THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 4, 1897.			
Ashes, pkgs	16	Hay, tons	1,540
Beans, bbls	300	Straw, tons	90
Broom corn, bales	145	Flaxseed, bush	1,000
Flour, pkgs	29,205	Grass seed, bags	462
Buckwheat, bush	2,925	Hops, bales	162
B W flour, pkgs	700	Leather, sides	4,800
Cornmeal, bbls	313	Milfeed, tons	356
Cornmeal, bags	1,001	Oilcake, pkgs	1,580
Oatmeal, bbls	475	Oilmeal, bags	733
Wheat, bush	148,925	Pork, pkgs	296
Corn, bush	101,400	Cutmeats, pkgs	1,731
Oats, bush	141,200	Dressed hogs, No	19
Rye, bush	8,775	Tallow, pkgs	110
Peas, bush	2,200	Grease, pkgs	49
Barley, bush	55,350	Butter, pkgs	2,877
Malt, bush	4,800	Cheese, pkgs	2,389
Cottonseed oil, bbls	585	Eggs, cases	3,874
Cotton, bales	1,196	Starch, pkgs	1,225
Copper, cakes	5,033	Tobacco, hhds	24
Copper, bbls	45	Whiskey, bbls	252
Dried fruit, pkgs	8,060		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor No 1 fdy	$11 75	Flour, Minn patents	$5 15
Iron, So No 2 soft	10 25	Cotton, middling	5⅞
Steel rails	19 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6⅝
Pig iron warrants	6 75	Sugar, granulated	5
Lake copper, ingot	10 80	Molasses, O'K, prime	27
Tin	13 80	Beef, family	9 75
Lead	3 72½	Beef, hams	22 25
Spelter	4 00	Tallow, prime	3¾
Wheat, No 2 red	97½	Pork, mess	8 50
Corn, No 2 mixed	33⅝	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb	5¾
Oats, No 2 mixed	26⅝	Lard, prime	4 50

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	192,785	Spts turp, gals	9,520
Corn, bush	107,451	Rosin, bbls	50
Oats, bush	29,867	Ref pet, gals	1,721,765
Rye, bush	58,298	Benzine, gals	750
Peas, bush	5,535	Cottonseed oil, gals	208,350
Beans, bush	2,725	Lubricating oil, gals	303
Flour, bbls	300	Pork, bbls	70
Flour, sacks	19,185	Beef, bbls	10
Bran, lb	2,820	Beef, tcs	1,091,000
Grass seed, bags	382	Bacon, lb	26,400
Hay, bales	32	Hams, lb	1,061,350
Hops, bales	243	Lard, lb	252,000
Whiskey, gals	1,120	Grease, lb	280,860
Oilcake, lb	810,900	Cheese, lb	

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 4, 1897.

COTTON—There was a lack of outside speculative interest in cotton to-day. Opening steady at a decline of 10@2 points on unsatisfactory cables, there was a quick rally of 8@6 points on covering following indications of support from Europe and New-Orleans, with some Wall Street buying of the investment order. Trading, however, was not active, and still later there ruled an easier feeling on private cables stating that the condition of affairs at Lancashire had a more strike-like look. At the same time receipts, actual and prospective, were burdensome in the absence of sufficient competition from speculative operators. The news from Fall River and from the dry-goods district was not encouraging. Spot buyers held an offish relation to the staple, and accounts from Southern spot markets as to the latest attitude of exporters were not encouraging. "The Chronicle's" weekly report indicates that picking has been completed in most sections and that the movement of the crop is continued on a liberal scale. "The Chronicle's" figures make the amount in sight 30,000 bales less than the estimate of Secretary Hester, of the New-Orleans Exchange. The amount in sight for the week is less than the amount in sight for the corresponding week in 1894 by about 50,000 bales. This contrast does not point to the large crop, as compared with the yield of 1894, that has been predicted. The market just before the close received a setback through liquidation and was finally barely steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 2 points, as compared with the final figures of yesterday. Total sales futures, 72,800 bales. Spot cotton closed quiet, 1-16c higher; middling uplands, 5⅞c; middling Gulf, 6⅛c; sales, 20 bales spinning. Spot cotton in Southern markets (middling quoted) was as follows: Galveston steady, 5 7-16c, sales, 141 bales. New-Orleans firm, 5¾c; sales, 6,200 bales. Mobile quiet, 5 3-16c; sales, 100 bales. Savannah steady, 5 3-16c, 1-16c advance; sales, 700 bales. Charleston steady, 5 3-16c. Wilmington firm, 5⅝c. Norfolk steady, 5¾c; sales, 688 bales. Baltimore nominal, 5⅝c. Memphis steady, 5¾c; sales, 4,300 bales. Augusta firm, 5 7-16@5¾c; sales, 739 bales. Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s cotton letter of to-day says: "The feeling on 'Change is that it is exceedingly dangerous to be short of cotton. At the same time there is no aggressive movement to advance the price, as the trade feels that the advance at the present time would only bring about a failure of the efforts now being made to reduce the acreage."

