telegraphed a few days ago from Memphis an estimate of 8,000,000 bales for the crop. He is now further South, and he telegraphed from Texas that his estimate is now 8,750,000 bales. It is intimated that before he gets through his tour he will bring his estimate down to 8,500,000 bales, which is considered by Cotton Exchange members to be quite close to the actual total. A great many people consider that present large receipts prove to have been mainly on speculative account. One large exporter, whose business is mainly with the Continent, says that he has never before in his business career done so large a business as he has during the present cotton year. Some are talking about higher prices after the holidays if receipts show a tendency to fall off, but others claim that the movement will continue for some months on present lines. The Cuban question is dismissed by cotton people as unworthy of consideration so far as its effect on cotton prices is concerned, as the general idea is that the cooler heads in Congress will dominate matters and the war cloud will roll by. Taking this view of the matter, commission houses are advising their customers to buy at present prices. Notice day for January will be on next Thursday. The receipts at Houston Tuesday are estimated at 17,000 to 18,000 bales against 19,038 same day last week and 18,156 bales last year and at New-Orleans 22,000 to 24,000 bales against 19,749 bales last week and 16,569 last year. Receipts at Augusta to-day were 1,020 bales, against 1,919 same day last week and 1,839 last year, Memphis, 5,539 bales, against 8,501 and 4,262, St. Louis, 1,048 bales, against 1,057 and 1,549, Cincinnati, 1,057, against 1,651 and 1,258, Houston, 12,532 bales, against 17,284 and 18,156, Savannah, 18,131 bales, against 21,156 and 13,603, New-Orleans, 18,122 bales, against 17,155 and 16,796, Mobile, 5,084 bales, against 5,315 and 1,661, Savannah, 5,113 bales, against 6,402 and 3,738, Charleston, 4,489 bales, against 5,390 and 2,077, Norfolk, 6,443 bales, against 4,721 and 1,872.

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.	Sat. night.	Last year.
December	6.70	6.70	6.70	6.69@6.71	6.75	7.30
January	6.74	6.80	6.71	6.72@6.73	6.78	7.30
February	6.82	6.87	6.80	6.81@6.82	6.86	7.37
March	6.93	6.98	6.88	6.89@6.90	6.95	8.04
April	6.97	7.02	6.96	6.97@ —	7.03	8.09
May	7.04	7.12	7.02	7.04@7.05	7.09	8.12
June	7.14	7.17	7.06	7.09@7.10	7.14	8.16
July	7.16	7.19	7.16	7.12@7.13	7.17	8.19
August	7.19	7.22	7.16	7.14@7.15	7.19	8.20

Market closed steady at 5@6 points decline compared with Saturday's closing prices. Transferrable notices, 6.75. Total sales, 107,600 bales. New-York net receipts, 2,470 bales. Exports: France, 1,200 bales; Continent, 600 bales. Stock, 1,385 bales; spinners, 85 bales; stock, 276,139 bales. Total net receipts to-day, 68,275 bales; this day last week, 125,939 bales; against 113,776 last year. Net receipts since Sept. 1, 4,944,000 bales; against 4,911,781 last year. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 15,341 bales; France, 7,246 bales; Continent, 5,750 bales; stock, 1,282,383 bales. Spot cotton quiet, 1-16 lower; middling uplands, 7⅛; middling Gulf, 7⅜; sales, 1,385 bales, including 1,000 bales contract.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton, fair demand; sales, 12,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales; American, 11,000 bales; receipts, 37,000 bales; American, 34,000 bales; middling uplands, 4d. Futures opened steady, lower, 1-64d decline, closed barely steady at 2@3 points net decline; January-February, 3½d; February-March, 3½d; March-April, 3½d; April-May, 3½d; May-June, 3½d; June-July, 3½d; July-August, 3½d; August-September, 3½d; September-October, 3½d; October-November, 3½d; November-December, 3½d; December-January, 3½d. Manchester—Yarns, offers scarce, clothes quiet.

