THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 17, 1897.

Ashes, pkgs	30	Moss, bales	32
B E peas, bags	200	Millfeed, tons	408
Beans, bbls	721	Rosin, bbls	358
Flour, pkgs	82,746	Spirits turp, bbls	201
Buckwheat, bush	14,625	Rosin, oil, bbls	40
B W flour, pkgs	697	Oilcake, pkgs	1,884
Cornmeal, bbls	450	Oil meal, bags	2,548
Cornmeal, bags	682	Oleo stock, pkgs	120
Oatmeal, bbls	558	Peanuts, bags	659
Wheat, bush	129,500	Pork, pkgs	922
Corn, bush	24,375	Beef, pkgs	112
Oats, bush	78,000	Cutmeats, pkgs	6,047
Rye, bush	29,250	Dressed hogs, No.	103
Peas, bush	1,650	Lard, pkgs	3,517
Barley, bush	36,075	Lard, kegs	2,853
Malt, bush	13,200	Stearine, pkgs	250
Cotton seed oil, bbls	2,492	Tallow, pkgs	316
Cotton, bales	5,700	Grease, pkgs	305
Copper, cakes	6,500	Butter, pkgs	3,370
Dried fruit, pkgs	80	Cheese, pkgs	5,260
Hay, tons	1,820	Eggs, cases	4,616
Straw, tons	200	Rice, pkgs	267
Flaxseed, bush	4,000	Rice chaff, bags	100
Grass seed, bags	770	Raisins, Cal. boxes	2,000
Hops, bales	1,729	Tobacco, hhds	328
Leather, sides	4,600	Tobacco, pkgs	770
Lead, pigs	2,400	Whiskey, bbls	770
Molasses, bbls	150	Wool, bales	125

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor. No 1 fdy	$11 75	Flour, Minn patents	$5 20
do So. No 2 soft	10 25	Cotton, middling	5¾
Steel rails	19 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6⅝
Pig iron warrants	6 77½	Sugar, granulated	5⅛
Lake copper, ingot	10 95	Molasses, Ok. prime	28
Tin	13 62½	Beef, family	9 75
Lead	3 67½	Beef, hams	22 25
Spelter	3 95	Tallow, prime	3½
Wheat, No 2 red	98½	Pork, mess	8 50
Corn, No 2 mixed	34¼	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb	4¾
Oats, No 2 mixed	27¾	Lard, prime	4 70

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	393,313	Rosin, bbls	145
Corn, bush	881,169	Tar, bbls	28
Oats, bush	46,135	Crude pet. gals	100,000
Rye, bush	17,000	Refined pet. gals	2,001,178
Barley, bush	10,944	Naphtha, gals	100
Buckwheat, bush	15,171	Gasoline, gals	1,080
Peas, bush	537	Cottonseed oil, gals	6,570
Beans, bush	809	Lub. oil, gals	125,600
Flour, bbls	12,504	Pork, bbls	1,180
Flour, sacks	49,228	Beef, bbls	450
Cornmeal, bbls	4,189	Beef, tcs	25
Feed, lb	2,466	Bacon, lb	846,000
Oatmeal, pkgs	648	Hams, lb	98,000
Bran, lb	273,120	Lard, lb	653,430
Grass seed, bags	338	Lard oil, gals	560
Hay, bales	2,242	Tallow, lb	2,000
Hops, bales	4,625	Grease, lb	4,000
Oilmeal, lb	250,500	Butter, lb	17,700
Oilcake, lb	180	Cheese, lb	65,880
Spirits turp, gal			

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 17, 1897.