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton a hardening tendency; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 7,000; receipts, 33,000, American, 33,000; middling uplands, 3¼d. Futures dull and inactive; sellers at 1-64d advance; closed barely steady, unchanged to 1 point net advance. January-February, 311s; February-March, 311b; March-April, 311½s; April-May, 312½s; May-June, 314s; June-July, 315s; July-August, 316b; August-September, 317s; September-October, 317½b; October-November, 318½b; December, 312s; December-January, 311b.

The range of contract prices to-day was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
December	5.70	5.73	5.70	5.68@5.69	5.70
January	5.71	5.75	5.71	5.72@5.73	5.73
February	5.75	5.78	5.75	5.76@5.77	5.77
March	5.81	5.85	5.80	5.80@5.81	5.82
April	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.85@5.86	5.86
May	5.91	5.95	5.90	5.90@5.91	5.92
June	5.97	5.97	5.95	5.95@5.96	5.97
July	6.00	6.05	6.00	5.99@6.00	6.01
August	6.03	6.08	6.03	6.03@6.05	6.05
September				6.05@6.07	6.06
October	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.07@6.09	6.07
November				6.15@6.20	6.15

Receipts at the ports and interior points to-day compared with the same day last week and last year were as follows:

Ports.	To-day.	Last week.	Last year.	Present stock.
Galveston	13,213	14,584	8,749	248,523
New-Orleans	18,581	23,231	15,836	326,992
Mobile	3,979	7,371	2,387	32,245
Savannah	7,088	13,375	2,947	141,409
Charleston	2,634	1,876	1,079	57,000
Wilmington	3,838	3,620	567	39,939
Norfolk	4,563	5,231	4,321	69,358
Baltimore				22,387
New-York	1,160	71	637	99,148
Boston	1,958	1,120	931	
Philadelphia	511	648	350	7,367
Totals	57,525	63,949	37,884	1,044,344
Interior:				
Houston	13,339	13,893	7,212	78,916
Augusta	1,470	2,436	647	50,164
Memphis	3,702	4,002	3,138	137,593
St. Louis	615	1,585	762	30,044
Cincinnati	955	2,459	1,999	9,036

COFFEE—The coffee market from start to finish was quite featureless to-day. The opening call was exceptionally dull, with bids showing unchanged prices or an advance of 5 points. But only one transaction was made—250 bags September at 6.00c. For an hour additional sales consisted of but one lot further—May at 5.85. Then there was a little spurt as the result of covering and the market closed steady at yesterday's final figures, with a total of 9,000 bags. European cables were higher, but failed to make the expected response to the bullish overtures made yesterday by our market. There were offset to an extent by lower cables from Rio and Santos and by a well-sustained movement at the Brazilian ports. Cleared from Santos December 3 steamer Bellarden with 6,000 bags. World's visible supply increased 157,793 bags. Visible supply on December 1 was 6,422,793 bags, compared with 6,264,999 bags on November 1 and 3,912,187 bags December 1 last year. Rio shipments to Europe during November, 134,000 bags; Santos shipments to Europe, 637,000 bags; Rio shipments to United States, 225,000 bags; Santos shipments to United States, 146,000 bags; Rio shipments to other countries, 20,000 bags; Victoria shipments to United States, 36,000 bags. Santos shipments to Europe include 86,000 bags, which should have been included in the October figures. The market for spot Brazilian coffee ruled inactive and more or less nominal. No 7 Rio, in one lots, quoted at 6⅝c; jobbing parcels, 6¾c. The market for mild coffees was quiet, with business restricted to a comparatively small jobbing trade. Changes in quotations were unimportant. The steamer Castilian Prince arrived in New-York to-day with 16,791 bags Santos and 20,046 bags Rio coffee.

