THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, March 23, 1897.

Beans, bbls	193	Mill feed, tons	118
Flour, pkgs	26,201	Molasses, pkgs	5,757
Cornmeal, bush	12,675	Oil, bbls	93
Cornmeal, bbls	245	Oil, other, pkgs	85
Cornmeal, bags	1,600	Pork, pkgs	760
Corn, bush	43,875	Beef, pkgs	75
Oats, bush	123,000	Cutmeats, pkgs	5,569
Rye, bush	17,550	Lard, pkgs	2,102
Barley, bush	58,500	Lard, kegs	4,403
Malt, bush	10,800	Tallow, pkgs	223
Sugar, bbls	400	Butter, pkgs	8,722
Sugar, hhds	780	Cheese, pkgs	2,649
Sugar, tcs	10	Eggs, cases	16,617
Hops, tons	10,725	Spelter, pieces	544
Hay, bush	600	Starch, pkgs	4,598
Straw, bush	637	Tobacco, hhds	149
Hides, No	17	Tobacco, pkgs	52
Skins, bales	21,750	Whiskey, bbls	150
Leather, sides	3,119		
Lead, pigs	.....		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Ave. No. 1 foundry	$12 25	Flour, Minn patent	$4 35
do do No. 2 soft	10 75	Molasses, OK, prime	25
Lead	3 42½	Tallow, prime	3⅝
Copper, lake ingot	11 87½	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb.	5⅝
Steel rails	18 00	Lard, prime	4 40
Wheat, No 2 red	83⅝	Pork, mess	9 25
Corn, No 2 mixed	29⅝	Beef, family	10 00
Oats, No 2 mixed	22	Beef hams	19 00
Coffee, No 7 Rio	8½	Sugar, granulated	4⅛
Cotton, middling	7⅝		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	8,987	Naphtha, gals	1,030
Corn, bush	134,124	Benzine, gals	300
Oats, bush	30,549	Gasoline, gals	100
Barley, bush	50	Cottonseed oil, gals	3,450
Peas, bush	50	Lubricat'g oil, gals	119,350
Beans, bush	1,277	Pork, bbls	867
Flour, bbls	7,310	Beef, bbls	75
Flour, sacks	6,062	Beef, tcs	124
Cornmeal, bbls	1,121	Bacon, lb	29,000
Bran, lb	94,300	Hams, lb	940,800
Hay, bales	5,013	Lard, lb	382,400
Hops, bags	2,500	Lard oil, gals	100
Hops, bales	500	Tallow, lb	20,000
Rosin, bbls	4	Grease, lb	34,350
Pitch, bbls	14	Butter, lb	1,740
Tar, bbls	.....	Cheese, lb	.....
Ref pet, gals	952,220		

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

For week ending Tuesday, March 23, 1897.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts for the week: Beans, 4,228 bbls; peas, 1,961 bbls. Exports: Beans, 1,684 bbls; peas, 325 bbls. The market has undergone no radical change during the week. Trade has been very quiet, and while arrivals have not been excessive, there has been enough stock offering to supply all requirements; in fact, for the last day or two, business has been exceedingly slack, and possibly the feeling is scarcely as firm as it was at the close of last week. Jobbers are buying in a close, hand-to-mouth way, and export orders are few and far between. Some holders have tried to make $1 10 on fancy marrow, but have not been successful, and the best marks are now offering very generously at $1 12½; some pretty good stock can be bought for less. The choicest hand-picked medium and pea have permitted sellers to get a little more for such, but for the average run of stock the market is no higher, and if our quotations are full. White kidney, yellow eye and turtle soup still have a very limited outlet. Exporters have had so few orders for red kidney that the effort to establish $1 30 price has not been successful; it looks as if export orders for this week's steamer will be filled at a price nearer to $1 27½. Lima are dull but unchanged. Green peas still working out slowly, with prices about steady. We quote: Beans, domestic marrow, choice, per bush, $1 10@$1 12½; do fair to good, 90@$1 05; do medium, choice, 85@90c; do fair to good, 70@75c; do pea, choice, 82½@85c; do fair to good, 70@75c; do white kidney, $1 10@$1 15; do red kidney, $1 25@$1 27½; do fair to good, $1 05@$1 20; do black turtle soup, $1 80@$1 85; do yellow eye, $1 15; do Lima, California, $1 30@$1 82½; green peas, 80c@$1 bbl; do bags, 60@62½c; do Scotch, bbls, 77½c; do bags, 70@72½c.