COFFEE—The market was quiet on the Coffee Exchange but higher, owing largely to firmer European markets. The Havre market closed with a net advance of 5@7½ francs, and Hamburg closed generally 1¼@1½ point higher than it did Saturday. There were no specially attractive features on Change to-day. The Rio cable reported Rio No. 7, exchange standard, at 10¼d, exchange 9-16d. Rio receipts, 11,000 bags; Rio exports to Europe, 1,000 bags; United States, 1,000 bags, and for Europe, 2,000 bags; stock, 912,000 bags; market firm. Santos receipts, 19,000 bags; Santos stock, 686,000 bags; market firm; good average Santos, 10½@10¾. The market for Rio and Santos coffee was quiet and nominal on the basis of 10¼c for Rio No. 7 spot, and 9¾c for Rio No. 7 July. Mild coffee was active in Mocca-like grades, and 2,500 bags were sold on private terms.

The following are the highest, lowest and closing prices to-day on contracts:

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

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Saturday.	Last week.
New-York stock	280,230	287,953	344,752
Rio stock	13,000	13,000	14,463
New-Orleans stock	41,957	43,508	48,271
Stock at all ports	335,886	345,327	407,486
New-York deliveries	7,723	8,561	12,236
Baltimore deliveries	187	37	14
New-Orleans deliveries	1,551	893	1,350
Total deliveries	9,441	9,491	13,714
Afloat	366,000	356,000	293,000
Visible supply	701,886	701,327	700,486

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market continues dull and heavy, with buyers and sellers apart excepting in a small way. Spring patents are $4 65 asked, $4 50 bid, and for straights are quoted at $4 20@$4 40. Total sales to-day were 9,240 pkgs, including 1,200 bbls winter straights, at $4 00@$4 20, 300 bbls extra Ia, $3 65, 3,115 bbls city patents, $4 60@$5 35, 2,525 bbls city clears, $3@$3 10, 1,500 bbls spring patents, $4@$4 65, 600 bbls clears, $3 75@$4 20.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—No inquiry; nominally quoted at $1 50@$1 55.

RYE FLOUR—Inactive with little demand reported.

CORNMEAL—Dull, very little demand reported.

OATMEAL—Dull; fair demand; sales, 250 bbls, at $2 10. Quoted: $2 05@$2 10 for kiln-dried, as to brand.

BAG MEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Fine white, 75@78c; fine yellow, 75@78c; coarse, 60@62c.