The range of contract prices to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
December	—	—	—	5.60@5.65	5.60
January	—	—	—	5.60@5.65	5.60
February	—	—	—	5.70@5.75	5.70
March	—	—	—	5.75@5.80	5.75
April	—	—	—	5.80@5.85	5.80
May	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85@5.90	5.85
June	—	—	—	5.90@5.95	5.90
July	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.95@6.00	5.95
August	—	—	—	6.00@6.05	6.00
September	6.10	6.10	6.10	6.05@6.10	6.00
October	—	—	—	6.05@6.10	6.05
November	—	—	—	6.15@6.20	6.15

Foreign markets—Santos—Coffee market quiet; good average Santos, 7600; receipts, 18,000 bags; stock, 1,069,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged; closed ⅛@¼ pfg net advance; sales, 13,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ½@¾ franc higher; at 12 m, ¼ franc higher; at 3 p m, ¼ franc higher; at 4:30 p m, unchanged; closed 161¼ francs net higher; total sales, 12,000 bags.

January	36.50	July	38.00
February	36.75	August	38.25
March	37.00	September	38.25
April	37.25	October	38.50
May	37.50	November	38.75
June	37.75	December	36.75

Rio—Coffee market barely steady; No 7 Rio, 7¾500; exchange, 7 7-32; receipts, 18,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 6,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 3,000 bags; stock, 473,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	12,747	14,355	11,905
Baltimore deliveries	2,602	958	1,272
New-Orleans deliveries	892	644	1,040
Total deliveries	15,701	15,502	14,307
New-York stock	517,643	493,553	501,356
Baltimore stock	61,219	63,281	51,255
New-Orleans stock	65,421	66,313	49,652
Stock at all ports	644,283	623,147	602,263
Afloat	399,000	431,000	482,000
Visible supply	1,043,283	1,054,147	1,034,263
Same time 1896	652,793	658,849	671,505
Same time 1895	545,541	551,902	529,879

FLOUR AND MEAL—The week closed with flour in a dull, unsatisfactory position, with prices on all grades, except low winters, weak and lower to sell, influenced alike by the heaviness in wheat and scarcity of orders. Spring patents quoted $5@$5 25, winter straights, $4 50@$4 60; winter patents, $4 85@$5 10; spring clears, $4 20@$4 40; extra No 1 winter, $3 80@$4; extra No 2 winter, $3 40@$3 60; no grade, $1 55@$1 60; buckwheat flour, $1 87½@$1 45. RYE FLOUR—Steady; sales, 200 bbls at $3 70@$3 25. CORNMEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 65@$1 80, as to brand. BAGMEAL—Steady; fine white, 80c; fine yellow, 70@75c; coarse, 63@65c. FEED—Steady; 40, 60 and 80 lb winter in bulk, 75@77½c; rye feed, 60@65c; city feed, 70c; hominy chop, 60c; oil meal, $26@$27; screenings, 30@75c in bulk; buckwheat grain, 37½@38c c i f New-York.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Disappointment over the weakness of Liverpool quotations this morning was reflected in corresponding depression locally throughout the forenoon, varied a little near the close by a slight rally, influenced by large seaboard clearances. Final prices were ⅜c below last night, with subsequent curb prices ranging from 92¼c to 92 9-16c for May, the 1 o'clock figure being 92⅝c bid. Speculation was entirely destitute of feature due in part to interrupted wire communication with the West owing to a storm. No explanation was offered for the ⅛@¼d loss at Liverpool other than it was probably due to manipulation from Chicago. This theory received some color from the fact that spot wheat in Liverpool was partly ¼d net higher, responding to yesterday's closing firmness on this side. Little or no part was taken by the foreign element in early dealings here. News from the West, embracing winter wheat conditions, was bearish inasmuch as snow has fallen in many parts of the belt. Northwest receipts were about double the arrivals of last year. The really strong factor in the situation, aside from large daily clearances amounting to 700,000 bush at seaboard, was the huge weekly outward movement, falling short of the record by only 225,000 bush and fully justifying all predictions made during the first part of the week. Opinion is divided as to whether these exports will continue long on the present basis, although freight engagements already contracted point to pretty good shipments for the rest of the month. In looking ahead the prospects favor a moderate decrease in the next visible, a possible increase in local stocks and world shipments for the week somewhere around 9,500,000 bush, due to the heavy exports from this side. Export trade was small, amounting to 11 loads. The closing price of May wheat to-day, 92⅝c, compares with 93⅝c last Saturday, representing a loss of 3⅛c on the week. Quotations of cash wheat f o b afloat are as follows: No 2 red, 97½c; No 1 hard Manitoba, $1 01; No 1 Northern Duluth, $1; No 1 Northern New-York (scarce), 99c; No 2 Northern Duluth, 95c; No 1 hard Duluth, $1 02½. NO 2 hard New-York, 96c. No 2 hard Kansas, 95c. CORN—The corn market was a narrow affair throughout the morning, with an early decline under Liverpool cables showing ¼d net loss, followed toward the close by a reaction on local covering, final prices being unchanged from last night. Statistics were rather bullish, including the heavy clearances for the week and a probability of some reduction in the local stock, 594,000 bush having already been taken out of the supply of No 2 corn this week. Curb trading was done on the basis of 33⅝c for May, or unchanged from the regular close. Prices on the week have shown a net loss of 1c. Export houses took 20 loads of corn. No 2 corn closed at 33⅝c f o b afloat. OATS—The speculative oats market was dull throughout the morning, with an easier tendency following wheat. Closing prices were 1 partly ⅛c lower than last night. Exporters took 20,000 bush No 2 white clips. Cash oats firmer. No 2 oats quoted, 26⅝c; No 3 oats, 26¼c. No 2 white, 29c; No 3 white, 28c; track mixed, 27@28c; track white, 28@34c. RYE—Market steady; No 2 Western, 50½c, c i f. BARLEY—Market quiet; quoted, 28c, c i f, Buffalo. BARLEY—Market quiet; quoted, 28c, c i f, Buffalo.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