BUTTER—Receipts for the week, 30,891 pkgs; exports, 2,603 pkgs. It has been an exceptionally good market for nearly all grades of fresh butter this week. Stock has come forward moderately, and there has been quite a strong demand both from local and out-of-town buyers. Not only have the current arrivals been sold up closely from day to day, but previous accumulations have been largely reduced, placing the market in a better position than it has been at any time since the turn of the year. There has been, however, a feeling that it would be unwise to disturb the present line of values, because any advantage secured now would be but momentary and would tend to bring about a reaction sooner than though quotations were left about as they are now. The tone of Western advices has been stronger of late, and it is barely possible that our supplies may be shortened sufficiently to force a little higher price here, but that move will be opposed until it seems to be absolutely necessary that such a result should follow. The light character of the butter which is now offered makes sellers anxious to clean the stock up almost every day. If the butter is held two or three days it shows loss of quality, and the business to-day was on the basis of 19c for fancy fresh Western creamery and 17@18c for firsts, with most of the stock going at the latter figure. Some of the State creameries are showing improved quality, and the business in the best marks is at 18@18½c. Not much increase is the supply of new State dairy, and with a little more interest on the part of home jobbers the market is slightly firmer. Extra half-tubs fetching 16c very readily, and several lots at fine fresh Welsh from the Northern sections have been placed at 17c; lower qualities sell at irregular rates from 16½c downward. More fine imitation creamery could be sold than arrives, and the market is quite strong. Fresh factory is also improved a little under a better home demand. Exporters are not getting many orders, except for the under grades, say from 9@10½c, but there is a decided falling off in arrivals. Old butter is being closed out slowly at rather easier prices than have been quoted of late. Holders see nothing encouraging in the foreign markets, and are anxious. We quote: New butter—Creamery, Western extras, per lb, 19c; do firsts, 17@18c; do thirds to seconds, 13@16c; do State, finest, 18@18½c; do thirds to firsts, 13@17½c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, extras, 18c; do seconds to firsts, 12@16½c; do third tubs, extras, 17c; do seconds to firsts, 12@16½c; imitation creamery, firsts, 16½c; do firsts, 12½@15c; do seconds, 10@11c; factory, extras, 11½@12c; do firsts, 10@10½c; do thirds to seconds, 7@9½c; rolls, common to prime, 8@12c. Old butter—Creamery, Western, summer make, finest, 15@16c; do poor to prime, 10@14c; State dairy, tubs, finest, 14c; do firkins, finest, 13½c; do tubs or firkins, firsts, 12½@13c; do thirds to seconds, 9@12c; factory, 7@11c for the week, $5,890 cases. Arrivals have continued excessive and, although a very large quantity has steadily accumulated under shippers' limits, the supply offering is somewhat beyond the wants of the trade, and the tendency of the market has been gradually in buyers' favor. There was no material change in prices until Monday, when the market eased off to 10½c on average prime goods, and at the close a further slight concession has to be made. Sales were made at prices ranging from 10@10½c for Western goods, but it is not easy to get any really desirable qualities below the outside figure; it is, however, equally difficult to sell freely above the inside rate. Storage operations have begun in nearly all sections. Duck eggs are in buyers' favor toward the close. Goose eggs are scarce and firm. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy, per dozen, 11@11½c; Pennsylvania, fresh gathered, choice, 10½c; Western, northern sections, fancy, 10½c; Western and Southwestern, good to fancy, 10@10½c; Kentucky and Southern, choice, 10c; other Southern, fresh, good to choice, 9½c; Western seconds, per 30-dozen case, $2 60@$2 85; duck eggs, Maryland, per dozen, 27c; do Western, 24@25c; do Southern, 22@23c; goose eggs, per dozen, 60c.

