THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 18, 1897.

Beans, lima, bags	5,536	Moss, bales	15
Flour, pkgs	41,908	Rosin, bbls	1,000
R. W. flour, pkgs	700	Oilcake, pkgs	419
Cornmeal, bbls	250	Oilmeal, bags	1,880
Cornmeal, bags	800	Oil, lub, bbls	65
Wheat, bush	186,850	Oleo stock, pkgs	450
Corn, bush	51,675	Pork, pkgs	715
Oats, bush	62,400	Beef, pkgs	139
Rye, bush	48,750	Cutmeats, pkgs	2,662
Peas, bush	3,300	Lard, pkgs	2,285
Barley, bush	3,900	Lard, kegs	2,340
Malt, bush	7,200	Stearine, pkgs	437
Cottonseed oil, bbls	2,104	Tallow, pkgs	161
Cotton, bales	5,060	Grease, pkgs	18
Copper, cakes	8,014	Butter, pkgs	3,000
Copper, bbls	20	Cheese, pkgs	2,095
Feed, fruit, pkgs	10,023	Eggs, cases	8,131
Hay, tons	1,300	Rice, pkgs	1,297
Straw, tons	70	Raisins, Cal., boxes	5,925
Flaxseed, bush	21,000	Scorch, pkgs	2,000
Grass seed, bags	162	Sugar, bbls	907
Hides, bales	60	Tea, pkgs	260
Hides, bbls	861	Tobacco, hhds	203
Hops, bales	926	Tobacco, pkgs	903
Stuffed, tons	422	Whiskey, bbls	162
Leather, pkgs	6,600	Wool, bales	1,190
Molasses, bbls	1,733	Borax, sacks	

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor, No 1 fdy	$11 75	Flour, Minn patents	$5 25
do So, No 2 soft	10 25	Cotton, middling	5⅞
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	25
Tin	13 62½	Beef, family	9 75
Lead	3 67½	Beef, hams	22 25
Spelter	3 95	Tallow, prime	3½
Wheat, No 2 red	99	Pork, mess	8 50
Corn, No 2 mixed	34¼	Hogs, dressed, 160-lb	4⅞
Oats, No 2 mixed	27¼	Lard, prime	4 75

EXPORTS TO DAY.

Wheat, bush	59,086	Spirits turp, gals	1,440
Corn, bush	10,554	Rosin, bbls	505
Oats, bush	141,413	Tar, bbls	14
Rye, bush	44,850	Crude pet, gals	289,249
Barley, bush	1,250	Refined pet, gals	574,520
Peas, bush	70	Cottonseed oil, gals	34,250
Beans, bush	6,761	Lubricating oil, gals	106,380
Flour, bbls	1,879	Pick, bbls	1,610
Flour, sacks	18,687	Beef, tcs	328
Cornmeal, bbls	2,538	Bacon, lb	120,000
Oatmeal, pkgs	66	Hams, lb	142,600
Bran, sacks	940	Lard, lb	1,455,900
Grass seed, bags	368	Lard oil, gals	100
Hay, bales	20	Grease, lb	40,400
Hops, bales	1,464	Butter, lb	3,000
Whiskey, gals	500	Cheese, lb	4,200
Oilmeal, lb	37,500		

THE GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 18, 1897.