	Open-ing.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
Wheat:					
December	95⅞	96	95⅛	96	96
January	96⅛	96⅛	96	96	95⅞
May	92⅝	92⅝	92	92¼	92⅞
Corn:					
December	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅞	30⅝
May	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝	33½
Oats:					
December	—	—	—	26	26
February	—	—	—	27	27
Lard:					
December	—	—	—	$4 45	$4 45

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	9	162	271	439	15	55
Milwaukee	15	32	9	51	8	42
Minneapolis	—	471	26	—	—	—
Duluth	—	161	15	1	4	16
St Louis	4	16	83	19	—	—
Kansas City	—	24	51	3	—	—
Toledo	—	6	51	3	—	—
Detroit	1	13	7	2	—	—
Peoria	—	—	55	85	—	—
Totals	28	934	677	559	27	113
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	3	284	280	848	35	76
Milwaukee	5	91	3	2	—	6
Minneapolis	56	59	3	—	—	—
Duluth	—	246	—	—	—	—
St Louis	4	16	83	19	—	—
Kansas City	—	55	59	10	—	—
Toledo	—	14	29	5	—	—
Detroit	1	5	4	4	—	—
Peoria	—	—	55	85	—	—
Totals	69	770	493	925	35	82
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	25	149	101	141	9	55
Boston	—	28	—	13	—	—
Philadelphia	13	36	113	77	—	—
Baltimore	10	100	86	20	36	—
Galveston	—	—	25	7	1	—
Totals	48	338	307	262	45	55
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	14	193	106	80	59	—
Boston	14	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	21	61	5	61	—	—
Baltimore	7	144	—	—	—	—
Galveston	—	42	—	—	—	—
Totals	56	440	113	91	59	—