CHEESE—Receipts for the week, 7,503 boxes; exports, 4,237 boxes. The current receipts of old cheese have continued small and confined to irregular lots, and with more encouraging advices from the other side and a continued good demand from the home trade market has worked into a firmer and healthier condition. Exporters have appeared to more fully recognize the soundness of the market, and have operated with more freedom. The receipts of new made cheese have been quite moderate as yet, and though factories are starting up in the different sections of the State, it will probably be a month before the receipts become general, and it is the opinion of both holders and dealers that stocks of desirable old cheese will all be wanted before new cheese becomes plenty. While there has not been any general advance in prices, the tone has been stronger, and holders generally have not been any higher and demand has been met with a fair degree of confidence at late top prices, still there has not been that urgency to push sales, with inclination to offer some inducements, that was noticeable a fortnight or so ago. The stronger foreign advices have caused more attention from exporters, who have been making inquiries for fancy cheese, but fail to find many of such quality. Quite a little cheese a trifle under fancy, however, has been taken by exporters. The few lots of new made cheese arriving have generally been from factories that have been running all winter and show comparatively little new milk, though some small lots from factories that started up early are claimed to be from strictly new milk. New made skims in moderate supply, but barely of desirable quality. Very few lots of part skims have been good enough to exceed 7@8c, though choice light skims have been in demand from both home trade and exporters, and some sales of exceptional quality have been made at 9@9½c. Full skims have been greatly neglected, the sizes being too large for home trade use, while quality has not been good enough for export, and offerings to sell at 2½@3c have attracted very little attention. Liverpool cable, 51s 6d for both colored and white. We quote: State, full cream, large, September, fancy, colored or white, 12¼c; do late made prime, 11½@12c; do good, 11¼@11½c; do common to fair, 9@11c; do small, September, colored or white, fancy, 12¼@12½c; do late made, good to choice, 11½@12c; do common to fair, 9@11c; part skims, winter made, good to prime, 7@8c; do common to fair, 5@6c; full skims, winter made, 2½@3c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Receipts of apples for the week, 21,492 bbls. The market has shown no change. Occasional lots of fancy refrigerator stock are placed at pretty good prices, but most of the arrivals are of medium and lower quality, and pressure to sell them is steadily increasing as the weather grows warmer. Values are irregular, with most sales of State fruit in range of $2@$1 25 per bbl. Very little doing in cranberries, and quotations almost nominal; for usual qualities any reasonable bids are accepted. We have had a large supply of Florida strawberries and a generally dull and weak market. At the close there is perhaps a little better movement, but values are still low, and quotations cover most sales; occasional lots of extra fancy large and bright Lawton berries have been placed at eight cents. We quote: Apples, Baldwin, Vermont and Northern, prime, $1 37@$1 50; do Greening, $1 50@$1 75; do Baldwin and Greening, Vermont, good, $1 12@$1 25; Baldwin, Western New-York, $1@$1 37; Greening, Western New-York, 90@$1 25; Greening and Baldwin, ordinary, 75@$1; cranberries, Cape Cod, $1@$6; Jersey, fresh picked, $5 do per crate, 75@$1; do original packings, $5@$6; strawberries, Florida, per boxes, per quart, 10@12c; do open crates, Lawton, 17@22c; do average prime, 16@18c; do poor to fair, 8@14c.

FRUITS—DRIED—Receipts for the week, 5,820 cases evaporated apples, and 7,121 pkgs other dried fruit. Exports, 10,925 cases evaporated apples and 6,714 pkgs other dried fruit. The market for evaporated apples has been very quiet toward the close, and prices show some decline. Strictly prime are generally held at 3¾@3¾c, but exporters have reduced their bids to 3½c, and are not anxious buyers on that basis. Fruit grading higher has only a limited demand to local jobbers, and quotations are little above nominal. Some damp and defective stock is offered for sale as low as 2@2½c, without attracting attention. Sun-dried sliced apples in small supply, but receive no demand of importance. Quarters are held about the same, but not moving to any extent, and outside figures are exceptionally high. Chops are well sustained under small offerings. Cores and skins have been a little more active, but at lower prices; some stock is held at $1 70 or higher in instances, but general sales have been at $1 60@$1 65, with prices ranging down to undergrade stock as quoted. Raspberries are quiet and weak at 14c. Cherries a little more active and steady. Very few blackberries or huckleberries offering. California apricots and peaches have a fair demand, and with light offerings stock has been held firmly. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy to extra fancy, 4@5c; do choice, 3½@3¾c; do prime, 3@3¼c; do common to good, 2@2½c; do sun-dried, sliced, 1½@3c; do Canadian quarters, 2½@3¾c; do State and Western, 2@3c; chops, per 100 lb, $1 25@$1 50; do cores and skins, $1 25@$1 50; raspberries, evaporated, 14c; cherries, 10@11½c; blackberries, 6@6½c; huckleberries, 6@6½c; apricots, California, Royal, 8@11c; peaches, California, peeled, 19@19½c; do unpeeled, 6@10c; prunes, California, 3@3½c.