COTTON—The oldest inhabitant scarcely recollects such speculative apathy in cotton as that developed by to-day's session. The entire scope of the fluctuations was only a matter of 2 points. The entire week has been characterized by exceptional apathy and unusual narrowness of variations, which have been confined to 10 points or less, with prices finally showing a net loss of 2 points for the week. To-day's market opened steady at an unchanged prices to an advance of 1 point, and finished dull but steady on precisely the same basis as it opened, while showing total sales of only 27,800 bales, representing about the smallest business of this season, and scarcely an unusual business for many of the brokerage firms in normal times. Speculators are hesitating to take hold of cotton because they are dissatisfied with the outlook in the drygoods district, with the situation menaced by the possibility of a widespread strike in New England spinners. The recent decision of the Fall River owners pointing to a reduction in wages is followed by a report this morning that the directors of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, of Manchester, N. H., have decided upon a 10 per cent reduction of wages, to take effect January 1, and that several other large cotton mills are intending to follow suit. It is claimed that the necessity for this course is largely due to competition by Southern cotton mills, which, being nearer to the cotton fields, and with equal transportation facilities for the distribution of goods, have an inherent advantage over the New-England concerns. Selling was arrested by claims that Southern spot holders were indifferent, while free receipts, actual and prospective, checked buying. To-day the local traders had the market almost entirely to themselves. Following the close of "Change gossip indicated that indifferent cable advices were expected for Monday. Spot cotton closed quiet at unchanged prices, without sales; middling uplands, 5⅞c; middling Gulf, 6⅛c, against 7 3-16c and 7 7-16c last year. Spot cotton in Southern markets, middling quoted, was as follows: New-Orleans quiet and steady, 5¾c; sales, 4,000 bales. Mobile steady, 5 3-16c; sales, 1,300 bales. Savannah steady, 5¾c; sales, 1,220 bales. Charleston steady, 5 3-16c. Wilmington firm, 5⅜c. Norfolk dull, 5⅝c; sales, 1,384 bales. Baltimore nominal, 5⅝c. Memphis steady, 5⅝c; sales, 5,000 bales. Augusta steady, 5¾c; sales, 454 bales. St. Louis quiet, 5 5-16c; sales, 100 bales.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton in buyers' favor; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 6,000; receipts, 26,000; American, 25,000; middling uplands, 3 3-16d. Futures steady to buyers at last night's prices; closed steady; net unchanged. January-February, 307½s; February-March, 308s; March-April, 309½s; April-May, 309½s; May-June, 311s; June-July, 312s; July-August, 313s; August-September, 314b; September-October, 315v; October-November, 316v; December, 307½s; December-January, 307½s.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.66	5.66	5.66	5.66@5.68	5.65
January	5.67	5.68	5.67	5.68@5.69	5.67
February	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.71@5.73	5.70
March	5.74	5.76	5.74	5.75@5.76	5.74
April	5.79	5.81	5.79	5.80@5.81	5.79
May	5.86	5.85	5.84	5.85@5.86	5.84
June	5.89	5.89	5.88	5.89@5.91	5.88
July	5.93	5.93	5.92	5.93@5.95	5.92
August	5.98	5.98	5.97	5.98@5.99	5.97
September	—	—	—	5.97@5.99	5.97
October	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00@6.01	6.00

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	11,723	8,822	9,494	224,752
New-Orleans	20,141	15,068	19,761	375,929
Mobile	2,377	4,507	4,195	47,598
Savannah	7,739	12,902	8,443	163,356
Charleston	4,269	5,368	2,980	50,090
Wilmington	1,917	3,968	1,645	28,886
Norfolk	5,729	4,144	3,665	78,264
Baltimore	—	—	—	16,847
New-York	900	881	695	102,019
Boston	2,108	1,760	1,114	—
Philadelphia	734	53	228	9,432
Totals	57,688	57,288	52,409	1,127,173
Interior:				
Houston	9,839	10,951	6,690	73,102
Augusta	2,370	1,543	987	57,255
Memphis	6,016	3,774	3,471	150,172
St. Louis	274	380	1,009	62,432
Cincinnati	1,383	1,371	1,644	9,602