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—Slow trading was noted today. Prices, however, were unchanged, although the tone was firm for molasses and steady for syrups. Glucose was still dull. New-Orleans sends report of firm conditions there. Prices were as follows: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 10@12c; fair, 13@16c; good, 17@18c; prime, 19@21c; New-Orleans open kettle, common, 23@24c; fair, 24@27c; good, 29@32c; prime, 27@28c; choice, 29@31c. Porto Rico, 26@33c. Syrups—Common, 8@11c; fair, 12@13c; good, 14@15c; prime, 16@17c; fancy, 18@22c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 32,764 bbls; spirits turpentine, 1,929 bbls; tar, 986 bbls. Rosin was steady for low and medium grades. Pales were about steady. Spirits turpentine was about steady. Tar and pitch ruled dull. Prices were as follows: Tar, regulars, $1 65; oil bbls, $3 40@$3 50; pitch, $1 85; spirits turpentine and machines, 33@33½c; rosin, common to good strained, $1 40@$1 45; F, $1 50@$1 55; I, $1 60; G, $1 65; H, $1 70; I, $1 75; K, $1 85; M, $2 05; N, $2 35@$2 40; W G, $2 65; W W, $3 20. OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berth freights was dull at the following quotations: Liverpool, 4½; nominal; London, 5d; Glasgow, 5d; Bristol, 5d; Leith, 5½d; Hull, 5¼d; Newcastle, 5½d; Antwerp, 5d; Hamburg, 75 pfgs; Rotterdam, 10⅝@11; Amsterdam, 10½c. Cork for orders, 48; direct ports, large tonnage, 3s 3d@3s 6d; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, 30@35c for December; London oats, 3s December; 2s 9d January. FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—The market for steam and sail tonnage was quiet to-day, as is usual at the conclusion of the week, and but few fixtures were reported. Rates were steady on the basis of recent fixtures. CHARTERS—British steamer, 1,600 tons, ore, Huelva to Philadelphia or Baltimore, 5s. January, chartered abroad; British steamer more, 5s. January, chartered abroad; British steamer (previously), 20,000 quarters grain, berth to picked ports United Kingdom or Continent, 3s 3d, berth terms; oats, 2s. December; British steamer (previously), 15,000 quarters grain, hence to Rochefort, private terms, prompt; British steamer, 12,000 quarters grain, hence to Havre or Dunkirk, 3s, berth terms; oats, 3s 6d, December; British steamer, 13,000 quarters grain, hence to Cork for orders, 3s 10½d, December; British steamer, 17,000 quarters grain, Newport News to Rotterdam, 3s 6d, berth terms, December; British steamer, 1,175 tons, general cargo, Baltimore or Virginia to the United Kingdom or Continent, private terms, December; German ship, 1,152 tons, rosin and spirits, Savannah to Hamburg, 2s 1½d and 3s 4½d respectively; British bark, 1,489 tons, lumber, Boston to Buenos Ayres, at or about $8; Rosario, $9; schooner, 686 tons, coal, Philadelphia to St. Croix, $2 25, free lighterage; schooner, 292 tons, lumber, Ship Island to St John, P R, $5 75; British schooner, 234 tons, cedar wood, Port de Paix to New-York, $3 75; brig, 352 tons, cedar and mahogany, Carthagena to Philadelphia, $5 50; schooner, 591 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Galveston, $1 60 and discharged.

OILS—While not active to-day the market for cottonseed oil, in the few sales reported, reflected previous steadiness of undertone, and closed rather firm, at yesterday's basis. In referring to the week's situation Charles R. Painter & Co. in their circular said: "As the week closes there is more activity and a firmer tone to the market. Sales have been quite large at 21½c for prime summer yellow, owing to more freight room being available for December and January shipments. The foreign demand is better, and there is no doubt it is partly due to the fear that France may soon increase the duty on American oil. We hear of few sales to this point of Atlantic State loose crude, and offerings have been lighter than usual, possibly owing to the slower movement of seed." Linseed oil quiet. We quote: Prime crude, 18½c; prime crude, f o b, mills, 19¼@21c; prime summer yellow, 21½@22c; off summer yellow, 21@21½c; better grades, 25@27c; prime white, 24@25c; prime yellow, 27c; linseed, American, raw, 38@39c; American, boiled, 40@41c; Calcutta, raw, 54c.

