THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, February 25, 1897.

Beans, bbls	510	Millfeed, tons	76
Beans, lima, bags	8,804	Spirits turp, bbls	46
Flour, pkgs	19,176	Tar, bbls	10
Buckwheat, bush	4,875	Oil cake, pkgs	3,027
R. W. flour, pkgs	102	Oil, lub, bbls	30
Cornmeal, bbls	550	Oleo stock, pkgs	366
Cornmeal, bags	1,400	Peanuts, bags	880
Oatmeal, bbls	340	Pork, pkgs	617
Wheat, bush	24,050	Cutmeats, pkgs	2,637
Corn, bush	147,225	Dressed hogs, No.	37
Oats, bush	142,800	Lard, pkgs	1,655
Rye, bush	1,050	Lard, kegs	2,235
Peas, bush	1,650	Tallow, pkgs	356
Barley, bush	29,250	Grease, pkgs	222
Malt, bush	7,300	Butter, pkgs	4,817
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,312	Cheese, pkgs	1,613
Cotton, bales	2,087	Eggs, cases	6,274
Copper, cakes	929	Rice, pkgs	100
Copper, bbls	80	Raisins, Cal. boxes	2,400
Hay, tons	1,030	Silk, pkgs	245
Straw, tons	90	Skins, bales	106
Dried fruit, pkgs	6,762	Shellac, pieces	519
Cassava, bush	8,775	Starch, pkgs	1,000
Hides, bales	44	Tobacco, hhds	178
Hides, bbls	2,300	Tobacco, pkgs	460
Hops, bales	205	Whiskey, bbls	286
Leather, sides	9,780	Wool, bales	734
Leaf, pkgs	3,157	Cal. wine, pkgs	509
Molasses, bbls	147	Cal. brandy, pkgs	107
Molasses, hhds	44		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Ref. No. 1 foundry	$12 50	Flour, Minn. patent	$4 40
Ref. St. No. 2 soft	11 00	Molasses, OK. prime	24
Lead	3 25	Tallow, prime	3¼
Copper, lake ingot	12 00	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb.	5¾
Tin, pig	20 00	Lard, prime	4 25
Wool, No. 1 sel.	88¾	Beef, mess	8 62½
Corn, No. 2 mixed	29	Beef, family	10 00
Oats, No. 2 mixed	21½	Beef, hams	18 50
Cotton, middling	7¼	Sugar, granulated	4⅝
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	9¾		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	101,459	Spirits turp., gals	1,340
Corn, bush	30,262	Rosin, bbls	460
Oats, bush	805	Pitch, bbls	20
Barley, bush	9,980	Tar, bbls	5
Rye, bush	470	Refined pet., gals	1,587,180
Beans, bush	2,730	Gasoline, gals	800
Peas, bush	2,288	Lubricating oil, gals	42,340
Flour, sacks	4,600	Pork, bbls	355
Flour, bbls	15	Beef, bbls	92
Cornmeal, sks	623	Beef, tcs	319
Oatmeal, pkgs	150	Bacon, lb	1,964,400
Bran, lb	38,880	Hams, lb	45,600
Grass seed, bags	541	Lard, lb	744,200
Hay, bales	35	Tallow, lb	55,000
Hops, bales	100	Butter, lb	30,550
Offal, lb	13,627	Cheese, lb	219,000
Cotton, lb	902,900		

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, February 25, 1897.

COTTON—The cotton market opened firm this morning at 5 to 8 points advance in response to better Liverpool advices, but while prices were held higher there was no particular enthusiasm developed in the trading, and the volume of business was narrow and without special feature. The Liverpool market was higher this morning, showing an advance all the time of ½ point, closing at 1-16@2 points net advance. There was a more encouraging tone to some of trade in the dealings in cash stuff, sales amounting to 12,000 bales, and private cables asserted that there were indications of the revival of an improved spinning demand. The early reports from Fall River were quiet, and after the opening advance prices fell off a little, but later showed a firm undertone. The estimate for the last movement was light, although the estimate for this week shows improvement, and has been raised as compared with the estimates current early in the week, and is now placed at 88,000 bales, against 80,569 last week and 94,303 last year. The New-Orleans estimated receipts for to-morrow were 12,500 to 13,500 bales, against 5,813 bales last week and 3,231 bales last year. The estimated receipts at Houston were 10,000 bales, against 2,830 bales last week and 1,553 bales last year. The light estimated receipts for to-morrow and the reiteration of reports regarding the development of demand at the South for desirable grades of cotton brought in quite decided covering of shorts in the afternoon, and prices advanced early, reacting some toward the close. It is claimed that the market is now in better shape, as it put spot cotton in a very strong position, and that the hardening tendency of the last few days has been due to a legitimate development of demand, which has been reflected in the improvement in the futures market.