COFFEE—Bullish cables from Europe and Brazil, speaking of the more public accounts, and private cables, also of bullish purport, caused a rise of 5@10 points in prices for Brazilian coffee futures and a steady market on the call at this point this morning. The subsequent phases of the market were, for the most part, bullish; although the market failed to show speculative activity, or much of a disposition to invest, owing to already heavy stock accumulations. The Havre market opened ½ franc higher, further advanced ¼ franc at 12 m., and closed at a net gain of ⅜ franc, while Hamburg finished at a partial net gain of ¼@½ pfg. The feature of the Rio and Santos cables was the decidedly diminished movement, receipts being but 21,000 bags; the smallest recorded thus far this season. At the same time the United States warehouse deliveries, falling off to 16,058 bags, furnished something of an offset to the bullish European advices. The latter included a cable from Kronheim, Havre, stating that sentiment in Havre is changing, and predicting that the Havre market will advance to 45 francs before the end of January, and stating a belief in recent damage by drouth from July to November to be serious. Crossman & Co. gave out a cable from Brazil indicating that rains have fallen in Santos since November 21. The local market closed firm at a net advance of 10@15 points, with total sales of 12,250 bags. Cleared from Rio, December 17, steamer California, with 27,000 bags, and cleared Bahia, December 16, steamer Bellarden, with 11,000 bags. The market for spot Brazilian coffees was favorably influenced, at least in a sympathetic way, by the firmer ruling of Brazilian coffee futures, and closed steadier, without quotable advance, 6⅝c remaining the official and generally current figure for Rio No. 7, invoice lots, although some traders were claiming that 6¾c more nearly represented the actual market. The market for mild coffees was steady, with an increased show of interest in sympathy with the market for spot Brazilian coffee, although showing no quotable advance. We quote: Maracaibo, 6¾@8¾c; Mocha, 9@15½c; Jamaica, 6½@15c; La Guayra, 7@17½c; Savanilla, 5½@16c; Mexican, 6@15c; Central American, 7@17½c; Costa Rica, 7@15½c; coffee in parchment, 5@8¾c; Mocha, 17¾@18½c; Padang, interior, 23@24½c; fancies, 27@30c; Corinchie, 26@27c.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.95	6.00	5.95	5.95@6.05	5.85
January	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00@6.05	5.90
February	—	—	—	6.05@6.15	5.95
March	6.10	6.15	6.10	6.15@6.20	6.00
April	—	—	—	6.15@6.25	6.05
May	6.20	6.25	6.20	6.20@6.25	6.10
June	—	—	—	6.25@6.30	6.15
July	—	—	—	6.30@6.35	6.20
August	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.35@6.40	6.20
September	6.40	6.45	6.40	6.40@6.45	6.30
October	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40@6.50	6.30
November	—	—	—	6.45@6.50	6.35

Foreign markets: Santos—Coffee market firm; good average Santos, 8$600; receipts, 17,000 bags; stock, 948,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged; closed with partial advance of ¼@½ pfg; sales, 15,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ¼ franc higher; at 12 m., ¼ franc higher; at 3 p. m (closing cable) steady, ¼ franc higher; total sales, 20,000 bags.

January	39.50	July	41.00
February	39.75	August	41.00
March	40.00	September	41.25
April	40.25	October	41.25
May	40.50	November	41.50
June	40.75	December	39.25

Rio—Coffee market firm; No 7 Rio, 8$025; Exchange, 7 3-32d; receipts, 4,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 18,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 423,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	14,444	18,689	13,032
Baltimore deliveries	146	126	923
New-Orleans deliveries	1,468	1,909	900
Total deliveries	16,058	20,724	15,455
New-York stock	489,864	504,338	546,157
Baltimore stock	55,065	55,231	57,055
New-Orleans stock	52,623	54,091	58,317
Stock at all ports	597,602	613,660	681,529
Afloat	449,000	411,000	310,000
Visible supply	1,046,602	1,024,660	991,529
Same time 1896	701,327	706,818	666,205
Same time 1895	551,661	535,076	533,041