HOPS—Receipts for the week, 859 bales; exports, 1,671 bales. There has been a dull week's trade in all classes of stocks. Foreign advices have shown a little improvement in the demand abroad, but the English hop factors have been inclined to close out stocks on hand rather than make new purchases. The position abroad is better than it was some time ago, and it may be that we shall have renewed calls from there. At the present writing, however, exporters are not showing much interest, and confine their operations almost entirely to the highest grades. Brewers are buying very cautiously and local dealers are decidedly indifferent. Prices have receded a little on all qualities and are still unsettled and weak for the medium and common grades. We quote: State, 1896, choice, per lb, 11c; do good to prime, 9½@10½c; do common to fair, 6@8c; Pacific Coast, 1896, choice, 12@12½c; do good to prime, 10@11c; do common to fair, 7½@9½c; State and Pacific Coast, 1895, 4@6½c; old odds, 3@4c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts for the week, 28 carloads from all points. Since the Purim holiday last week the demand has been less active, and while receipts have been moderate, prices have gradually eased off until at the close he is all that can be realized for fowls, and trade is so slow that some of the Southern may have to go lower. Chickens arrive sparingly and sell very well when not stagey. Roosters have fluctuated with fowls, but close steady. Very few turkeys arriving, and choice firm and higher. Ducks and geese in moderate supply and selling well when of desirable quality. Pigeons more plenty and very weak. We quote: Fowls, per lb, 9c; chickens, 8@8½c; roosters, 5½c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, local and Western, per pair, 65@65c; do Southern, 50@60c; geese, Western, per pair, $1 25@$1 50; do Southern, $1@$1 12; pigeons, 20@30c.....DRESSED—Receipts for the week, 7,995 pkgs. The receipts of fresh dressed poultry have been somewhat larger, and with a generally slow demand prices have developed some weakness, especially on fowls. Quality of the fresh stock has generally been undesirable, the turkeys nearly all running large and coarse, the chickens stagey and many of the fowls too heavy for average trade requirements. Fresh dressed turkeys have generally run poor and selling slowly at irregular figures. Western chickens in moderate supply and quality undesirable, and few lots sell as well as straight fowls. The latter have shown considerable increase in receipts and prices have declined to 8c for choice lots either iced or dry; in fact, only small fowls will bring that figure. Many of the dry lots lately arriving have shown a little effect of the late mild weather, and, though suitable for immediate use, have not been good enough to carry and have been urged for sale at ½@1c per lb under quotations. Philadelphia broilers and choice soft-meated roasting chickens in moderate supply, good demand and firm. Choice large capons in light supply and selling readily at firm prices. Tame squabs plenty, irregular in quality and average lots selling slowly, though selected large white firm. Frozen poultry has been plenty, and, though there has been little movement in large lots, there has been a good demand for small lots for current use, though at the moment the demand is light. Prices have shown very little change, but stock has to be exceptionally nice to bring top quotations. We quote: Fresh-killed turkeys, average best here, 12@12c; do mixed here and young toms, prime, 11@12c; do young toms, 10@11c; do old toms, 10c; broilers, Philadelphia, 3 lb and under to pair, 22@30c; do 3½ lb and over to pair, 22@28c; chickens, Philadelphia, winter, 6 lb and over, 15@17c; do fair to good, 12@14c; do fair to good, 11@12c; chickens and fowls, mixed, Western, prime, 8½@9c; do poor to fair, 7@8c; do small, Western, prime, 8½@9c; do poor to fair, 7@8c; fowls, No 1, 8@9c; do No 2, 6@7c; ducks, No 1, 10@12c; do No 2, 8@10c.

GAME—There has been rather more attention this week in choice quail and prices rule firmer, with occasional sales a shade higher than quotations, though demand at the close is rather quiet. Prime grouse and partridges held about steady, but have had only a peddling demand. Receipts of fresh snipe and plover have been very light and values little more than nominal. Venison has scarcely any demand and prices uncertain. We quote: Quail, choice, per dozen, $1 40@$1 60; do small and inferior, 75@$1; partridges, Western undrawn, prime, per pair, 45@50c; do prairie chickens, undrawn, prime, 90@$1 per pair; prairie, prime, 65@75c; English snipe and plover, fresh, per dozen, $1@$1 50; venison, saddles, per lb, 12@14c; do hind quarters, 10@12c.