COTTON—The public cables at hand when our market opened this morning were sized up as indifferent, although private cables forecasted an increased inquiry for spot cotton at Liverpool from Lancashire. This gave our market a steady start, with prices 1 point better to 1 market a steady start, with prices 1 point better to 1 point worse, on the first call, as compared with yesterday's closing figures. For the rest of the session the market was without pronounced feature, while showing a weak undertone most of the time, following discouraging Fall River and New-England accounts generally, and without speculative or investment support to speak of. There was, however, a little investment buying here by parties who are quietly picking up lines of cotton as they come on the market from discouraged holders. On this basis of this buying is a belief in smaller acreage for the next crop on account of present low prices, for which cotton, it is claimed, cannot be raised without a loss to the growers. The entire swing of to-day's market was only a matter of 3 points, with the tone finally quiet and steady at net unchanged prices to 1 point lower. Total sales futures, 80,800 bales. Spot cotton ruled slow and closed quiet at unchanged prices; middling uplands, 5¾c; middling gulf, 6⅛c, against 7 8-16c and 7 7-16c last year; spot sales, 37 bales, all to spinners. Most traders here are disposed to wait for something like tangible testimony regarding the average question. Up to the present time information along this line has been too contradictory for confident action either one way or the other. Following the close of "Change, gossip points to easier cables to-morrow morning, but believers in cotton find some encouragement in the export movement, which has latterly exceeded port receipts. Sales futures for the week, 482,100 bales; spot sales for the week, 1,123 bales, all spinning. Southern spot markets, middling quoted, were as follows: Galveston steady, 5 7-16c; sales, 224 bales; New-Orleans steady, 5¼c; sales, 2,100 bales; Mobile steady, 5 3-16c; sales, 500 bales; Savannah steady, 5⅜c; sales, 300 bales; Charleston quiet and steady, 5 3-16c; sales, 50 bales; Wilmington firm, 5⅜c; Norfolk quiet, 5⅜c; sales, 680 bales; Baltimore nominal, 5¾c; Augusta steady, 5 7-16@5½c; sales, 358 bales; St. Louis steady, 5.5-16c; sales, 10 bales. The export movement during the last week has been particularly heavy, and port stocks show meagre gains over last week's figures as a result. To-day's clearances exceeded total port receipts by about 14,000 bales, Great Britain taking 32,924 bales, France 9,700 bales and the Continent 43,435 bales, a total of 76,159 bales. For the week Great Britain shipments figured up 131,640 bales; to France 32,679 bales and the Continent 148,605 bales, a total of 312,928 bales. Since September 1 clearances have been 1,556,323 bales, 442,448 bales and 1,253,096 bales, respectively, a total of 3,253,867 bales, as against port receipts of 4,876,613 bales.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
December	5.64	5.64	5.64	5.65@5.66	5.65
January	5.67	5.67	5.66	5.67@5.68	5.67
February	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70@5.71	5.70
March	5.74	5.75	5.73	5.74@5.75	5.75
April	5.78	5.79	5.78	5.79@5.80	7.79
May	5.84	5.85	5.83	5.84@5.85	5.84
June	5.89	5.89	5.89	5.88@5.89	5.88
July	5.92	5.93	5.92	5.92@5.93	5.92
August	5.97	5.97	5.96	5.97@5.98	5.97
September	5.98	5.98	5.98	5.97@5.98	5.97
October	6.00	6.00	5.99	6.00@6.01	6.00

The movement of cotton at interior points during the present week was as follows: Receipts, 228,133 bales, against 207,714 bales last week and 188,233 bales last year; shipments, 244,586 bales, against 210,129 bales last week and 206,090 bales last year; present stocks, 611,096 bales, against 588,540 bales last week and 555,562 bales last year. According to Secretary Hester of the New-Orleans Cotton Exchange, the crop movement from September 1 to December 17 inclusive was as follows: Port receipts, 4,876,613 bales, against 4,369,154 bales last year, 3,022,896 bales year before last and 4,635,221 bales the same time in 1894; overland to mills and Canada, 575,117 bales, against 493,008 bales last year, 495,353 bales in 1895 and 716,993 bales in 1894; interior stocks in excess of September 1, 565,214 bales, against 428,803 bales last year, 553,271 bales in 1895 and 494,810 bales in 1894. Southern mill takings, net, 402,059 bales, against 386,559 bales last year, 338,777 bales in 1895 and 322,541 bales in 1894; brought into sight during 168 days to date, 6,419,068 bales, against 5,677,614 bales last year, 4,891,286 bales in 1895 and 6,169,588 bales in 1894; brought into sight for week, 488,014 bales, against 388,558 bales for the seven days ending December 17 last year, 322,769 bales in 1895 and 485,029 bales in 1894; brought into sight first seventeen days of December, 1,133,416 bales, against 875,713 bales last year, 807,533 bales in 1895 and 1,167,255 bales in 1894. Comparisons in these reports are made up to corresponding date last year, year before last and in 1894, and not to close of corresponding week. Comparisons by weeks would take in 169 days last year, 111 days year before last and 112 days in 1894, against only 108 days this year. The world's visible supply of cotton shows an increase during the week just ended of 215,853 bales, against an increase the same time last year of 167,403 bales and increase year before last of 54,689 bales. The total visible is 4,072,062 bales, against 3,856,209 bales last week and 4,066,576 bales last year. Of this total American cotton is 3,841,062 bales, against 3,628,209 bales last week and 3,732,376 bales last year. All other kinds, including Egyptian and Indian, 231,000 bales, against 228,000 last week and 334,200 bales last year. The total world's visible supply of cotton shows an increase compared with last week of 215,853 bales and a decrease compared with last year of 5,486 bales. As the record now stands the visible supply of American cotton is ahead of last year, in round figures, 109,000 bales, while that of Egyptian, Brazilian, Indian and other descriptions is 106,000 bales less than last year.