FLOUR AND MEAL—Business was limited to the usual Saturday trade, and prices remain still more or less nominal on the old basis. Spring patents quoted, $5 10@$5 35; winter straights, $4 50@$4 60; winter patents, $4 80@$5 10; spring clears, $4 20@$4 40; extra No 1 winter, $3 85@$4; extra No 2 winter, $3 40@$3 60; no grade, $3@$3 60; buckwheat flour, $1 40@$1 45.....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales, 200 bbls, $2 70@$3 25.....CORNMEAL—Quiet; quoted, kiln-dried, $1 75@$1 90, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Quiet; fine white, 80c; fine yellow, 70@75c; coarse, 65@65c.....FEED—Firm; 40, 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, $26@27; screenings, 50@75c, in bulk; buckwheat grain, 87½@38c, c i f, New-York.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat market exhibited unusual steadiness for so dull a session, and closed at ⅛@⅛c net advance, latter on December, which, through firmness at the West, was particularly in demand by shorts. A better market than expected at Liverpool gave the first impetus to values here, subsequent assistance along bull lines being obtained from the day's seaboard clearances of 709,000 bush wheat and flour and predictions of bullish statistics on Monday. The latter was suggested by a sharp falling off in the week's clearances from both coasts, making it seem reasonable to expect smaller world's shipments and a decrease in the amount on passage. Further more a change in Minneapolis figures pointed to only 1,000,000 bush increase in the visible on Monday, or a third less than originally expected. Receipts in the Northwest to-day were large again, at 650 cars, and for the week were 4,147 cars, against 4,780 cars the week before and 2,812 cars a year ago. Up to yesterday arrivals at these two points had been very moderate this week. Deliveries of 1,000,000 bush yesterday in Chicago and indications of 1,250,000 bush more to-day failed to disconcert the bull clique, or to affect the December option, which was rather strong all the morning. Export interest was limited to a sale of 64,000 bush No 2 hard winter. On the curb foreenon strength was continued, May selling up to 94¾c, with the 1 o'clock price 94⅝c bid. Quotations of cash wheat, f o b, afloat were as follows: No 1 Northern Duluth, 98½c; No 1 Manitoba, $1 02¾; No 1 Northern Duluth, $1 02½; No 1 Northern New-York, $1 01¾; No 2 Northern Duluth, 98½c; No 1 hard Duluth, $1 04.....CORN—In this market the feeling was moderately steady, and trade extremely light all the morning, with prices finally unchanged to ⅛c below last night. The curb ill sympathy with wheat was stronger, May selling up to 34¾c, which was also the 1 o'clock price. News was rather scarce and unimportant, heavier clearances for the week being nearly offset by the ¼@¾d decline in Liverpool quotations. In the cash market exporters took 51,000 bush. No 2 corn closed 34½c, f o b, afloat.....OATS—There was but little speculative trade in the cats market, and no change from last night in prices. The export business consisted of 80,000 bush No 2 mixed oats; No 2 oats quoted 27@27¼c; No 3 oats, 26¾c; No 2 white, 29½c; No 3 white, 28½c; track mixed, 27@24c; track white, 28@33c.....RYE—Market dull, No 2 Western 50c c i f Buffalo; No 1, Western, 50½c, c i f Buffalo.....BARLEY—Market quiet; quoted 28½c bid, c i f Buffalo.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
December	98½	99	98⅛	98⅝	98¾
January	97⅞	97⅞	97⅝	97⅝	97½
May	93⅝	93⅞	93⅝	93⅝	93½
Corn:					
December	—	—	—	32	32⅛
May	34¼	34¼	34¼	34¼	34¼
Oats:					
December	—	—	—	27¼	27¼
May	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¾	27¾
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	22	368	274	332	14	48
Milwaukee	3	22	17	40	7	14
Minneapolis	—	409	26	53	—	—
Duluth	—	37	16	1	1	—
St. Louis	5	59	121	23	—	—
Toledo	—	15	27	4	1	—
Detroit	1	7	7	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	48	33	—	—
Totals	31	917	536	486	23	62
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	15	8	68	232	1	10
Milwaukee	7	4	1	22	—	6
Minneapolis	37	161	12	3	—	—
Duluth	—	20	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	5	11	114	37	—	—
Toledo	—	2	14	4	—	—
Detroit	—	—	8	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	17	51	—	—
Totals	64	206	234	349	1	16
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	33	187	52	62	49	4
Boston	4	149	29	24	—	—
Philadelphia	—	8	38	26	—	—
Baltimore	22	91	100	35	16	—
New-Orleans	1	30	77	7	—	—
Galveston	—	41	35	2	—	—
Totals	60	506	396	148	65	4
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	15	59	11	141	45	1
Boston	2	11	41	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	20	98	75	—	—
Baltimore	9	140	211	—	69	—
New-Orleans	4	245	133	40	—	—
Galveston	—	56	—	—	—	—
Totals	30	531	494	256	114	1