HAY AND STRAW—The receipts of hay have been quite liberal, but with a fair demand market rules steady. Straw generally plenty and weak. Some choice long rye held at 85c, but 80c about all that can be realized. We quote: Hay, prime, per 100 lb, 77½@80c; do fair to good, 65@75c; do clover and clover mixed, 55@65c; do shipping, 60@75c; do east and track, 60@65c; straw, long rye, per 100 lb, 70@80c; do short and tangled rye, 50@60c; do oat, 50@40c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—The shortened wholesale demand, usual at the winding up of the month, has evidently set in to stay, and the receipts are not in any of the stations, but they are not likely to slip down seriously while receipts keep in their late judicious volume. Prime large bales for line lots have been quite uniformly marked down to 87½c as extreme. The 80-cent trade is merely of a peddling sort. No. 1 and succeeding marketable hay hold late ranges, the extreme, however, made only when quality goes right up to the mark. The enlarged proportion of big bales is noticeable; in fact, the supply of small straight-quality bales are bringing full quotations, as they are sought for by distributers whose retailing space is limited, and the allusion to them in the price table is temperarily less of a consideration than usual.....STRAW—Market weak, and, with the moderate supplies, there is evidently much economy in use. We quote: Hay, prime, large bales, per 100 lb, 75@80c; No 1, per 100 lb, 72½@75c; No 2, per 100 lb, 65@70c; No 3, per 100 lb, 55@60c; shipping, per 100 lb, 55c. All small pressed bales are 5c under the foregoing rates for prime No 1 and its grades. No grade hay, 40@50c; salt prime hay, per 100 lb, 45c; clover, 52½@57c; clover, mixed, hay, per 100 lb, 50@55c; long rye straw, per 100 lb, 80@85c; short rye straw, per 100 lb, 50@60c; do tangled, per 100 lb, 50@60c; oat straw, per 100 lb, 35@40c. The official receipts of hay at noon to-day were: Hudson River Railroad, 420 tons; Erie Railroad, 280 tons; Pennsylvania Railroad, 10 tons; West Shore Railroad, 30 tons; Delaware and Ohio Railroad, 20 tons; total, 760 tons. Exports of hay for week, 1,569 bales. Receipts of straw to-day, 10 tons.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES—Receipts of potatoes for the week, 20,689 bbls; imports, 1,276 bbls, from Bermuda. The market for old potatoes continues in a demoralized condition. Offerings are large and any reasonable bids are gladly accepted. Bermuda receipts cost high and are at a further advance, but are moving rather slowly in the range quoted. Old onions have been in comparatively light supply and firm for all choice qualities; remaining stock to come forward is light. Bermuda onions close with a fair demand at $2 75 for No 1. Old cabbages are still plenty and cheap. Other local winter vegetables show little change, except for marrows squash, which are scarce and show a further slight improvement. The market for Norfolk kale and spinach has lately been in a demoralized condition, with a large part of the stock hardly worth expenses. Arrivals of Charleston asparagus have been heavy and prices have made a further decline, closing weak as quoted. A few Charleston cabbages are reaching $1@$1 25 per bbl crate; Florida stock has sold at the same range when of choice quality until to-day, when the best lots are freely offered at $1 and very dull, a large part of the receipts being abandoned for freight charges. String beans have made some decline under liberal supplies; quality irregular and largely inferior. Green peas also mostly of poor quality and selling comparatively low. Celery is of very irregular quality and value; extra fancy large white is scarce and sells high, but small or green has to go comparatively low. Eggplants have been more plenty toward the close and show a considerable decline. Lettuce mostly inferior and lower; the market is now weaker even on fancy qualities. We quote: Potatoes, Bermuda, new, No 1, per bbl, $8@$9; do second crop, $6@$7 50; do No 2, $4 50@$5 50; Jersey, usual kinds, per sack, 85@90c; Michigan, prime, 80@90c; State, fair to prime, 75@85c; do per 180 lb, 80@90c; sweet potatoes, per bbl, $1@$1 75; asparagus, Charleston, per dozen bunches, $1 50@$3 50; beets, Bermuda, per crate, 50@75c; do Florida, new, per bush crate, 75c; do Charleston, per 100 bunches, $3@$4; do Florida, bunches, per bbl crate, $1 50@$2; cabbages, per 100, $1 75@$3; do Charleston, per bbl crate, $1@$1 25; do Florida, 50c@$1; celery, State, per dozen stalks, 20@40c; do Charleston, 25@$1 25; cucumbers, Florida, per carrier, $2@$2 50; eggplants, Florida, per ½-bbl box, $1@$2; do per bbl crate or bbl, $2@$3; kale, Norfolk, sprouts and Scotch, per bbl, 20@40c; lettuce, Florida, per ½-bbl basket, 75@$2; do Charleston, per bush basket, 75@$1; do North Carolina, per bbl, $2@$3 50; onions, Eastern, white, per bbl, $3 50@$4; do red, $3 25@$3 50; do yellow, $3@$3 25; do State and Western, yellow, per bbl, $2 50@$3; do red, per bbl, $2 50@$3; do yellow, $2 75@$3 25; do Bermuda, per box, $2 75; peas, Florida, per crate or carrier, $1@$2; string beans, Florida, per crate or carrier, $2@$3; do freight, $2@$2 75; spinach, Norfolk, per bbl, 20@35c; tomatoes, Florida, per carrier, $1@$2 50; do Key West, 75@$2; turnips, Canada, Russia, per bbl, 60@65c.