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	10,976	7,817	12,263	255,836
New-Orleans	15,307	22,260	11,707	361,990
Mobile	1,202	961	1,634	45,721
Savannah	7,324	7,903	6,579	157,456
Charleston	3,170	2,519	3,439	47,750
Wilmington	2,978	2,748	5,690	26,969
Norfolk	3,375	4,740	5,289	80,574
Baltimore	2,521	3,093	3,339	15,732
New-York	1,363	55	787	98,869
Boston	2,488	2,884	697	
Philadelphia	807	1,136	975	8,668
Various	11,247	764		968
Totals	62,488	57,900	50,599	1,100,063
Interior:				
Houston	12,890	11,816	11,479	75,754
Augusta	1,934	2,253	1,815	83,275
Memphis	4,172	7,143	4,012	151,174
St. Louis	789	1,294	361	62,813
Cincinnati	2,422	780	2,092	10,591

Total receipts at the ports this week, as compared with the corresponding totals last week, last year and 1895:

Ports.	This week.	Last week.	Last year.	1895.
Galveston	78,070	74,206	75,534	48,842
New-Orleans	119,533	113,609	100,080	81,798
Mobile	18,805	20,607	17,611	7,433
Savannah	59,208	47,238	43,978	29,780
Charleston	21,296	18,196	17,288	11,000
Wilmington	15,356	17,963	15,963	5,825
Norfolk	31,180	26,169	34,997	16,305
Baltimore	2,521	3,093	3,539	2,974
New-York	8,724	4,874	6,120	5,513
Boston	12,337	11,226	7,316	8,624
Philadelphia	2,968	3,395	2,810	861
Various	19,304	19,370	10,580	20,568
Totals	389,002	354,950	331,213	223,679

The movement of cotton at Liverpool during the week ending to-day, as compared with previous weeks, was as follows:

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.	1895.
Sales, all kinds	65,000	69,000	77,000	68,000
Sales, American	61,000	64,000	74,000	62,000
Sales for speculation	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Sales for export		3,000	1,000	3,000
Forward	80,000	76,000	84,000	76,000
Import, all kinds	147,000	160,000	130,000	72,000
Import, American	120,000	141,000	115,000	46,000
Export, actual	7,000	11,000	8,000	5,000
Stock, all kinds	726,000	665,000	856,000	965,000
Stock, American	620,000	562,000	722,000	818,000
Afloat, all kinds	363,000	468,000	324,000	222,000
Afloat, American	360,000	400,000	320,000	215,000

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton—A good business doing; sales, 12,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000; American, 11,000; receipts, 4,000; American, 3,000; middling uplands, 3 3-16d. Futures quiet; partially 1-64 decline; closed quiet, ½ point net decline. January-February, 3 07½d; February-March, 3 08½; March-April, 3 08½; April-May, 3 09½d; May-June, 3 11½; June-July, 3 12½; July-August, 3 13½; August-September, 3 14½; September-October, 3 15½; October-November, 3 16½; December, 3 17½; December-January, 3 07½d. Manchester—Yarns quiet, but steady. Cloths—More doing.