PROVISIONS—The feature in hog products was firmness inspired by light offerings and activity among the short interests. PORK—Dull. Quoted: Mess, $8 50@$9; family, $10 50@$11; short clear, $10@$12. BEEF—Quiet. Quoted: Mess, $7 50@$8; family, $8 50@$10; packet, $8@$10; extra India mess, $14@$16. DRESSED HOGS—Steady. Quoted: City, 4¾c; 180 lb, 5c; 160 lb, 5¼c; 140 lb, 5⅜c; 120 lb, 5⅝c; pigs, 5½@5⅝c. CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies quiet, smoking bellies, 7½c; 10 lb, 6⅝c; 12 lb, 6¼c; 14 lb, 6c; pickled shoulders firm, quoted, 5⅝c; pickled hams steady, quoted, 7½@7⅞c; Western green, 16 lb, 6¾c. TALLOW—Steady; quoted, 3¼c bid. LARD—Steady; quoted, 4.50c; city lard quiet; quoted, 4 20@4 25c; refined steady; quoted, South America, 5.15c; Continent, 4.70c; Brazil kegs, 6.25c; compound quiet; quoted, city, 4¾@4¾c; Western, 4¾c. STEARINE—Steady; quoted, oleo, 4½c bid; city lard stearine, 5⅝c nominal.

RICE—Local demand was not active, but tone ruled steady to firm at late prices. The Southern markets are steady. Prices were as follows: Domestic, common to ordinary, 4@4¼c; good, 4½@5c; prime to choice, 5⅛@5⅝c; fancy, 6@6¼c; Patna, 4⅝@5½c; do in bond, 2@2¾c; Japan, 5@5¼c; Java, 4⅝@4¾c; Rangoon in bond, 2@2¼c.

SUGAR—Raws were very firmly held, some holders asking 4c for 96 test centrifugal, but the price paid last was 3⅞c. A sale of 542 hhds Porto Rico muscovado was made at 3⅝c from store at New-York. Boston reports: That was the price named at the close. Molasses sugar, 89 test, was quoted 3 1-16c. Refined sugar was fairly active, with tone firm and full, but unchanged list prices named. London cable reported cane steady at quotations; Java, 10s 9d; fair refining, 9s; beet steady, with only light offerings; present month, 9s 3d; next month, 9s 1½d. Prices for refined sugar were as follows: Dominos, 5½c; cut loaf and crushed, 5⅝c; powdered and coarse powdered, 5.15c; granulated and fine granulated, 5c; coarse granulated and extra fine granulated, 5⅛c; confectioners' granulated, 5⅛c; cubes, 5⅜c; XXXX powdered and mould, A, 5⅜c; diamond A, 5c; confectioners' A, 4⅞c; Nos 1, 2 and 3, 4⅝c; No 4, 4.56c; No 5, 4½c; No 6, 4.44c; No 7, 4⅜c; No 8, 4¼c; No 9, 4.18c; No 10, 4⅛c; No 11, 4.06c; No 12, 4c; No 13, 3.94c; No 14, 3.94c; No 15, 3⅞c; No 16, 3.81c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, December 4, 1897.

BEANS AND PEAS—Buyers are not showing any more interest in marrow beans, and with a fair supply of stock prices are rather easy. Medium and pea held firm with a fair inquiry in a jobbing way. Red kidney dull, evidently owing to the scarcity of stock, limited sales at $1 70@$1 75. Other varieties are moving out slowly and show a little heaviness with the exception of lima, which are held steadier. Green peas quiet. We quote: Beans, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 40; do fair to good, $1 15@$1 35; do medium, choice, $1 25; do fair to good, $1@$1 20; do pea, choice, $1 20; do fair to good, $1 10@$1 15; do kidney, choice, $1 70@$1 75; do fair to good, $1 20@$1 55; do white kidney, $1 40@$1 45; do black turtle soup, $1 65; do yellow eye, $1 30@$1 35; do lima, California, $1 25@$1 27½; green peas, bbls, 77½c; do bags, 72½c; do Scotch, bbls, 82½c; do bags, 82½c.

BUTTER—The market showed considerable strength today, but there was not much disposition to crowd prices higher. Some receivers refused to sell extra creamery at 23½c, but buyers were equally determined not to pay more, and that figure still remains the ruling price. There was also a strong undertone, however, that unless receipts are a little larger on Monday it is probable that 24c will be established. The lower grades had some call for current use at full late prices. June creamery had further sales, partly of a speculative character, and the market is decidedly strong. No quotable change in State dairy, but the tone of the market is improved. The Western packings are arriving very slowly, and with more interest on the part of many buyers, values are hardening. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 23½c; do firsts, 20@22c; do thirds to seconds, 14@19c; do State, fancy, 22@22½c; do firsts, 19½@21c; do thirds to seconds, 14@18c; do June make, extras, 21c; do firsts, 19@20c; do seconds, 16@18c; State dairy, half tirkin, fancy, 20@21c; do Western, June, fancy, 19c; do firsts, 17@18c; do thirds to seconds, 13@16c; State dairy tirkins, fine, 18@18½c; do fair to good, 15@17c; imitation creamery, fine, 17@18c; do seconds to firsts, 13@15c; factory, fresh, firsts, 14@14½c; do seconds, 13c; do low grades, 11½@12½c; do June extras, 14@14½c; do thirds to firsts, 12½@13½c.