SUNDRIES—Beeswax in light demand, but held at 26@28½c per lb. New maple sugar has arrived quite freely, and is selling slowly at 8@9c per lb. Old sugar in better demand at 7c per lb. Maple syrup nominally steady at 50@75c per gallon. Ginseng root steady at $2 75@$3 75 per lb. Honey in fair demand at unchanged prices. We quote: State, clover comb, per lb, 8@12c; do extracted, 5@8½c; do buckwheat comb, 7@8c; do extracted, 5@5½c; do Western, scalded, 9c; do dry picked, 8½@9c; do Western, tied, 8½@9c; do fair to good, 7½@8c; old cocks, Western, 6c; capons, Philadelphia, large, 15c; do medium sizes, 12@14c; do small and slips, 10@11c; do Western, fancy, large, 13c; do average best, 11@12½c; do small and slips, 10c; squabs, per dozen, $1 25@$2 50; frozen poultry, turkeys, hens, fancy, 16@17c; do No 1, 14@15c; do No 2, 8@10c; broilers, dry picked, 14@16c; do scalded, 11@13c; chickens, soft-meated, No 1, 9@10c; do No 2, 6@7c; fowls, No 1, 8@9c; do No 2, 6@7c; ducks, No 1, 12@14c; geese, No 1, 8@10c.

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, March 23, 1897.

COTTON—Narrow fluctuations and restricted interest fully describe the cotton market for the moment. There is no outside volume of trade and professional operations are devoid of character. The market this morning opened steady at 1 point advance to 1 point decline and the movement during the forenoon was very narrow, the market by midday showing a loss of 1@2 points, with sales of only 33,000 bales. Business during the afternoon was equally restricted, and again the volume of transactions was unimportant for the day, the total footing up the very small figure of 43,400 bales. The early cables showed a weaker European market and the cable close abroad was unchanged to ½ point decline. The estimate of a rather free port movement induced some selling for local account. On the other hand the Southern spot markets reported little cotton offering and Fall River reported a good cloth business, with sales so far this week 130,000 pieces, on the basis of 2¾@3c for spot and 2¾c for contracts. The reports from the Mississippi Valley continue very quiet, and the present condition of trade the influence of these advices on the market is small. The trading of the afternoon was entirely professional. The port receipts were about as estimated early. The New-Orleans movement was estimated at 4,500 to 4,000 bales, against 3,709 bales last week and 5,240 bales last year. Houston receipts to-morrow, 700 to 800 bales against 1,629 bales last week, and 1,674 bales 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.	Last night.	Last year.
March	7.01	7.01	7.01	7.01@7.02	7.02	7.51
April	7.03	7.04	7.01	7.01@7.02	7.04	7.53
May	7.08	7.08	7.05	7.05@7.06	7.07	7.59
June	7.11	7.11	7.10	7.09@7.10	7.11	7.59
July	7.15	7.15	7.12	7.13@7.14	7.15	7.59
August	7.16	7.16	7.13	7.14@7.15	7.16	7.59
September	6.88	6.88	6.87	6.86@6.87	6.89	7.57
October	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.76@6.77	6.77	7.29
November	6.78	6.78	6.75	6.77@6.78	6.78	7.13
December	6.80	6.81	6.79	6.80@6.81	6.81	7.17
January	—	—	—	6.84@6.85	6.85	7.22
February	—	—	—	6.88@6.90	6.89	—

Market closed quiet and steady at 1 to 2 points decline compared with yesterday's closing prices. Transferable notices, 7.05. Total sales, 40,400. New-York exports: Great Britain, 6,810 bales; Continent, 200 bales; stock, 242,777 bales. Total net receipts today, 10,257 bales; thus far this week, 33,150 bales, against 37,274 bales last week and 37,601 bales last year. Exports to-day: Great Britain, 13,002 bales; Continent, 300 bales; stock, 733,628 bales, against 1,000,000 bales last year. Southern spot reports received of 9,493 bales, against 13,855 bales last week and 14,410 bales last year. Shipments were 19,969 bales, against 21,456 bales last week and 21,105 bales last year. Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. Middling uplands, 7¾c; middling gulf, 7¾c. Sales, 631 bales, including 479 bales export and 152 bales spinning.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton, quiet; sales, 7,000 bales. Speculation and export, 500 bales; American, 6,000 bales; receipts, 12,000 bales; American, 8,000 bales. Middling upland, 4d. Futures steady, partial 1-64d decline; closed quiet but steady, unchanged to ½ point net decline. February-March, 3 15-16@4c; March-April, 3 59@4; April-May, 3 59@4; May-June, 3 59@4; June-July, 3 59@4; July-August, 3 59@4; August-September, 3 57@4; September-October, 3 51@4; October-November, 3 46@4; November-December, 3 44@3 45; December-January, 3 44b. Manchester—Yarns dull but steady; cloths, full prices insisted upon, but business small.