COFFEE—Up to 12 m. to-day sales had reached the beggarly sum of but 3,500 bags, including the single lots of 250 bags sold on the opening call. For the whole session transactions covered but 12,750 bags. For the most part of the session a tolerably firm undertone was developed, however, Havre and Hamburg advices averaging better than expected and Rio and Santos cabling themselves as firm, with combined receipts of but 32,000 bags. Recent evidences of a subsiding movement at Brazilian points of accumulation gave some encouragement to holders in connection with a broader distribution of coffee in the United States, represented by recent daily deliveries from warehouses. To-day's market opened steady at an advance of 5 points, further advanced 5 points and closed steady at a net gain of 5 to 10 points. There was a general lack of speculative interest in coffee, which left the market dependent upon local traders for support. Sellers were scarce, and traders short on the market were a little inclined to cover, although there was no aggressive buying. The market for spot Brazilian coffee easily held its own as to prices, but showed continued apathy on the part of consumers, especially as to round lots. The market closed at about yesterday's final figures: No 7 Rio, invoice lots, 6¾c, and jobbing lots, 7¼c. Cleared from Victoria December 14, steamer Bellarden with 25,000 bags. Stock at Havre, 1,657,000 bags, including 795,000 bags Brazilian, against 1,630,000 bags Thursday and 757,000 bags last week. Received in excess over last year's movement for the corresponding time (since July 1), 1,531,000 bags. Mild coffee showed a moderate demand for small lots, with prices nominally unchanged, as compared with yesterday's closing figures. Sales were reported of 1,100 bags Maracaibo and 400 bags Savanilla on private terms. We quote: Maracaibo, 6¾@8¾c; Cucuta, 8¾@15¾c; Jamaica, 6¾@15c; La Guayra, 7@17½c; Savanilla, 5¾@16½; Mexican, 6¾@15c; Central American, 7¾@17½c; Costa Rica, 7¾@15½c; coffee in parchment, 5¾@½c; mocha, 17¾@19½c; Padang, interior, 23¾@24½c; fancies, 27@30c; Corinthio, 26@27c.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
December	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.85@5.90	5.75
January	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.90@5.95	5.80
February	—	—	—	5.95@6.00	5.90
March	6.00	6.05	6.00	6.00@6.05	5.95
April	—	—	—	6.05@6.10	6.00
May	6.10	6.15	6.10	6.10@6.15	6.05
June	—	—	—	6.15@6.20	6.10
July	—	—	—	6.20@6.25	6.15
August	—	—	—	6.25@6.30	6.20
September	6.30	6.35	6.30	6.30@6.35	6.25
October	6.35	6.40	6.35	6.30@6.35	6.25
November	—	—	—	6.35@6.40	6.30

FOREIGN MARKETS—Santos—Coffee market firm; good average Santos 8,500, receipts, 19,000 bags; stock, 951,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged; closed unchanged to ¼ pfg net higher; sales, 15,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ¼@½ franc higher; at 12 m., unchanged; at 3 p. m., steady and unchanged; closed ½@¾ franc net higher; total sales, 25,000 bags.

January	38.75	July	40.25
February	39.00	August	40.25
March	39.25	September	40.50
April	39.50	October	40.50
May	39.75	November	40.75
June	40.00	December	38.50

Rio—Coffee market firm; No 7 Rio, 8@9c; exchange, 7 5-32d; receipts, 13,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 7,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 8,000 bags; stock, 438,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	18,689	18,808	17,521
Baltimore deliveries	126	348	345
New-Orleans deliveries	1,909	1,251	1,713
Total deliveries	20,724	20,097	19,579
New-York stock	504,538	523,027	550,136
Baltimore stock	55,231	55,357	57,978
New-Orleans stock	54,001	56,000	59,217
Stock at all ports	613,660	634,384	667,331
Afloat	411,000	386,000	341,000
Visible supply	1,024,660	1,020,384	1,008,331
Same time 1896	700,818	698,272	655,039
Same time 1895	535,076	542,878	513,908