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

	Open ing.	High est.	Low est.	Closing.	Last night.	Last year.
February	6.97	6.97	6.97	7.00@7.02	6.90	7.47
March	6.96	7.02	6.94	7.00@7.01	6.89	7.48
April	6.99	7.03	6.99	7.05@7.06	6.95	7.54
May	7.06	7.12	7.04	7.10@7.11	7.00	7.58
June	7.13	7.21	7.13	7.16@7.17	7.05	7.62
July	7.18	7.27	7.15	7.22@7.23	7.10	7.66
August	7.19	7.23	7.17	7.22@7.23	7.12	7.66
September	6.88	6.93	6.87	6.91@6.92	6.83	7.38
October	6.75	6.83	6.75	6.82@6.83	6.70	7.30
November	6.78	6.85	6.78	6.84@	6.72	7.26
December	6.83	6.90	6.83	6.89@6.90	6.77	7.29

Market closed firm at 10 to 12 points advance compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices to-day, 6,900. March, 6,500. Total sales, 148,900 bales. New-York stock, 284,771 bales. Total net port receipts to-day, 9,240 bales; thus far this week, 73,685, against 69,110 last week, and 76,087 last year. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 501 bales; France, 18,850. Continent, 4,114. stock, 903,042.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton hardening; sales, 12,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales. American, 11,000 bales; receipts, 4,000 bales, all American; middling uplands, 3 15-16d; futures steady, sellers 1-64d advance, closed steady, 1½ to 2 points net advance. February, 3.57-3.58; March-April, 3.57½; April-May, 3.57½b; May-June, 3.58; June-July, 3.58; July-August, 3.58½; August-September, 3.55½; September-October, 3.50½; October-November, 3.46b; November-December, 3.45b. Manchester—Yarns quiet and unchanged, cloths moderate demand. Spot cotton quiet, 1-16 higher; middling uplands, 7¼c; middling Gulf, 7½c; sales, 199 bales, all spinning. Bombay weekly report: Receipts this week, 50,000 bales, against 68,000 bales last week; since January 1, 373,000 bales, against 366,000 bales last year; afloat, 46,000 bales, against 30,000 bales a year ago; shipments, 13,000 bales, against 43,000 bales last year; actual since January 1, 99,000 bales, against 197,000 bales last year.

COFFEE—The coffee market was quiet but steady this morning at an advance of 5 to 10 points, September showing the greatest strength. Sales on the opening call were small and business during the morning was unimportant. The news was of better markets abroad, Havre and Hamburg coming in more encouragingly. Havre opened steady, later advancing ¾ franc, closing at 4¼ franc net advance. Hamburg was higher, the market was steady with sales of 16,000 bags. There was a holiday in Brazil, so that no market reports were received. The Rio receipts were cabled at 6,000 bags. Deliveries were more encouraging from New-York to-day, footing up 23,302 bags. This is quite an improvement over the volume of trade recently reported and gave considerable encouragement. The market continued firm in the afternoon with a fair volume of business developing late, closing steady at 10 to 15 points advance. Sales, 16,000 bags. The market was a little steadier on the Street owing to some advance in contracts. The closing price for Rio No. 7 on spot is 9¾c. For Rio No. 7 afloat, 9c was bid, and they were offered at 9¼c, but without reported business. There were no important firm offers. Rio No. 8 on spot was quoted at 9½c. Mild coffee was firm and more active with sales of 2,000 bags Maracaibo, 1,000 bags Central American and 600 bags Bucaramanga on private terms.