FEED—Dull. Quoted: 40 60 and 80 lb, 55@57½c; 100 lb, 62½@67½c; rye feed, 50@62½c; sharps, 70@75c; hominy chop, 90c; cottonseed meal, 95@$1; oil meal, $1; city feed, 90c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market was the scene of conflicting influences to-day, with the bearish conditions controlling prices early. At the opening, rather before, the market was weak on the Greek bank failure. On the other hand, locally there was active buying of wheat for foreign account, and with the official opening prices for foreign account, and with the official opening prices were up to the official close of Saturday. Later, there was a break of ⅛c, prices steadying a trifle, but at midday, on the increase of 875,000 in the visible supply, there was a weakening to the lowest quotations of the morning. The strength of the foreign market was rather unexpected, and was credited by some to the Argentine situation. There was quite a little demand for cash wheat, in addition to the buying of futures, and as a result of this inquiry for cash property December wheat advanced to 1⅛c premium over May, although there were deliveries of 250,000 bush on contract. The amount of wheat on passage for Europe decreased 640,000 bush the last week. The early estimates of the amount of wheat shipped from the principal exporting countries last week to Europe showed a decrease of 2,250,000 bush from the previous week, but was 1,000,000 in excess of a year ago. Receipts of spring wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were 865 cars, against 710 last week, and 950 last year. The market in the afternoon was influenced by the reports of large export business, the world's exports, which were smaller than estimated, and by lively covering of shorts. The market rose rapidly, but at the advance seemed to meet a good many selling orders, hesitated, and in the latter part of the session showed an uncertain feeling, closing somewhat unsettled at ½c advance on near deliveries to ⅛c decline on distant. The world's exports were: United States, 3,524,826 bush; Argentine, 128,000 bush; Russia, 1,552,000 bush; Danubian, 1,568,000 bush; making a total of 6,772,826 bush, against 9,518,000 bush the previous week. The English visible increased 432,000 bush. The export business, which was an important influence in the afternoon trade, as far as could be traced, included 4 loads of No 1 Northern Duluth, on private terms; 5 loads, at 5¾c over May, f o b afloat, first of February, and 2 loads, No 2 Milwaukee, private terms. The output business included about 40 loads, running in time up to next June shipment, private terms. Differences on wheat were advanced to-day owing to the strength of December, and were quoted as follows: No 2 red, 12c over May, f o b afloat; May closed at 85⅛c; No 1 hard, 7½c over May, f o b afloat, and No 1 Northern New-York, 2½c over May, f o b afloat.....CORN—The market for corn was dull and heavy all the morning, touching the lowest quotations of the present decline, hardening a little in the afternoon, on better prices of corn are increasing, while the demand is not sufficient to absorb the recent movement. The visible supply the last week increased 612,000 bush. The amount on passage increased 80,000 bush. The world's exports of corn the last week were: United States, 2,814,000 bush; Argentine, 592,000 bush; Russia, 152,000 bush; Danube, 272,000 bush; total, 3,630,000 bush, against 4,645,000 bush the preceding week. The market in the afternoon was fairly steady, closing at ⅛c advance to ⅛c decline. Cash corn was quiet locally, although a little better export inquiry was developed. Sales included 120,000 bush No 2 for export, private terms. 5,000 bush No 2 corn, at 29⅝c, delivered; 1 car No 3 at 26c, elevator, and 1 car rejected, at 25c, elevator. Steamer corn was quoted at 27½c, elevator, nominal.....OATS—Oats ruled very dull to-day and were somewhat easier for future deliveries, although near deliveries were firmer, closing at an advance on last night, while the May delivery was lower. The interior movement of oats is very heavy, but the encouragement of 100,000 bush of No 2 clipped oats for Europe gave a better tone to the cash market. The visible supply of oats the last week increased 1,075,000 bush. The future market closed steady at ⅛c advance to ⅛c decline. Cash oats were dull locally. Sales were 135,000 bush, including 55,000 bush track and ungraded white, 21@31c as to quality, and 80,000 bush No 2 clipped, private terms. No 2 oats quoted at 22@22½c, elevator; do clipped, 21⅝@22c; No 3, 20½c; No 2 white, 25c; No 3 white, 22½c.....BARLEY—Market dull. Feeding quoted at 28@28½c, c i f Buffalo. Malting quoted at 36@40c, as to quality.....BUCKWHEAT—Market dull; sales, 6 cars, 35c, c i f track, prime State.

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

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Sat. night.	Last year.
Wheat:						
December	86⅝	87⅝	85⅝	87⅝	86⅞	64⅞
January	86⅞	87⅝	86⅝	87⅝	86⅞	64⅞
March	88⅛	88⅝	88⅛	88⅝	88⅛	66⅝
May	85⅛	85⅞	85	85⅛	85⅛	65¼
July	81⅞	81⅞	81	81⅛	81⅛	65
Corn:						
December	—	—	—	28⅝	28⅝	33⅞
January	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	23⅛	33⅞
February	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	33⅞
May	23⅞	24	23⅞	24	24⅛	34⅛
Oats:						
December	—	—	—	22	21⅝	23
January	22½	22½	22½	22½	22⅛	23⅝
February	22½	22½	22½	22½	22⅛	23⅝
May	22⅞	24	22⅞	24	24⅛	24⅛