DRUGS—There was an easy tone to the market for opium. Prices were as follows: Opium cases, $2 80; jobbing, $2 85; powdered, $3 65@$3 70; morphine, bulk, $2; ounce vials, $2 05; eighths, $2 30. Quinine—Domestic manufacturers' bulk, 20@22c; foreign manufacturers' bulk, 26c; outside holders' bulk, 26c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Buyers still hold off, and unless aroused by some important change in wheat, are not expected to cut much of a figure in the market until after the holidays. To-day's trading was slow at fairly steady prices. Spring patents, $5 10@$5 35; winter straights, $4 85@$4 40; winter patents, $4 80@$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 grain, $1 40@$1 45.....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales, 200 bbls at $2 70@$3 25.....CORNMEAL—Quiet; quoted: Kiln-dried, $1 75@$1 90, as to brand.....BRAN AND MEAL—Dull; fine white, 80c; fine yellow, 70@75c; coarse, 65@66c. .....FEED—Steady; sales, 60 and 80 lb winter in bulk, 65@70c; 100 lb middling bulk, 75@77½c; rye feed, 60@65c; city feed, 70c; hominy chop, 62½@65c; oil meal, $20@$27; screenings, 30@75c in bulk; buckwheat grain, 37½@38c c i f New-York.

GRAIN—WHEAT—In neither volume of business nor range of prices did wheat display important features to-day, winding up near the lowest point made by it below last night. Scalpers did the trading, except for a little foreign selling around the start. Foreign developments revealed steadiness of undertone, which failed to continue throughout afternoon dealings because of realizing sales, coupled with energetic extension of short accounts. News of the day was varied, and included among its more important points large seaboard clearances of 771,000 bushels wheat and flour, rumors that official Russian crop estimates were 30 per cent below preliminary figures and disappointing Liverpool cables. Latter, after opening ¼@¾d higher, lost it all and closed unchanged to ¼d net lower. French markets, on the other hand, were strong, closing 15 to 50 points up on wheat and flour, but, considered in the light of yesterday's reported reduction in duty, failed to inspire much response on this side, even though their source of strength was also in the unfavorable side of European crop news. Export trade again excited attention by its activity at all points, resulting in sales of about 26 loads here and 18 loads at outports, or approximately 800,000 bushels, all told, in two days. A continuation of this demand after the holidays, predicted by shippers prominent in the trade, is one of the substantial bull factors in the situation. Home crop news was rather bearish, consisting of snow reports and a favorable report from the New-York review. Owing to a prospective increase of 1,000,000 bushels in Minneapolis stocks and 65,000 bushels at Duluth, the visible supply is scheduled to show about 1,500,000 bush increase next week. On the curb May ranged from 93⅝@93 9-16c, closing 93⅝c bid. Quotations of cash wheat f o b afloat were as follows: No 2 red, 98½c; No 1 hard Manitoba, 1c nominal; Northern New-York, 97c; Northern Duluth, 98c; No 1 hard Duluth, $1 03½; No 2 hard New-York, 98c. "Bradstreet's" exports, wheat and flour, from both coasts were 4,604,209 bush, against 6,266,159 bush last week and 4,222,714 bush last year.....CORN—The corn market as a rule was steadier than wheat all day, receiving its impulse from seaboard clearances, amounting to 1,129,000 bush, small car lot receipts and estimates, a partial ¼d advance at Liverpool and bullcations that local stocks will be reduced nearly 3,000,000 bushels the coming week. Final prices for the day were a little off from the top, but partially ⅛c higher than last night. Cash trade was fairly active, exporters taking 20 loads here and 10 loads at outports. No 2 corn closed 24⅛c f o b afloat. "Bradstreet's" weekly exports were 4,129,878 bush, against 2,814,150 bush last year.....OATS—There were a few trades in the speculative market at unchanged prices, the close being dull. In cash oats there were sold here about 210,000 bush sold to exporters. No 2 oats quoted 27½c; No 3 oats, 26¾c; No 2 white, 29½c; No 3 white, 28½c; track mixed, 27@28c; track white, 28¾@33c.

