THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

		New-York, March 17, 1897.
Ashes, pkgs	6	Lead, pkgs	1,236
Beeswax, pkgs	15	Millfeed, tons	177
Beans, bbls	285	Rosin, bbls	68
Beans, lims, bags	264	Spirits turp., bbls	680
Beans, sacks	45	Pitch, bbls	50
Broom corn, bales	16,104	Oil cake, pkgs	1,000
Flour, pkgs	1,950	Oleo. stock, pkgs	602
Buckwheat, bush	18	Peanuts, bags	912
R. W. flour, pkgs	372	Pork, pkgs	500
Cornmeal, bbls	650	Cutmeats, pkgs	3,016
Cornmeal, bags	25	Dressed hogs, No	15
Oatmeal, bbls	8,325	Lard, pkgs	955
Wheat, bush	44,850	Lard, kegs	1,170
Corn, bush	76,800	Tallow, pkgs	53
Oats, bush	2,925	Grease, pkgs	50
Rye, bush	11,700	Butter, pkgs	5,666
Barley, bush	8,400	Cheese, pkgs	1,373
Malt, bush	3,415	Eggs, cases	14,496
Cotton, bales	1,528	Rice, pkgs	45
Dried fruit, pkgs	1,195	Sugar, bbls	1,100
Hay, tons	80	Tobacco, hhds	59
Straw, tons	150	Tobacco, pkgs	217
Grass seed, bags	41	Whiskey, bbls	366
Hides, bdls	28	Cal. wine, pkgs	1,426
Hops, bales			

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry	$12 25	Flour, Minn patent	$4 40
do No. 2 soft	10 75	Molasses, OK, prime	25
do No. 2	3 40	Tallow, prime	3⅝
Lead	11 87½	Hogs, dressed, 100-lb	5½
Copper, lake ingot	18 00	Lard, prime	4 45
Steel rails		Pork, mess	9 25
Wheat, No. 2 red	84	Beef, family	10 00
Corn, No. 2 mixed	29½	Beef hams	19 00
Oats, No. 2 mixed	22	Sugar, granulated	4½
Coffee, No. 7 Rio	9⅛		
Cotton, middling	7¼		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

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Oats, bush	4,734	Naphtha, gals	700
Rye, bush	7,556	Benzine, gals	100
Peas, bush	1,836	Cottonseed oil, gals	95,050
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Flour, sacks	7,167	Beef, bbls	100
Cornmeal, bbls	915	Beef, tcs	194
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Bran, lb	7,740	Hams, lb	24,200
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Oilmeal, lb	6,250	Tallow, lb	57,000
Oilcake, lb	430,000	Grease, lb	931,400
Spts. turp, gals	1,700	Butter, lb	35,700
Rosin, bbls	25	Cheese, lb	125,340

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

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COTTON—The decline in Liverpool of 2½@3½ points was followed by a lower opening here, prices starting off 3 to 5 points down, with the tone steady. Business was not active during the morning, and the movement of prices rather narrow. New-Orleans and local operators seemed to be the best buyers, while the selling was apparently by foreign houses. The early weakness in Liverpool was credited to political uneasiness in Europe, although later the market there improved somewhat, and this rally was promptly reflected here. The fear of further inundation by the Mississippi Valley was apparently a factor in the buying here. The advices continue quite serious, and fears were expressed that the damage would be important. Sales during the morning, however, were very small, amounting to only 35,000 bales. The small semi-weekly movement reported by Hester —only 14,246 bales receipts, against 28,936 last week—was alleged to be due to bad roads in the South. The receipts at the ports were moderate, and were looked upon as fulfilling the early estimates for the week's movement. The business in futures during the afternoon continued quiet, with prices working upward on estimates of light arrivals to-morrow at New-Orleans and Houston, and of firmer Southern spot markets. Locally spots were steady, with sales of 832 bales for consumption and export. Estimated receipts at New-Orleans, 2,200 bales, against 2,707 last week and 3,233 last year. Houston receipts were 700 to-day, against 2,059 last week and 920 last year.

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Visible supply	749,832	754,178	742,343

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for flour was quiet, with prices held with some steadiness, but buyers are not anxious nor apparently disturbed by the crop reports. On spring patents the market is about $4 40 for standard, but most of the trade seems to be supplied with $4 25. Little if any more than half of bakers was taken for export at $3 75 in sacks for choice. Sales of city flour amounted to 7,875 bbls, and the total transactions were 14,675 pkgs, as follows: 1,300 bbls winter straights, $4 25@$4 40; 4,225 bbls city patents, $4 80@$5 05; 2,950 bbls city clears, $4 70@$4 80; 450 bbls city extra fr, $3 65@$3 75; 250 bbls city thins, $3 15@$3 25; 2,000 bbls spring patents, $4 25@$4 60; 500 bbls clears, 2,000 bbls spring patents, $4 25@$4 60; 500 bbls clears, $3 50@$3 90; and 3,000 sacks clears, choice, for export, $3 75. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The market was dull, the season being over. Spot is quoted nominally at $1 15@$1 20. RYE FLOUR—Dull, heavy; sales, 250 bbls at $2 80@$2 95. CORNMEAL—Steady; sales, 750 bbls at $1 85. Quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 75@$1 85. BRAN MEAL—Dull. Quoted: Fine white, 75@75c; fine yellow, 70@71c; coarse, 58@60c. FEED—Steady. Quoted: 40, 60 and 80 lb, 65@70c; 100 lb, 70@75c; sharps, 75@ 80c; rye feed, 52½@55c; hominy chop, 52½@55c; cottonseed meal, 97½@$1; oilmeal, $1 02½@$1 05; city feed, 72½@75c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The opening of the wheat market this morning developed the presence of a much better feeling. Prices were generally higher, with the Western markets leading the advance. The trade was good, and for a few moments the strong tone was continued, although later prices set back to about the final of last evening's hardening again at midday. The early strength was credited to several causes, among which were the early recorded regarding crop conditions, although later the market for conditions was quoted 3-16 higher at 112 and then 111⅞. Also there were reports of uneasiness on the Continental bourses regarding the Cretan situation, the action of consols did not seem to reflect any serious uneasiness in London. The Liverpool future market advanced sharply, rising 1@1½d and closing at ½d advance. The rise was alleged to be partly due to war talk and partly due to reports of fulfilling the early estimates for the week's movement. The business in futures during the afternoon continued quiet, with prices working upward on estimates of light arrivals to-morrow at New-Orleans and Houston, and of firmer Southern spot markets. Locally spots were steady, with sales of 832 bales for consumption and export. Estimated receipts at New-Orleans, 2,200 bales, against 2,707 last week and 3,233 last year. Houston receipts were 700 to-day, against 2,059 last week and 920 last year.