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—It was a day of small pickings in the market for liquid sweets, but everything was firm in the molasses line and syrups were steady. Prices were as follows: New-Orleans centrifugal, fair to common, 9@11c; fair, 12@15c; good, 16@18c; prime, 19@21c. New-Orleans open kettle, common, 24@25c; fair, 25@26c; good, 27@28c; prime, 29@30c; choice, 31@33c; Porto Rico, 26@33c. Syrups—Common, 8@11c; fair, 12@18c; good, 14@15c; prime, 16@17c; fancy, 18@22c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 33,503 bbls; spirits turpentine, 2,657 bbls; tar, 1,734 bbls. A firm market noted for spirits turpentine and steady for tar and rosin. Quotations on spot were as follows: Tar, regular, $1 60 all barrels, $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 freights is quoted at nominally unchanged prices as follows: Liverpool, cotton, 5/32d; grain, 4½d; Glasgow, 4½d; Bristol, 4½d; Leith, 5½@5¾d; Hull, 5d; Newcastle, 5d; Antwerp, 4½d for January; Hamburg, 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 lb, 30@31c for December; London, oats, 5s December, 2s 9d January.....FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—Trading in sail tonnage continues generally quiet, the inquiry for vessels in all departments being limited. Rates are fairly well sustained and quotably unchanged. The inquiry for steamers for the grain trade has fallen off greatly, both for prompt and forward loading, and rates are easy. Cotton freights continue quiet.....CHARTERS—British steamer, 14,000 quarters grain, hence to St. Louis or Rhone, 3s 3d, berth terms; steamer, 16,000 quarters grain, Philadelphia or British steamer, 16,000 quarters grain, Philadelphia to picked ports, United Kingdom or Continent, 3s, berth terms; oats, 2s 7½d, January, British steamer, 2,300 tons cotton, Wilmington, N C, to Liverpool, Havre or Bremen, private terms; British steamer, 1,994 tons (previously) cotton, Savannah to Liverpool, 37s 6d; steamer, 386 tons, December-January, Gulf to Havre, steamer, 1,994 tons (previously) cotton, New-Orleans or Galveston to the United Kingdom or Continent, 16s net form, January; British steamer, 1,408 tons cotton, Charleston to Liverpool, Havre or Bremen, private terms, January; two British ships (both to arrive), 65,000 and 70,000 cases petroleum, hence to Calcutta, 17½c; British ship, 1,635 tons, to arrive, general cargo, hence to Sydney or Melbourne, 17s 6d; 1s 6d, respectively; bark, 1,390 tons, general cargo, Hong Kong or New-York, at or about $8,000; British schooner, 289 tons, general cargo, hence to St Vincent, C V, private terms; British schooner, 416 tons, general cargo, hence to Maceio, 70c per bbl; schooner, 587 tons, sugar, Demerara to Delaware Breakwater for orders, 12c; brig, 285 tons, logwood, north shore Jamaica to Boston, $3 25; schooner, 412 tons, lumber, Union Island to Daiquiri Bay, $5 United States gold; schooner, 1,040 tons, coal, Norfolk to Kingston, Jamaica, $1 85; schooner, 1,226 tons, phosphate rock, Charlotte Harbor to Baltimore or Norfolk, $1 90; schooner, 452 tons, lumber, Fernandina to New-York, private terms; schooner, 399 tons, lumber, Charleston to New-York, private terms.

OILS—Demand was light, and the market in a fairly steady position, without change in price. Charles H. Tainter & Co. in their weekly circular said: "Our market has been rather dull, but steady at unchanged quotations for refined oils. Crude has been in better demand, and sales, loose, 5 to 5½c in Atlantic States mills, are reported at about 14@15c per gallon, according to location and freights. December clearances of oil for Marseilles are very large in anticipation of the much talked of duty, which it is now known will not be imposed. The effect of these shipments may produce dull and easier January markets, unless offset by higher and larger advices and demand from the packers." We quote: Prime crude, 18@18½c; prime crude, f o b, mills, 13¼@15c; prime summer yellow, 21½@22c; off summer yellow, 21½c; butter grades, 24@26c; prime white, 24@25½c; prime yellow, 27c; linseed, American, raw, 40@41c; American, boiled, 42@43c; Calcutta, raw, 54c.