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

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day	Closed yesterday.
January	—	—	9.30@9.40	9.15
February	—	—	9.10@9.25	9.00
March	9.10	9.05	9.10@9.15	9.00
April	9.15	9.15	9.15@9.20	9.05
May	9.20	9.15	9.20@9.25	9.05
June	—	—	9.20@9.30	9.10
July	9.20	9.20	9.25@9.30	9.10
August	9.30	9.30	9.25@9.30	9.15
September	9.25	9.25	9.25@9.30	9.15
October	—	—	9.25@9.30	9.15
November	9.20	9.20	9.25@9.30	9.15
December	9.35	9.25	9.30@9.35	9.15

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	23,302	19,506	7,842
Baltimore deliveries	500	633	2,356
New-Orleans deliveries	946	824	699
Total deliveries	24,752	20,983	10,858
New-York stock	353,484	355,030	344,736
Baltimore stock	26,083	26,587	29,304
New-Orleans stock	45,500	46,936	37,560
Stock at all ports	427,157	428,553	411,600
Afloat	291,000	315,000	329,000
Visible supply	718,157	743,153	740,600

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for flour was quiet this morning with prices a little weaker at the start, following the early decline in wheat, but later a little better feeling prevailed, but buyers and sellers continue apart on most lines and only a small peddling volume of trade is being done. Total transactions were 10,820 pkgs, including 900 bbls winter straights, at $3.20@$4.30, 450 bbls extra, at $2.50@$3.80 (latter choice), 250 sks extra, at $3.05@$3.15, 500 bbls Southern, at $3.20@$4.60, 1,520 bbls city patents, at $4.60@$5.05, 1,500 bbls city clears, at $4.70@$4.80, 150 bbls city extra, at $3.65@$3.70, 150 bbls city fines, at $3.15@$3.25, 4,800 bbls spring patents, at $4.30@$4.40, 600 bbls clears, at $3.80@$4.20. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Quiet at $1.15@$1.25 to arrive and spot. RYE FLOUR—Dull, sales, 300 bbls, at $2.45@$2.75. CORNMEAL—Easy, sales, 600 bbls. Quoted: Kilndried, $1.75@$1.85. BUCKWHEAT MEAL—Easy; sales, 200 bags at $1.25@$1.30. Rye meal, $2.75@$3. Fine white, 75@78c; fine yellow, 78@80c; coarse, 58@60c. FEED—Steady. Quoted: 40, 60 and 80-lb, 65@67½c; 100-lb, 67½@72½c; sharps, 72½@80c; rye feed, 52½@55c; hominy chop, 90@92½c; cottonseed meal, 97½@$1; oilmeal, $1.02½@$1.05; city feed, 67½.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market opened moderately active and lower this morning, first sales showing a loss of ½@¾c. From this there was a little rally, although there was no pronounced activity at any time during the morning. At midday prices worked up to the final of last evening on reports of crop damage in Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. There was a little local covering on the advance, but it did not seem to bring out any special inquiry. The foreign markets were weak and lower, both English and Continental, closing at a net loss for the day of ¾@1d at Liverpool. The future deliveries were quite diverse. There was a little selling of wheat, not important, but enough to influence the ideas of the local trade. The persistent lack of demand from abroad for cash wheat and indifference regarding the market for futures is a very discouraging thing to holders of wheat. March wheat here was nearly 3c above May the morning, selling down to only ¾c premium over May, as against 3c premium only a short time ago. This weakness in March wheat was due to further pressure of March contracts brought about by the persistent absence of cash inquiry. In regard to the crop situation "The Price Current" says that the disappearance of the show discloses an encouraging position of the wheat crop generally excepting in portions of Illinois and Missouri. It believes that the unmarketed supplies are larger than generally recognized, and thinks that the Government estimate of the amount in farmers' hands will not likely be under 100,000,000 bush, against 123,000,000 bush last year and 75,000,000 bush two years ago. The midday rally in the market was due to some private reports of crop damage in Illinois, opening for disturbing statements a little, there was no particular interest developed. In the afternoon, however, there came in quite a little buying, the strength seeming to originate with St. Louis, where prices advanced early, rising 1½c from the lowest of the morning. This strength was looked upon as indicative of crop damage, and led to rather lively buying by local traders, although the advance here was about ½c from the lowest. There were reports of large export business in the afternoon, including the 100,000 bush of Northern Duluth taken last night and 7 loads at outports to-day, in addition to which there were rumors of 100,000 bush of May-June loading, but not confirmed. Locally no export business was put through to-day. No 2 red was quoted at 9@1c over May, 1c over at outports, and 1c over May for Northern Spring. No 1 Northern, New-York, 2c over May, 1c to 1c afloat, Duluth, 2c over May, 1c to 1c afloat; May closed at 89¾c. Futures closed at ⅝@¾c net gain. CORN—The market for corn moved narrowly to-day. Early there was a little easier feeling, but later in the session there developed a better tone, prices being influenced somewhat by the late strength in wheat although there was no particular feature to the trade. Receipts at West have shown quite a falling off this week, but this was due to the holiday. Exports have also been lighter. "The Price Current" predicts that the amount of corn in farmers' hands will be reported by the Government to the neighborhood of 1,350,000,000 bush, against 1,072,000,000 bush last year. The future market closed quiet at ⅛c net gain. Sales were 10,000 bush of No 2 at 29c in the elevator, 8,000 bush No 2 28¾c to 1c afloat, export, and 1,000 bush steamer yellow, 27½c elevator. The tone of the cash market was steady. OATS—The market for oats was quiet but fairly steady on both cash and futures. There was practically no pressure on the market, and, although at the opening a little easier tone prevailed, the market improved somewhat later and left off quiet at unchanged prices. The primary movement of oats has shown some decrease this week, the movement being interrupted by the holiday. Cash oats were quiet but steady. Sales were 60,000 bush, including 50,000 bush track and ungraded white, 21@30c, as to quality, and 10,000 bush No 2 clipped, private terms, export. No 2 oats quoted 21½c elevator. No 2 oats, 20c; No 2 white, 23½c; No 3 white, 22c. RYE—Market quiet; carlots, State, 40@41c, c i f track; sales, 3,000 bush; No 2 Western, 37½@37½c, c i f Buffalo, opening navigation. BARLEY—Market easy, with fine grades West higher. Feeding quoted, 26½@29½c, c i f, Buffalo, opening, 32@32½c c i f New-York; carlots, 32@33c track, c i f. Malting quoted 36@44c, as to quality. BUCKWHEAT—Market steady, quoted 34@35c c i f track, for 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.	Close ing.	Last night.	Last year.
Wheat:						
February	—	—	—	—	—	—
March	89¾	89½	89¼	89½	89½	75½
April	—	—	—	—	89¾	75¾
May	89¾	89¾	89¼	89¾	89¾	75¾
June	89⅝	89⅝	89⅛	89⅝	89⅝	75½
July	87⅝	88	87⅝	88	87⅝	75½
September	75½	76⅛	75½	76⅛	75⅝	73
Corn:						
February	—	—	—	—	21½	29¼
March	—	—	—	—	—	29¼
May	21⅝	21½	21⅝	21½	21½	29
September	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	29½
Oats:						
February	—	—	—	—	21½	20¼
March	—	—	—	—	—	20¼
May	21⅝	21½	21⅝	21½	21½	20
September	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝	20½