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.	Closing night.	Last year.
March	6.97	7.00	6.97	7.01@7.03	6.96	7.26
April	6.97	7.03	6.97	7.03@7.04	7.02	7.29
May	7.02	7.07	7.02	7.07@7.08	7.05	7.29
June	7.06	7.12	7.06	7.12@7.13	7.10	7.29
July	7.10	7.16	7.10	7.16@7.17	7.14	7.29
August	7.11	7.17	7.11	7.17@7.18	7.15	7.30
September	6.87	6.89	6.85	6.90@6.91	6.90	7.40
October	6.75	6.79	6.75	6.79@6.80	6.78	7.28
November	6.77	6.82	6.77	6.81@6.82	6.79	7.28
December	6.80	6.85	6.80	6.84@6.85	6.83	7.29
January	—	—	—	6.89@6.90	6.87	7.28

Market closed steady at unchanged to 2 points advance compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices, 7,05. Total sales, 63,300 bales. New-York net receipts, 336 bales. Exports: Great Britain, 1,085 bales; Continent, 1,605 bales; stock, 250,846 bales. Total net port receipts to-day, 7,451 bales; thus far this week, 44,726 bales, against 56,610 bales last week and 45,470 bales last year. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 7,224 bales; Continent, 5,143 bales; stock, 789,300 bales. Spot cotton steady and unchanged. Middling uplands, 7¼c; middling Gulf, 7½c; sales, 3,032 bales, including 339 bales direct shipment, 493 bales spinning, 2,200 bales contract. Hester's semi-weekly interior movement was as follows:

	Receipts.	Shipments.	Stock.
This week	14,246	22,391	285,185
Last week	28,936	36,212	274,428
Last year	13,650	25,402	274,651
Two years ago	32,249	34,304	288,307

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton, a fair business doing; sales, 12,000 bales. Speculation and export, 1,000 bales. American, 11,000 bales; receipts, 9,000 bales; American, 6,000 bales. Middling upland, 3 31-32d. Futures quiet, 1-64 to 2-64d decline; closed steady. To-day's and yesterday's closing quotations, 3d decline: March, 3 58@3 59d; March-April, 3 58d; April-May, 3 58@3 59d; May-June, 3 58@3 59d; June-July, 3 58@3 59d; July-August, 3 58d; August-September, 3 56½d; September-October, 3 56½d; October-November, 3 46d; November-December, 3 44½d; December-January, 3 44½d. Manchester—Yarns dull, but steady; cloths quiet and firm.

COFFEE—Dealings in coffee this morning were quiet. Prices were 5 to 10 points lower at the opening, with the official tone steady. Sales were moderate and during the morning a fair volume of trade was developed. Weaker foreign markets and moderate deliveries again were apparently factors in the early selling. Deliveries to-day at all points were 14,346 bags. American stocks are liberal, although there is a little falling off in the last few days in the visible supply. Brazilian cables were of a steady market at Rio, with No 7 Rio quoted at 13⅝c, exchange, 8 1-32d; receipts, 3,000 bags; cleared for United States, 3,000 bags; stock, 283,000 bags. Santos was quiet at 10⅝c for good average; receipts, 15,000 bags; stock, 410,000 bags. The Hamburg market was 3¼ pfennigs lower and sales were 2,000 bags. The Havre market opened steady at ¼ to ⅜ franc lower, and at 3 p. m. showed an advance of ¼ franc, closing about steady at net unchanged to ⅛ franc decline. Sales were 12,000 bags. The local future market ruled quiet during the afternoon, but about steady, closing quiet at 5 to 10 points net decline. Sales, 16,000 bags. Spot coffee was ½c lower, with No 7 Rio quoted at 9c and No 8 8¾c. The market was inactive at the decline. Mild coffee was also very quiet.

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

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed to-day.	Closed yesterday.
January	—	—	8.69@8.65	8.65
February	—	—	8.09@8.05	8.05
March	8.50	8.50	8.45@8.50	8.50
April	—	—	8.45@8.50	8.50
May	8.50	8.45	8.45@8.50	8.50
June	8.50	8.50	8.50@8.55	8.50
July	8.55	8.55	8.50@8.55	8.60
August	—	—	8.50@8.60	8.60
September	8.60	8.55	8.55@8.60	8.60
October	—	—	8.55@8.60	8.60
November	—	—	8.55@8.60	8.60
December	8.60	8.60	8.60@8.65	8.65

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	13,131	33,377	10,845
Baltimore deliveries	245	772	1,139
New-Orleans deliveries	970	1,263	1,115
Total deliveries	14,346	35,412	13,098
New-York stock	390,993	389,127	343,095
Baltimore stock	24,593	24,838	28,433
New-Orleans stock	52,743	53,713	35,315
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