PROVISIONS—The market was steady all the morning without particular trading features and closed firm. 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—Firmer. Quoted: Bacon, 4¾c; 180 lb, 4¾c; 160 lb, 4¾c; 140 lb, 5c; 120 lb, 5c; pigs, 5@5¼c.....CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies quiet; smoking bellies, 6¼c; 10 lb, 5¾c; 12 lb, 5¾c; 14 lb, 5¾c; pickled shoulders steady; quoted, 5¾c; pickled hams quiet; quoted, 7@7¼c; Western, green, 16 lb, 6¼c.....TALLOW—Firmer; quoted, 3¾c. Country, 3⅜@3⅝c.....LARD—Steady; quoted, 4 75c; city lard steady; quoted, 4.40@4.45c; refined dull; 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—A fair trade was noted, with full prices named as the trading basis. Prices, however, unchanged, with tone firm here as well as at the South. Prices were as follows: Domestic, common to ordinary, 3⅝@4¼c; fair to fancy, 4¼@4¾c; prime to choice, 5¼@5¾c; fancy, 6@6½c. Patna, 4½@5¼c; do in bond, 2¾@3¼c. Japan, 5@5¼c; Java, 4¾@4¾c; Rangoon, in bond, 2@2¼c.

SUGAR—There was nothing in the way of new developments in the raw sugar market to-day, but everything was exceedingly strong, and it is expected that the next considerable advance will be on the basis of 4¼c for centrifugal sugar, although the prices based on last sales were 4c for 96 test centrifugal, 3⅞c for 89 test muscovado and 3¾c for 89 test molasses sugar. Refined sugar was in moderate demand, with full prices named and tone strong, and still oversold on a good many grades. Logins cable reported cane firmer and tending upward; Java, 11c 1½d; fair refining, 3c 6d; beet firmer, with increased demand; present month, 9s 3¾d; next month, 9s 1½d. Prices for refined sugar were as follows: Dominos, 5⅝c; cut loaf and crushed, 5¾c; powdered and coarse powdered, 5.31c; granulated and fine granulated, 5⅛c; coarse granulated and extra fine granulated, 5¼c; confectioners' granulated, 5⅛c; cubes, 5.31c; XXXX powdered and mould A, 5⅝c; diamond A, 5¼c; confectioners' A, 5c; Nos 1 and 2, 4⅞c; No 3, 4.69c; No 4, 4⅝c; No 5, 4.53c; No 6, 4.44c; No 7, 4⅜c; No 8, 4.31c; No 9, 4.19c; No 10, No 11, 4.12c; No 12, 4.06c; No 13, 4.06c; No 14, 4c; No 15, 3.94c; No 16, 3⅞c.

Wool Exchange reports—The Wool Exchange quotes carpet wools as follows:

	Cents.		Cents.
Aleppo	13½@14	EAST INDIA AND ASIATIC.	
Angora	14 @14½	East India, choice	14 @15
Bagdad, black	20 @21	East India, low	12 @14
Bagdad, fawns	20 @21	Georgian, B. O.	16 @17
Bagdad, whites	22 @23	Georgian, B.	14 @16
Bokhara, colors	13½@14	Georgian, B. S.	13 @15
Bokhara, white	15 @16	Kandahar	22 @23
Cumels' hair, Russian	13 @13½	Karadi, choice	17 @18
China, ordinary	11 @14	Karadi, ordinary	15 @17
China, combing	15 @17	Joria and Vizianeri	24 @25
Cordova	14 @14½	Khorassan, colors	14@15
Donskoi, autumns	17 @	Khorassan, white	18 @19
Donskoi, combing	23 @25	Mohair, Turkish	42 @48
Donskoi, colors	20 @22	Mosul, washed	17 @19
Donskoi, lambs'	16 @18	Mosul, unwashed	14 @
Scotch	16 @17	Oporto	19 @
Valparaiso	13 @14	Salonica	12 @13

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, December 18, 1897.