Receipts of treadstuffs at interior points in thousands last three cipher (000) omitted. Flour (bbls), grain (bush), as follows:

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	7	9	74	227	6	48
Milwaukee	6	9	3	18	5	13
Minneapolis	—	124	2	—	—	—
Duluth	—	83	1	20	1	14
St. Louis	4	10	129	74	—	—
Kansas City	—	31	42	9	—	—
Toledo	—	2	68	—	—	—
Detroit	1	2	1	—	—	—
Peoria	—	1	21	60	—	—
Totals	18	264	339	389	13	75
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	9	10	111	228	—	2
Milwaukee	1	7	7	1	—	1
Minneapolis	27	22	2	—	—	—
St. Louis	4	12	45	31	—	—
Kansas City	—	16	38	16	—	—
Toledo	—	2	68	—	—	—
Detroit	1	—	2	1	—	—
Peoria	—	1	21	60	—	—
Totals	42	80	693	337	—	3
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	17	24	147	143	2	19
Boston	4	18	27	20	—	—
Philadelphia	1	2	15	26	1	—
Baltimore	9	17	254	42	3	2
New-Orleans	—	1	144	10	—	—
Galveston	—	—	11	—	—	—
Totals	31	61	598	241	6	21
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	6	102	30	1	—	10
Boston	—	35	43	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	2	1	11	—	—
Baltimore	9	—	50	—	51	—
New-Orleans	—	—	378	82	—	—
Totals	15	139	531	94	51	10