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

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	6	28	200	395	16	92
Milwaukee	17	15	2	27	13	40
St. Louis	5	20	304	127	—	—
Toledo	—	11	16	1	—	—
Detroit	1	4	3	4	—	—
Peoria	—	2	69	53	—	—
Minneapolis	—	237	—	—	—	—
Duluth	—	98	—	24	—	—
Kansas City	—	30	117	37	—	—
Totals	29	485	711	668	29	132
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	5	42	56	176	—	33
Milwaukee	18	1	—	—	1	27
St. Louis	2	15	83	4	—	—
Toledo	—	3	100	—	—	—
Detroit	—	—	1	—	—	—
Peoria	—	1	8	75	—	—
Minneapolis	42	26	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	16	12	12	—	—
Totals	67	152	259	237	1	60
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	35	130	71	97	2	29
Philadelphia	6	43	163	5	—	—
Baltimore	11	6	110	74	6	—
Boston	4	22	9	30	—	—
New-Orleans	5	2	209	17	—	—
Galveston	—	—	16	—	—	—
Totals	61	203	578	223	8	29
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	34	25	56	34	—	56
Philadelphia	—	5	2	11	—	—
Baltimore	6	—	—	—	—	—
Boston	—	28	79	25	—	—
New-Orleans	3	—	137	—	—	—
Galveston	—	—	21	—	—	—
Totals	43	58	295	70	—	56

centrifugal, 96@22c. Syrups—Common, 50@15c; fair, 15@15c; good, 16@17c. Prime, 18@21c; fancy, 22@25c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock—Rosin, 43,664 bbls; spirits turpentine, 1,773 bbls; tar, 853 bbls. The market for spirits turpentine was quiet, with 27@27½c quoted for regulars and machines. Rosin was dull, with $1 80 quoted for common to good strained. Tar and pitch are unchanged, and quoted: Tar, regulars, $1 75@$1 80; 501 barrels, $3 50; pitch, $1 80@$1 85.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The better export trade in grain was reflected in a more favorable condition in the freight market. There was some inquiry and some engagements accomplished, but details withheld. Quotations: Grain to Liverpool, 3¼d, January; London, 3d, December; Glasgow, 3¼d, January; Bristol, 4d, January; Leith, 4½d, January; Hull, 3½d, January; Newcastle, 3¼d; Antwerp, 3d, January; Copenhagen, 4s, December; Hamburg, 90 pfg, January; Rotterdam, 8c, January; Amsterdam, 8c, January; Cork for orders, 3s 3d, prompt; 3s 1½d, February; petroleum to the United Kingdom, 2s 9@2s 3c; cotton to Liverpool, 15-32d.....CHARTERS—Trading in sail tonnage continues very light, there being but a limited inquiry for vessels. Rates for prompt or near-by loading are steady. There is a moderate inquiry for steamers for the transportation of grain, and prompt boats command full rates. In the cotton, timber and phosphate trades the inquiry for tonnage is limited, with rates steady and unchanged. Charters follow: British steamer, 1,443 tons, ore, Marbella to Philadelphia, 10s prompt, chartered ore, Marbella to Philadelphia, 10s prompt, chartered abroad; British steamer, 1,521 tons, same, 9s 6d, January, chartered abroad; British steamer, 1,205 tons, same, option of Baltimore, 9s 6d, January 10-31, chartered abroad; British steamer, 1,218 tons, ore, Huelva to New-York, Philadelphia or Baltimore, 9s; option of Elizabethport, 9s 6d, January, chartered abroad; British steamer, sugar, Fiume to New-York, 10s, December 20, January 4, chartered abroad; British steamer, sugar, New-Fairhaven to New-York, 9s, prompt, chartered abroad; British steamer, 1,252 tons, phosphate, Charlotte Harbor to Bristol, 20s, December 31, chartered abroad; British steamer, phosphate, Tampa to Rotterdam, 16s, February-March