RYE—Market firmer; No 2 Western, 50¾c, c i f Buffalo; No 1 Western, 50¾c c i f Buffalo.....BARLEY—Market quiet; quoted, 28½c bid, c i f Buffalo.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
Wheat:					
December	98⅝	99⅛	98⅛	98⅛	98⅛
January	97⅞	98⅝	97⅞	97⅞	97⅞
May	93⅝	94⅛	93⅝	93⅞	93⅞
Corn:					
December	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	32
May	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
Oats:					
December	—	—	—	27⅛	27⅛
May	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
Lard:					
December	—	—	—	$4 75	$4 75

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	10	218	204	347	20	48
Milwaukee	2	34	18	43	6	20
Minneapolis	—	415	17	—	—	—
Duluth	—	20	4	1	—	—
St. Louis	4	68	89	18	—	—
Kansas City	—	31	30	8	—	—
Toledo	—	31	16	1	2	—
Detroit	1	16	10	19	—	—
Peoria	—	—	38	23	—	—
Totals	17	834	426	460	28	68
Shipments from these points						
Chicago	23	13	59	441	—	25
Milwaukee	8	9	1	1	—	25
Minneapolis	85	122	2	—	—	—
Duluth	—	15	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	8	27	95	41	—	—
Kansas City	—	27	32	19	—	—
Toledo	—	2	6	5	—	—
Detroit	—	3	7	1	—	—
Peoria	—	—	36	48	—	—
Totals	74	218	238	556	—	50
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	26	130	24	78	29	36
Boston	3	64	1	19	—	—
Philadelphia	4	13	59	24	—	—
Baltimore	12	75	119	89	27	—
New-Orleans	3	4	25	15	—	—
Galveston	—	24	22	—	—	—
Totals	48	310	248	175	56	36
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	48	393	381	46	17	21
Philadelphia	—	3	252	3	—	—
Baltimore	—	—	302	—	—	—
New-Orleans	—	124	294	—	—	—
Galveston	—	40	—	—	—	—
Totals	48	560	1,229	49	17	21

HEMP AND JUTE—The market was steady for hemps and dull for jute and butts. Prices follow: Manila hemp, spot and shipment, 4c, and shipment United Kingdom, 4 15-16@5c; steal, spot, 3½@3 9-16c, and shipment, 3½c; jute, spot, R. B. 2, 3c; jute, shipment, M double triangle and equal, 2.25c; jute shipment, R. B. 2, 2¾c; jute, spot, paper quality, ⅝@1c; jute butts, mixing, 1⅛c; jute butts, bagging, 1⅛c.

HIDES—The market ruled about steady, with prices unchanged, although the principal buyer was disposed to keep bids under the asked rates. Available supplies, however, are well held. Prices were as follows: California, 17@18c; Matamoras, in bond, 13@13½c; Orinoco, 16@16½c; Bogota, 14½@15½c; Central American, 15@15½c; Galveston, 16c; Puerto Cabello, 15½c; La Guayra, 15½c; dry-salted Matagorda selected, in bond, 10½c; Savanilla, 11c; Texas, 12c; Matamoras, 12c; wet-salted Havana as they run, in bond, 8@8½c; city slaughter native steers, 10½@11c; butt brands, 9¾@10c; side brands, 8¾@9c; bulls, 8¾@9½c; cows, 9¼@9½c; country slaughter native steers, 9½@9¾c; cows, 8¾@9c; bulls, 7¾@8c.

LEATHER—The market was steady, with a moderate business at former prices. Home and foreign traders are disposed to curtail purchases, so that there is no providing for future needs. Prices were as follows: Hemlock, non-acid, first selection, 20½@21½c; seconds, 19@20c; thirds, 17½@18½c; acid, first selection, 20½@22c; seconds, 19@20½c; thirds, 17½@18½c; rejects, 15@16c; Union light backs, 30@31c; middle backs, 30c; middle heavy, 29@30c; seconds, heavy, 27@28c; thirds, 25@27c; light backs, cows, 30@31c; seconds, 28@29c; bellies, 14@14½c; oak-dressed backs, $1 02@$1 05; seconds, 29@30c; thirds, 27@28c; belting butts, 15@16c; belting butts, 32@35c; Texas oak sole, 22@26c.