METALS—TIN—The local tin market closed firmer to-day, with sales of 25 tons spot at $13.65. Spot quotations were $13.55@$13.65. The London market was steady at the close. COPPER—Closed firm at New-York and steady abroad, with the spot quotations locally unchanged at $12. LEAD—The market showed a very firm tone at the close and spot quoted at $3.20@$3.25. The market at the West was firm. SPELTER—Quiet at $4@$4.10. IRON—Closed steady at 99@97c for spot.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—Moderate business was reported in both molasses and syrups, but tone is steady. Supplies of best grade syrups are light. Glucose dull, but nominally unchanged. We quote: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 14@16c; fair, 12@14c; good, 15@17c; prime, 18@20c; open kettle, common, 18@19c; fair, 20@21c; good, 22@26c; prime, 24@28c. Syrups—Common, 9@11c; fair, 12@14c; good, 14@15c; prime, 16@18c; fancy, 18@20c.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits Rosin, 52@60 cents. Spirits turpentine, 1,979 bbls, tar, 2,372 bbls. There was a quiet and steady market for spirits turpentine at unchanged prices, regulars and machines quoted at 28½@29c. Rosin quiet and unchanged; common to good strained quoted at $1.70. Tar and pitch steady, unchanged and quoted. Tar, regulars, $1.55@$1.60; all barrels, $3; pitch, $1.80@$1.85.

OILS—PETROLEUM—The market for Pennsylvania Pipe Line certificates closed unchanged with 91c bid. Refined also unchanged and quoted: Barrels, New-York, $6.90; Philadelphia, $6.25, cases, New-York, $7; Philadelphia, $6.95.

PROVISIONS—The market for hog products was quiet to-day, but very steady in price, holders being encouraged by the strength in hog products and the West. PORK—Small, but firm. Sales, 150 bbls. Quoted: Mess, $8.50@$8.75; family, $9.50@$10; short clear, $8.50@$10. BEEF—Quiet and steady. Quoted: Extra mess, $7@$8; family, $8@$11; packet, $7.50@$9. BEEF HAMS—Strong at $18.50@$19. DRESSED HOGS—Held higher. Quoted: 160-lb, 5¼@5½c; heavy, to light, 4¾@5¼c. CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies strong at 4½@5c for 14 to 16 lb average. Pickled shoulders steady at 4¼@4½c. Pickled hams steadier at 8½@9½c. TALLOW—Firm, fair demand. Quoted at 3¼@3⅜c; sales, 300 bbls at 3¼c. STEARINE—Firm, lard, 4¾@4¾c; oleo, 4 1-16@4¼c. LARD—Firm, sales, 250 tcs prime steam, private terms, closing at 4.25c nominal, city, 3.95@3.90c; refined firm; South America, 4.75c; Continental, 4.90c; compound, 4¼c; May options closed at 4.37c nominal.

RICE—Demand was quite active in a jobbing way, with market closing firm in tone at quotations. We quote: Domestic, common to ordinary, 3¼@4c; fair to good, 4@4½c; prime to choice, 4¾@5c; fancy, 5¼@6c; head rice, 6@6½c. Patna, 4¼@5c; do in bond, 2¾@3½c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c; Java, 4@4½c; Rangoon in bond, 2@2¾c.

SEEDS—The market for seeds was quiet to-day, with trade in small lots only. We quote: Clover, common, 6@7c; fair, 8@8½c; fancy, 8¾@9c; timothy, fair, $2.85@$3.25; high grades, $3.50@$4.

SUGAR—The London cable reports cane dull and tending downward slowly, with Java quoted at 11s and fair refining at 9s 1½d. Beet steady and depressed, with present month quoted at 8s 11¼d and next month at 8s 10½d. Sale in the sugar to-day included 1,000 bags Colombia, at 2.90 bags San Domingo centrifugal, to arrive, basis 96 test, at 3¼c ex ship, 1,600 bags San Domingo concrete, to arrive, basis 87 test, at 2 9-16c ex ship, and 1,000 bags molasses sugar, to arrive, basis 89 test, at 2⅜c ex ship. The market closed firm at the above prices, and muscovado, 89 test, was quoted at 2⅞c, duty paid, delivered. Early in the day prices were reduced ⅛c on No 12 and 1-16c on the following grades: Nos 4, 9, 10 and 11 and Nos 13, 14 and 15.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, February 25, 1897.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts were very heavy to-day, and without any appreciable improvement in the demand the market had an easy tone throughout. The range of quotations has not changed, but our outside figures refer to a smaller part of current business. We quote: Beans, domestic marrow, choice, per bush, $1.15@$1.17½; do fair to good, $1@$1.10; do medium, choice, 92½@95c; do fair to good, 80@90c; do pea, choice, 87½@90c; do fair to good, 75@80c; do white kidney, choice, $1.20; do red kidney, choice, $1.27½@$1.30; do fair to good, $1.10@$1.20; do yellow eye, $1.10@$1.12½; do cranberry, choice, $1.10@$1.12½; lima, California, $1.30@$1.32½; green peas, bbls, per bush, 67½@70c; do bags, 62½c; do Scotch, bbls, 80c; do bags, 72½@75c.