CHEESE—There was very little large, full cream cheese available to-day outside of stores, the platforms having been cleaned up closely. Receivers have met increased demand this week from exporters promptly. The bulk of the business has been in late ends at 7¼@7½c, with occasional lots of fine Octobers ⅛@¼c higher, and a few exceptionally fine early Octobers at 8c, while a few fancy Septembers have been taken by exporters at 8¼c. Late made small cheese have sold fairly to home trade generally at 8¼@8½c for fancy full cream in store, both large and small, held with a fair degree of confidence and not urging for sale at present prices, though were there any attempt to force stocks liberal concessions would be necessary. Skims quiet and unchanged. Exports for week, 9,620 boxes. Liverpool cables, 42s 6d. We quote: State, full cream, large colored or white, fancy, September, 8¼@8½c; do late made, average, finest, 7½c; do fair to good, 7@7¼c; do common, 6¾c; do colored or white, small, fancy, September, 9@9¼c; do late made, finest, 8¼@8½c; do common to good, 7¼@8c; light skims, small, choice, 6¼@6½c; do large, 6c; part skims, small, choice, 6c; do large, 5½c; do good to prime, 4@5½c; do common to fair, 2½@4c; full skims, 3c.

EGGS—The receipts continue light, and fine freshgathered stock is scarce. The market is very firm for the highest qualities, but the requirements of the trade are not large at present. The highest grades of fall-packed refrigerators are meeting some attention, but average offerings are uncertain and have to go in competition with cheaper spring goods. Early packed refrigerators are meeting a fair movement in the range of former quotations. Limed eggs continue very dull. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy, per dozen, 26c; State and Pennsylvania, good to fancy, 21@23c; Western, fancy, 23c; fair to good, 20@22c; fresh packed, ordinary, case count, 14@16c; seconds, 9@11c; fall refrigerators, 12@18c; spring refrigerators, special marks, fancy, 14@14½c; do average, prime, 12½@13½c; do inferior, case count, 9@11c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Receipts of apples at the close are moderate, and the market fairly firm on desirable qualities. Pears neglected and values almost nominal. Grapes are quiet, unless of exceptionally fine quality. Cranberries continue active and prices gradually hardening. Florida oranges firm for choice quality. We quote: Apples, New-town Pippin, per bbl, $2@$5; fancy red varieties, $3@$4; few extra fancy lots higher; Ben Davis, $2 50@$3 25; greening, $2 50@$3 50; Baldwin, $2 50@$3 25; poor to fair grades, $1 50@$2; pears, State, Seckel, per box, $1@$2; other varieties, 75c@$1 25; Beurre Bosc, per bbl, $2@$3; Lawrence, $1 50@$2 25; Beurre Clairgeau, $2@$2 50; Beurre d'Anjou, $1 75@$2 50; Vicar, $1 25@$1 75; grapes, Catawba, per small basket, 7@11c; Concord, 7@9c; wine grapes, per 100 lb, 50c@$1 25; cranberries, Cape Cod, fancy varieties, per bbl, $8@$9; usual varieties, fancy, $7 50; fair to choice, $5 50@$7 25; crates, usual varieties, $2@$2 25; Jersey, per bbl, $6@$6 75; crates, extra, $2 10@$2 25; average prime, $1 75@$2; poor to fair, $1 50@$1 65; oranges, Florida, per box, $2 75@$4; grape fruit, $3@$7; mandarins, $3@$6 50; tangerines, $7 50@$10; pineapples, per case, $2@$4.