METALS—TIN—The market closed easy, with spot to January at $13 60@$13 70. London closed at £62 ds 3d for spot, and futures at £62 18s 9d. Sales were 90 tons spot and 50 tons futures; market dull. Singapore closed at £63 c i f London.....COPPER—The market closed unchanged, with spot to January at $10 87½@$11. London closed with spot at £48 5s and futures at £48 13s 9d. Sales were 400 tons spot and 100 tons futures; market easy.....LEAD—Closed easier; spot to January at $3 67½@$3 72½. London closed with spot at £12 11s 3d. St. Louis closed dull; Missouri at $3 32½ buyer; corroding, $3 55 buyers.....SPELTER—Market closed dull, with spot to January at $3 87½@$3 95. London closed at £18 2s 6d for spot. St. Louis closed easy, with sellers at $3 75.....IRON—Quiet and steady, with spot to December at $6 75@$6 80. Glasgow closed at 45s 7d and Middlesboro at 40s 4½d.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—There was a firm local market for molasses and the primary market was strong. Offer-Syrups ruled steady, with no important business. Offerings were light; only one small lot offered at 17c. Glucings were dull and unchanged on the basis of $1 55 for cose was dull and unchanged on the basis of $1 55 for 41 degrees. Prices were as follows: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 9@11c; fair, 12@15c; good, 16@18c; prime, 19@21c; New-Orleans open kettle, common, 21@25c; fair, 27@28c; good, 28@29c; prime, 29@30c; choice, 31@33c; Porto Rico, 26@33c; syrups, common, 8@11c; fair, 12@13c; good, 14@15c; prime, 16@17c; fancy, 18@22c.

NAVAL STORES—Prices were as follows: Tar regulars, $1 65; oil, bbls, $3 50; pitch, $1 85; spirits turpentine and $1 65; oil, bbls, $3 50; pitch, $1 85; spirits turpentine and machines, 33@33½c; rosin, common to good strained, $1 40@$1 45; E, $1 50@$1 52½; F, $1 57½@$1 60; G, $1 65; H, $1 70; I, $1 80; K, $1 90; M, $2 10; N, $2 40; W G, $2 75; W W, $3 20.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berth freight is dull and easy, but no special pressure for December loading. Quotations follow: Liverpool, 3¼d; London, 4½d; Glasgow, 4½d; Bristol, 4½d; Leith, 5@5¼d; Hull, 4½d; Glasgow, 4½d; Bristol, 4½d; Leith, 5@5¼d; Hull, 5d; Newcastle, 5d; Antwerp, 4½d for January; Hamburg, 70 pfgs; Rotterdam, 10c; Amsterdam, 10c; Corkburg, 70 pfgs; Rotterdam, 10c; Amsterdam, 10c; Corkburg, 70 pfgs; Rotterdam, 10c; Amsterdam, 10c; Cork for orders, 3s 9d@3s 10½d; direct ports, large tonnage, 3s 3d@3s 4½d; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lbs, 30@31c 3s 3d@3s 4½d; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lbs, 30@31c for December; London cats, 3c. CHARTERS—Sail for January.....FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—Sail for January.....FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—Sail for tonnage, of the better class continues in demand for the long voyage trades and coastwise lumber freights are quiet. West India and coastwise lumber freights are quiet with rates quotably unchanged. Coal freights are firm. There was no improvement in the demand for grain steamers, and as tonnage offers more freely the tendency of rates is lower. Other departments were quiet. .....CHARTERS—British, steamer, 2,000 quarters grain, hence to Avonmouth, 3s 4½d, berth terms, December; British steamer, 18,000 quarters grain, Philadelphia to Rotterdam, 3s 1½d, berth terms, option general cargo, January 1-25; two British steamers (relet), 14,000 and 15,000 quarters grain each, hence to Cork for orders, 3s 9d, prompt; British steamer, 1,356 tons, cotton, Charleston to Liverpool, 36s 3d; Bremen, 37s 6d, January; Norwegian steamer, 427 tons, West India trade, one or two trips, private terms; ship (to arrive), 60,000 cases, petroleum, hence to Shanghai, 25c; British ship (to arrive), 70,000 cases, petroleum, same voyage, 25½c; two British ships, 1,597 and 1,800 tons (both to arrive), general cargo, hence to Sydney, basis 17s 6d; Melbourne, 18s 6d. March; ship, 1,604 tons (to arrive), general cargo, Philadelphia to San Francisco, private terms; bark, 654 tons, case oil, hence to Rosario, 22c; Italian bark, 499 tons, bones, Buenos Ayres to Philadelphia, $8, chartered abroad; British schooner, 287 tons, lumber, Apalachicola to Trinidad, $4 50 dressed and $3 50 rough; schooner, 334 tons, lumber and timber, Pensacola to Boston, $5 75 and $4 75; schooner, 299 tons, schooner, 299 tons, lumber, Union Island to Noank, $4 75; schooner, 442 tons, lumber, Savannah to Philadelphia, $4 25, option New-York, $4 50; schooner, 482 tons, ties, Savannah to Norfolk, private terms; coal out from New-York, private terms; schooner, 265 tons, lumber, Norfolk to New-York, $2 25; schooner, 187 and two British schooners, 97 and 121 tons, wire, hence to St. John, N. B, $1 75; British schooner, 143 tons, coal, Port Reading to St. John, N. B, 75c; British schooner, 96 tons, coal, Edgewater to Wolfville, $1; British steamer, 15,000 quarters grain, hence to Oran, 3s 8½d, January.