BUTTER—Supplies were only moderate to-day, and most holders were able to clean up the fancy fresh table stock in pretty good shape. In a few stores there was a little surplus, but not enough to cause much apprehension as to the steadiness of the position. We saw the general trading basis for extras, but buyers were critical about quality, and a number of lots just sharing fancy sold at 18@18½c. Lower qualities have an indifferent demand and go at uncertain prices. Held creamery, 18@20c, has a little call at 16½@17c, but lower grades are dull. There is no increase in the supply of new State dairy, and fancy lots showing at first new milk command 18c. Old dairy has had further inquiry from out-of-town buyers, and the market has a little steadier tone on top grades. Western packings are easier. Imitation creamery seldom exceeds 16c for fancy quality, and 12½c is about as high as can be obtained for the best of the fresh factory. We quote: Creamery, Western extras, per lb, 18c; do firsts, 17@18c; do seconds, 13@16c; do State, finest, 18c; do do thirds to firsts, 13@17c; do Western held, finest, 16½@17c; do thirds to firsts, 12@16c; State dairy, half-tubs, fresh, fancy, 18c; do common to choice, 12@16c; do full made, finest, 14½@15c; do firsts, 13@14c; do thirds to seconds, 10@12½c. State dairies, entire, finest, 14@14½c; do seconds to firsts, 12@13½c. State dairy, firkins, finest, 14c; do seconds to firsts, 12@13c; imitation creamery, extras, 15@16c; do seconds to firsts, 10@14c; factory, fresh extras, 12½c; do firsts, 10½@11c; do thirds to seconds, 7@10c; do held, finest, 11c; do seconds to firsts, 8½@10c; rolls, fresh, common to choice, 8@12c.

CHEESE—The home trade demand is not quite so active, but there is still a fair movement going on and the tone falls as firm. One or two exporters are looking for a few underpriced cheese and have picked up a few lots. One exporter has taken a few fine cheese, but general demand from exporters is moderate, with advices from the other side not being encouraging and a further decline of 6d in the cable. Liverpool, 35s for both colored and white. We quote: State, full cream, large, September, colored or white, fancy, 12¼c; do late made, September, colored or white, fancy, 12½c; do common to fair, 11¾@12c; do good, 11¼@11½c; do common to fair, 9@11c; do small, September, colored, fancy, 12½c; do white, 12¼@12½c; do late made, good to choice, 11¾@12c; do common to fair, 9@11c; light skims, choice, 12c; do common to fair, 9@11c; light skims, choice, 10¾c; part skims, good to prime, 8½@9½c; do common to fair, 5@6½c; full skims, 3@3½c.