FRUITS—DRIED—Prime evaporated apples have a fairly good demand, and, with moderate offerings, tone is firm, though other grades are rather quiet; sun-dried held with confidence, but dull. Chops scarce and firm. Cores and skins steady. Small fruits very quiet; supply and demand both limited. California fruit quiet and unchanged. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, 7c; do choice, 5⅝@5¾c; do prime, 4⅞@5¼c; do common to good, 3@3½c; do sun-dried Canada, quarters, 5@6c; do State and Western, 4@5½c; do Southern, quarters, 3@4½c; do Southern, sliced, 3@3¼c; do Northern, coarse cut, 3⅝@4½c; do Southern, coarse cut, 3@4c; do chopped, 2¾@3⅝c; do cores and skins, 2½@2¾c; raspberries, evaporated, 13@14c; do sun-dried, 10@11c; blackberries, 4@4½c; huckleberries, 6@7c; pitted cherries, 12@13c; apricots, California, Moorpark, 8@11c; do Royal, 6½@8½c; peaches, California, peeled, 14@18c; do unpeeled, 6½@10c; pears, California, 5@10c; prunes, California, 3@5c.

HOPS—Not much business was accomplished to-day. Exporters had very few new orders in hand, and they got about all of the stock that this week's steamer could carry on board last night. A few lots were delivered to brewers, but the inquiry from that source is still very light. Country advices report considerable business in the interior sections, with late prices fully maintained. We quote: State and Pacific Coast, 1897, choice, per lb, 17@18c; do common to prime, 12@16c; State, 1896, choice, 8@9c; do common to prime, 5@7½c; Pacific Coast, 1896, choice, 9@10c; do common to prime, 5@8½c; old olds, 3@5c.

HAY AND STRAW—HAY—Slippery going kept many expected buyers away to-day, but prices were not quotably changed in the trading that took place. Receipts for the week show quite liberally for prompt consumption, but such accumulation as exists is not regarded severe if forthcoming supplies turn out of reasonable bulk. Exports are now running moderately and good demand for fine hay keeps some snipped. We quote: Prime, large bales, per 100 lb, 75c. N Y hay, in invoice lots, per 100 lb, 67½@70c; No 2, per 100 lb, 57½@65c; No 3, per 100 lb, 47½@55c; shipping, per 100 lb, 40@45c; inferior to grageless, per 100 lb, 35@40c; clover mixed, per 100 lb, 55@60c; clover, per 100 lb, 40@42½c; salt hay, per 100 lb, 40@45c. Small or "scooped" bales should be rated at 50@75c per 100 lb less. STRAW—There are no new features. Rye market steady and firm for all useful grades. Best bright oat straw is in some reserve, and confidence with the clearing river shipments. We quote: Rye long rye, per 100 lb, 45@50c; good stained, per 100 lb, 40@42½c; inferior, per 100 lb, 30@35c; tangled, 30@32½c; oat, 30@35c. The official report of receipts of hay in New-York at Produce Exchange at noon to-day was: Hudson River Railroad, 280 tons; Erie, 719; Pennsylvania, 140; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 70; West Shore, 70; Lehigh Valley, 100; Central of New-Jersey, 70; river boats, 100; total, 1,540 tons; receipts for the week, 8,463 tons; for the month of November, 32,462 tons; exports of hay for the week, 2,680 bales; receipts of straw to-day, 70 tons; for the week, 540 tons; for month of November, 3,020 tons.

POULTRY—Receipts were very light, and there was some scarcity any demand, but with considerable stock in receivers and dealers' hands, market is closing weak with outside figures extreme. We quote: Fowls, per lb, fancy 10c; chickens, 7@7½c; roosters, 5@5½c; turkeys, 8@9c; ducks, per pair, 40@65c; geese, 75@$1 25; pigeons, per pair, 10@20c. DRESSED—The fresh arrivals to-day were comparatively light, but in absence of important demand the bulk of the stock went direct into coolers. Old and accumulations of poor to fair quality of nearly all descriptions remaining unsold are being urged to cheap trade to clean up without much regard to price, but at some figure the bulk of it is working out. Strictly fancy turkeys are scarce and have a possible value at top quotations, but average best grades are freely offered from 10c down to 7@7½c for poor to fair. Most of the chickens and fowls on the market are urging to clean up from 5@7c. Ducks and dry-picked fowls, really fancy dry-picked, occasionally reach 8@8½c for dry-picked, and 8c for scalded, but 7½c is all that can be depended upon for best dry-picked fowls. Ducks are still in large accumulation, and quite dull and weak. Geese have little outlet. Turkeys quiet and dull and irregular. We quote: Dry-picked, fancy, Jersey and upriver, f