COFFEE—The market moved very narrowly to-day. The opening was steady at unchanged to 5 points advance, and sales of only 1,000 bags at the opening, and but little interest developed during the early part of the day. Deliveries were quite free, amounting to 10,938 bags at New-York, and at all ports to 21,402 bags. The New-York stock has been considerably reduced during the week, falling off 74,000 bags, while the stocks at all ports have dropped 84,000 bags in the last week. On the other hand, there has been a gain of 42,000 bags in the amount afloat. The stock of coffee in the United States other than Brazilian is reported at 131,936 bags at New-York, 20,372 bags at San Francisco, and 8,117 bags at New-Orleans, the total being 160,395 bags, against 145,230 bags the preceding week. The cables reported the market at Hamburg ¼ pfg higher, and sales there at 21,000 bags. Santos was quiet, with good average inquiry; receipts, 14,000 bags; stock, 432,000 bags; Rio was firm; No 7 Rio, 9c55c; exchange, 15-16c; receipts, 10,000 bags; cleared for United States, 8,000 bags; for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 287,000 bags. Havre opened quiet and unchanged, but 12 o'clock showing an advance of 1 franc, and at 3 o'clock was steady, ¼ franc up to ½ franc down, closing steady at ¼@1 franc net advance. Sales were 15,000 bags. The local market was quiet during the afternoon, closing quiet at 5 points advance to 5 points decline. Sales, 6,500 bags. Spot coffee was steady at unchanged prices. Brazilian was quoted at 9¼c for No 7, and 9¾c for No 8. Mild coffee was quiet. Sales were 100 bags of Maracaibo and 200 bags Central American, both private terms.

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

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed. To-day.	Closed. Yesterday.
January	—	—	8.40@8.45	8.35
February	—	—	8.40@8.50	8.35
March	8.20	8.20	8.15@8.25	8.20
April	8.25	8.20	8.20@8.25	8.20
May	8.25	8.25	8.20@8.25	8.20
June	—	—	8.20@8.25	8.20
July	8.30	8.30	8.25@8.30	8.25
August	—	—	8.30@8.35	8.25
September	8.40	8.40	8.35@8.40	8.30
October	—	—	8.35@8.40	8.30
November	—	—	8.35@8.45	8.30
December	8.45	8.40	8.40@8.45	8.35

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	19,808	7,140	33,377
Baltimore deliveries	208	300	772
New-Orleans deliveries	938	916	1,263
Total deliveries	21,402	8,917	35,412
New-York stock	304,272	324,190	380,127
Baltimore stock	20,192	23,398	24,838
New-Orleans stock	47,154	48,852	53,713
Stock at other ports	12,500	12,500	12,500
Stock at all ports	387,938	408,940	471,178
Afloat	329,000	320,000	283,000
Visible supply	716,938	737,980	754,178

DRUGS—Opium remained firm, but prices were without material change since last report. Some business was transacted at full prices. Morphine prices were advanced sharply, and the market closed very firm in tone after a fair trade for the day as well as for the period under review. Quinine s without important change in price, although there has been a good demand from day to day at full prices. Cod liver oil steady, with a fair range of territory, thus indicating the general necessities of the trade. We quote: Opium cases, $2 45@$2 50; jobbing, $2 50@$2 55; powdered, $3 10@$3 50; morphine, bulk, $1 70@$1 80; ounce vials, $1 75@$1 85; sulphate, $1 35@$1 40; quinine, domestic bulk, 18@19c; foreign, bulk, 15@16c.....ESSENTIAL OILS—There was a fair demand for the leading oils, but in some cases a little easier feeling was noticed, especially in peppermint, although there was no particular change in its prices. Very few changes were made in any oils. Anise was firm. We quote: Anise, $1 70@$1 75; Bergamot, prime, $1 60@$1 80; cassia, $1 75@$1 80; cubeb, $5 50@$6; fennel, $1 25@$1 50; fennel, $1 25@$1 50; geranium, $1 50@$1 75; lemongrass, native, $3@$3 50; mace, $9@$11 50; mustard, natural, $6 75@$7 50; artificial, $3 75@$4 40; peppermint, Western tins, $1 15@$1 30; New-York tins, $1 20@$1 40; cases, $1 60@$1 65; pennyroyal, 79@75c; sassafras, natural, 42@47c; artificial, 40c; spearmint, $1 60@$2 25; tansy, $1 62@$2; wintergreen, natural, $1 15@$1 25; artificial, 45@50c; wormseed, $2 50@$2 70; wormseed, pure, $2 70@$3. BOOTS—There was no important change, and a market was quite bed steady with a fair demand, especially for the leading staples. We quote: Burdock, 4½@5c; gentian, 6½@7c; sineng, South-ern, $3@$3 30; Northern, $3 75@$4 50; Northwestern, $3 50; ginger, Jamaica, unbleached, 14@16c; bleached, 20@21c; golden seal, 26@30c; hellebore, powdered, 6½@7½c; whole, 4½c; licorice, ordinary, 24@34c; select, 35@40c; pink, 22c; sarsaparilla, Honduras, 25@30c; Mexican, 18@20c; senega, Southern, 35c; Missouri, 40@42c; Manitoba, 20½@27c; snakeroot, Canada, 15c; Texas, 18@20c; Virginia, 25c.