EGGS—Arrivals are moderate to-day. Some of the stock due has been delayed in transit by washouts on the railroads and the supply offering is no greater than needed for current requirements. Receivers are generally anticipating larger receipts next week, and there is a general disposition on the part of dealers to buy stock only as needed from day to day. But the current requirements are about equal to absorbing the supply and the market holds steady at 17c for the best Western; at that price about 650 cases were sold on 'Change. Southern steady for the better grades. Very few duck eggs offering, and there is a fair demand for choice lots. We quote: Jersey and nearby fancy, per dozen, 18c; Pennsylvania, fresh gathered, choice, 17½c. Western, fresh, 17c. Kentucky, choice, 16@16½c. Eastern Tennessee and Virginia, choice, 16½c; other Southern, good to prime, 16@16½c. Western refrigerator, choice, per 30-dozen case, $3.50@$4; do average prime, $2.50@$3.50; do inferior, $2@$2.40; do dirty, fresh, 30@$1.40; duck eggs, Maryland, per dozen, 20c. Southern, 25@27c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples continue in liberal supply, but consist largely of undergrades. Most sales of State Baldwin and Greening are at $1@$1.25, with a good deal of poor stock going lower. Choice lots still reach $1.50, and occasional sales of exceptionally fancy quality are reported at better prices. Cape Cod cranberries are meeting a fair demand when of choice quality; Jersey stock moving very slowly, and offered at low figures. Very few Florida strawberries arriving, when fancy they bring high prices, but many of the recent arrivals have been in poor condition or lacking in flavor and color, and the undergrades have had to sell even at comparatively low figures. We quote: Apples, Baldwins, fancy, per bbl, $2@$2.50; do common to fair, $1.25@$1.75. Baldwin, Vermont and Northern, fancy, $1.37@$1.50; do Greening, $1.37@$1.62; Baldwin and Greening, Vermont, prime, $1.12@$1.25; do Western New-York, good to fancy, $1.25@$1.50; do ordinary, 50c@$1; cranberries, Cape Cod, extra, fancy, late, $5.50; do good to prime, $4@$4.50; do Jersey, fresh cleaned, per bbl, $3@$3.50; do Jersey, in original packages, per crate, 75c; strawberries, Florida, fancy, large, bright, per quart, 50@75c; do common to good, 20@40c.

FRUITS—DRIED—There was very quiet trading in evaporated apples, both on home and export account, but the tone of advices from interior makers is a little steadier and holders are not inclined to force sales at the expense of any further concession in price. Sliced apples are steady for fancy stock, but weak for all grades from choice downward. Chops about steady. Cores and skins are less firm, prices not lower, but a little freer offering of stock. Not much doing in small fruits. California fruits are working out only moderately at about late prices. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy to extra fancy, 19@20c; do prime to choice, 17@18c; do common to good, 21@23c; do sun dried, sliced, 15@16c; do quarters, Canada, 22@24c; do State and Western, pale, choice, per lb, 20@21c; do do cores and skins, $1.25@$1.80; raspberries, evaporated, 55c; cherries, 110@115c; huckleberries, 60@65c; blackberries, 6c; apricots, California Royal, 8@15c; do Moorparks, 12@16c; peaches, California peeled, 19@25c; do unpeeled, 6@15c; prunes, as to size and quality, 3½@7c.

HOPS—The general movement of stock is still very light. Brewers are decidedly indifferent and local dealers are not disposed to add much to present holdings. There is a moderate inquiry from exporters, with a sale here and there of strictly choice Pacific Coast hops at 15c. The market appears to be about in the same position, and there is a weakness in all other qualities, with low grades of both State and Pacific Coast hops offered at easier prices. We quote: State, 1896, choice, 12c; do do, prime, 10@11c; do common to fair, 7@9c; Pacific Coast, 1896, choice, 13c; do good to prime, 10@12c; do common to fair, 8@9c. State and Pacific Coast, 1895, choice, 7@7½c; do common to prime, 5@6½c; old odds, 2@5c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—The four carloads of Western received to-day were not brought over from Jersey, and will be left over the track until next week. There is a very heavy accumulation of poultry and prices continues weak and unimproved in price. Only scattering sales of fowls have sold 7c, and that figure is full for chickens. We quote: Fowls and chickens, per lb, 7c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 9@10c; ducks, per pair, 50@90c; geese, $1@$1.75; pigeons, 25@30c. DRESSED—While supplies are not specially large, still the general demand is moderate, and prices show little if any improvement. Turkeys in only moderate supply, but quality generally undesirable and top quotations extreme. Some lots of frozen turkeys have been brought out, but selling slowly, and it is about all that can be depended upon for best lots. Really choice dry-packed Western chickens selling fairly at 8@9c, and 8@9c for fowls, but best lots are rarely possible above the finest figure, and the bulk of the supply and trade of the day with continued large supplies, prices are still weak and irregular. Choice ducks and geese about steady, but most offerings are undesirable. Game supply plenty and dull. We quote: Turkeys, average best hens, 12c; do mixed hens and young toms, prime, 11@12c; do common to good, 8@10c; do broilers, Philadelphia, 14@18c; do old toms, 10c; fowls, Philadelphia, 7½@8c; do fair to good, 6@7c; do to pair, 10@12c; do chickens, Philadelphia, average best, 13@15c; do common to good, 10@12c; do dressed, prime, 9@10c; do State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@9½c; do Western, dry-picked, average best, 8@9c; do scalded, 8½@9c; do coarse and stagy, 6@7½c; chickens and fowls, mixed, Western, prime, 8@9c; do poor to fair, 6@7½c; fowls, State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 8@9c; do Western prime, 8@9c; do poor to good, 7@7½c; old cocks, Western, average best, 5½@5¾c; do small and slips, 10@11c; ducks, Western, prime, 12@13c; do small and slips, 10@11c; geese, Western, average best, 10@11c; do small and slips, 8@9c; ducks, Western, prime, 12@13c; do fair to good, 8@11c; geese, Western, prime, 8@9c; do fair to good, 6@7c; squabs, per dozen, $1.50@$2.50.