OILS—A somewhat steadier feeling was noted in the cottonseed oil market, but as trade is still confined largely to local wants any movement in the direction of material advance in recent rates is more or less handicapped. Linseed oil steady and unchanged. We quote: Prime crude, 18@18½c; prime crude, f o b, mills, 13½@14c; prime summer yellow, 21½@22c; off summer yellow, 21½c; butter grades, 25@27c; prime white, 24@25½c; prime yellow, 27c; linseed American raw, 40@41c; American boiled, 42@43c; Calcutta raw, 54c.

PROVISIONS—The market opened easier, rallied on covering, but in the afternoon weakened in sympathy with wheat and closed rather easy.....PORK—Dull. Quoted: Mess, $8 25@$9; family, $10@$11; short clear, $10@$12.....BEEF—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $7 50@$8; family, $9 50@$10; packet, $9@$10; extra India mess, $14@$16.....DRESSED HOGS—Steady. Quoted: Bacon, 4½c; 180-lb, 4¾c; 160-lb, 4¾c; 140-lb, 4¾c; 120-lb, 4¾c; pigs, 5@5¼c.....CUTMEATS—Pickled bellies easy; smoked bellies, 6½c; 10-lb, 5¾c; 12-lb, 5½c; 14-lb, 5¼c; pickled shoulders quiet; quoted, 5¾c; pickled hams dull; quoted, 7@7¼c; Western green, 6-lb, 6½c.....TALLOW—Quiet; quoted, 3½c; country, 3⅝@3¾c.....LARD—Easy; quoted, 4.70c. City lard firm, quoted, 4.40@4.45c. Refined steady; quoted: South American, 5.35c; Continent, 4.95c; Brazil kegs, 6.50c. Compound steady; quoted: City, 4@4¼c; Western, 4¼c.....STEARINE—Quiet; quoted: Oleo, 4¾c; city lard, stearine, 5¼c nominal.

RICE—The market held firm for domestic and steady for foreign, with good, steady demand from local trade. Prices were as follows: Fair to good, common to ordinary, 3¾@4¼c; fair to good, 4¼@4¾c; prime to choice, 5¼@5¾c; fancy, 6@6½c; Patna, 4½@5¼c; do in bond, 2¾@3¼c; Japan, 5@5¼c; Java, 4¼@4¾c; Rangoon, in bond, 2@2¼c.

SUGAR—The market was very strong, but prices unchanged, with centrifugal, 96 test, at 4c; muscovado, 89 test, 3½c, and molasses sugar, 89 test, 3½c. Importers were asking about 4⅛c for centrifugal, 96 test, and probably more than refiners could afford to pay at that price. Refiners want more sugar, but they hesitate to pay the asked figures. Refined sugar was firm, with prices unchanged and market still oversold. Demand was moderate. London cable reports cane steady, but little doing; Java, 11s; fair refining, 9s 6d; best doll and rather easier; present month, 2½d, next month, 9s 3d