FOREIGN DRIED FRUIT—The volume of trade in dried fruit continues comparatively light, the demand is dull, and in many cases prices are nominal. California fruit seems to be dull and heavy. Prunes are unsettled and difficult to quote. Currants are quiet. Nuts are inactive. We quote: Valencia raisins, 4½@5c; Sultana, 6@11c; California, 4@8½c; dates, 3@6c; currants, 4@5½c; prunes, 3½@7c; almonds, 17@19c; Brazil nuts, 3½@4½c; walnuts, 6@7c; filberts, 7½@8c; figs, 4½@24c.

FOREIGN GREEN FRUIT—A somewhat better tone is noticed in the market for lemons, and the distribution is slightly better. Oranges are steady, with California in good demand. Bananas are quiet, pineapples dull. We quote: Messina, per box, $3@$3 25; oranges, California navels, $2 50@$4 25; Florida, $3 50@$5 50; bananas, 60@$1 12; cocoanuts, $20@$26; grapes, $8@$10.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for flour was again a spiritless affair, with buyers and sellers apart, no interest developing in either spring or winter. Buyers would not advance their prices, while sellers were encouraged by the late strength in wheat. The market closed with dealers apart, and the total transactions in Western flour of only 3,200 bbls. Total sales were 9,229 pkgs, including 1,200 bbls winter straights at $4 20@$4 35, $4 50 bbls city patents, $4 80@$5 05; 3,000 bbls city clears at $3 70@$4 80; 150 bbls extra fine, $3 15@$3 25; 1,300 bbls spring patents, $4 20@$4 40, and 500 bbls clears, $3 75@$4 85.....RYE FLOUR—Quiet and steady; sales 400 bbls at $2 30@$2 65.....CORNMEAL—Quiet; quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 75@$1 85.....BAG MEAL—Quiet; quoted: Fine white, 75@75c; fine yellow, 70@71c; coarse, 50@60c.....FEED—Quiet; quoted: ex, to and so lb, 97½@100 lb, 70@75c; shorts, 75@82½c; rye feed, 82½@90c; hominy chop, 82½@85c; cottonseed meal, 97½@$1; oil meal, $1 02@$1 05; city feed, 72½@75c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The movement of the wheat market this morning was a disappointment to dealers who had anticipated further weakness. The opening was at a little advance from the final of last night, but the selling movement quickly made itself felt, prices advancing 5@¾c on light local buying. The advance was accompanied by some reports of crop injury. There were a good many advices at hand from Illinois and Indiana, speaking quite unfavorably of the growing crop. On the other hand, there were very favorable reports from Kansas. The trade seems inclined early to ignore the unfavorable reports, although there are a good many operators who are disposed to look for something like a quick movement, based on the crop reports, but it would seem as a whole does not seem to believe in three short winter wheat crops in succession, and generally is inclined to think that it is still too early to form a good opinion of the condition of the growing wheat. The foreign news this morning was weak, promptly reflecting the decline here. Liverpool opened 1d lower, showing a further loss of 1d, closing at a loss of 1½d. "Bradstreet's" visible was about as anticipated, the American supply showing a decrease of 967,000 bush, reducing the total to 58,290,000 bush, while the European supplies and supplies afloat decreased 3,006,000 bush, making a net decrease of 4,063,000 bush for the week. During the latter part of the day the market was influenced by the strength in St. Louis, which advanced about 2c a bushel, and this advance was accompanied by numerous reports of damage to the growing crop. There was quite a good business done in futures from the West, although no business was accomplished here until late, when shippers took two loads of No 1 Northern Duluth, on private terms. No 2 red was quoted at 4c over May, f o b, afloat; No 1 Northern, 3½c over May, f o b, afloat, and No 2 hard winter, 1c over May, f o b, afloat. May closed at 79⅝c. Futures closed at ⅞@⅞c net rise.....C