GAME—Quail have come in more freely, selling slowly, and prices are weak and irregular. Grouse and partridges dull, with top price only obtained in a small way. Will quote unchanged. Rabbits have very little outlet, and values nominal. We quote: Quail, choice, per dozen, $1.25; do small and inferior, 50@$1; partridges, Western, undrawn, prime, per pair, 65@75c; do inferior, 50@60c; do chickens, undrawn, prime, per pair, 65@75c; do inferior, 50@60c; do blue-wing teal, 50@$1; grouse, prairie hens, prime, 75@80c; wild ducks, prime, per pair, 65@75c; do inferior, 50@60c; do redheads, $1.25@$1.75; do mallard, prime, 70@80c; do blue-wing teal, prime, 50@60c; do common, 20@25c; rabbits, per pair, 40@50c; venison, saddles, per lb, 12@14c; do whole deer, 10c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—Receipts were liberal again but prices for prime and No 1 held up well and there were quite closed out at quotations. In the scarcity of the top grades No 2, when all right, has sold 2½c below the top grade No 2, when all right, has sold 2½c below the top selections, with considerable useful stock at 75@80c. All low quality, including shipping, and damaged mixed, which are running much out of proportion to inviting condition, are quoted in favor of the buyer. It should be remarked for the benefit of country readers that The Tribune's hay prices represent wholesale rates. Long rye straw is arriving freely enough to give prices to the market. We quote: No 1, per ton, $17@$17.50; No 2, $15@$16; No 3, per ton 100 lb, 75@$1; rye straw, per ton 100 lb, 72½@75c; No 2, per ton 100 lb, 55@60c; No 3, per ton 100 lb, 50c. All small pressed sales are to under the foregoing rates for prime No 1 and 2 grades. No-grade hay, 60@65c; salt hay, per ton 100 lb, 45@50c; clover mixed, 60@65c; straw, per ton 100 lb, 45@50c; short rye straw, per 100 lb, 35@40c. The official report of receipts of hay at noon to-day, in tons, was as follows: Hudson River Railroad, 450; Erie Railroad, 250; New-York Central, 40; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, 30; West Shore Railroad, 180; Lehigh Valley Railroad, 80; Central Railroad of New-Jersey, 20; total, 1,050 tons; receipts of Railroad Straw, 90 tons.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES—The market for State and Western potatoes continues very dull and weak, with outside quotations extreme for large sacks. Some Hebrons are dragging and for the best lots. Sweet potatoes dull and nominal. Domestic onions are not over plenty and choice stock holds about steady. Bordeaux cases held up more above $2. Havana now nominally steady. Cabbages dull and weak. Other local winter vegetables without material change. Norfolk kale and spinach are largely of poor quality and not in very good demand, with most sales of kale at 40@50c and spinach at 50@$1, only a few exceptionally choice lots bringing a shade more. Florida lettuce is in more liberal supply, quality is still very regular and largely poor, and prices show a wide range, some of the stock is not worth transportation, and the supply is offering in range of $1@$2 per basket, strictly fancy lettuce $2.50@$3, and very fancy might bring a slight premium. A liberal supply of Key West tomatoes came in yesterday, for which there is only a very light demand; most sales in range of $1@$1.25 per carrier, occasional lots of exceptionally good stock have sold at $1.50. Other Florida vegetables show no material change in the above or fresh arrivals. We quote: Potatoes, Bermuda, No 1, per bbl, $4.50@$5.50; do Scotch Magnum, per 168-lb sack, $1.40; Houlton Rose, per double-head bbl, $1.75; do per sack, $1.40@$1.50; Maine Hebrons, per 168-lb sack, $1.25@$1.30; Jersey, small kinds, per sack, $1@$1.12; State, fair to prime, per 168-l