BEANS AND PEAS—The decline in domestic white beans, which has taken place this week has not brought out any more trade, and the market is still in a very dull condition. Red kidney are urged for sale, and values are lower; the choicest lots are offering without reserve at $1 60, and it looks as if less money would be accepted. Other varieties are dragging, but show no further change in prices. Green peas dull. We quote: Beans, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 85; do fair to good, $1 10@$1 80; do medium, choice, $1 20; do fair to good, $1@$1 15; do medium, choice, $1 15; do fair to good, $1@$1 10; do red kidney, choice, $1 55@$1 60; do fair to good, $1 25@$1 50; do white kidney, $1 35@$1 40; do black turtle soup, $1 50@$1 55; do lima, California, $1 27½@$1 80; green peas, bbls, 75@77½c; do bags, 70@72½c; do Scotch, bbls, 85@87½c; do bags, 80@82½c.

BUTTER—Quite a considerable quantity of stock has accumulated during the week, and this is causing increasing pressure to sell. Buyers are very indifferent; they are not needing stock for immediate use, and cannot be induced to purchase goods ahead. Under the weight of supplies and prospective dull trade, values were lowered again to-day, and the market is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 22c; do firsts, 20@21c; do thirds to seconds, 15@19c; do State, fancy, 21c; do firsts, 19@20c; do thirds to seconds, 15@18c; do June make, extras, 20½@21c; do firsts, 18@19c; do seconds, 15@17c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, full ends, fancy, 19½@20c; do Welsh tubs, fresh, fancy, 19@20c; dairy tubs, firsts, 17@18c; do thirds to seconds, 13@16c; State dairy, firkins, fancy, 18½@19c; do fair to choice, 15@18c; imitation creamery, fancy, 18c; do seconds to firsts, 13½@16c; factory, fresh extras, 17c; do firsts, 14½@16c; do seconds, 13½@14c; do lower grades, 12@12c; do June make, extras, 14½@15c; do thirds to firsts, 12½@14c; rolls, fresh choice, 16@17c; do poor to prime, 12@18c.

CHEESE—There was very little large full cream cheese available to-day outside of store, and, with some further inquiry from exporters, the market is certainly in good shape. Home trade demand is not a factor of much importance just at the moment, and doubtful if much increase of trade will take place until after the new year fairly opens. Holders of fancy grades in store continue firm and confident in their views and in no hurry to urge matters. Choice large light skims have a fair inquiry from exporters, though very few desirable lots available, but part skims plenty enough and dull. Exports for week, 10,378 boxes. Liverpool cable, 42s 6d. We quote: State, full cream, large, fancy, September, 8½c; do late-made average finest, 7⅞@8¼c; do fair to good, 7¼@7½c; do common, 6½@7c; do colored or white, small, fancy, September, 9@9¼c; do late-made finest, 8¼@8½c; do common to good, 7½@8c; part skims, small, choice, 6¼@6½c; do large, 6c; part skims, small, choice, 6c; do large, 5½c; do good to prime, 4½@5c; do common to fair, 3½@4c; full skims, 3c.

EGGS—Receipts are moderate and the supply of fine fresh gathered is not large; trade is very dull and the market has developed further weakness. There is hardly enough business doing to fairly test values, but some efforts to sell Western firsts at 22@22½c have indicated a decidedly weaker feeling. Refrigerator eggs are moving quietly at about former quotations. We quote: Jersey and nearby fancy, per dozen, 25@26c; State and Pennsylvania, 21@24c; Western, best, 22@22½c; do fair to good, 20@21c; Southern, 20@21c; seconds, case count, 16@11c; refrigerator, fall packed, 12@13c; do spring packed, firsts, 13@14c; do usual grades, case count, 11½@12c; inferior, 10@11c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples are cleaning up fairly well; prices show no material change. Strictly fancy grades are held with some confidence. Pears neglected. Choice grapes meeting a fair demand at about steady prices. Cranberries are quiet and the tone is weak. Exceptionally fancy Cape Cod berries of special varieties might still bring former quotation, but we see scarcely any of this quality, and the figures quoted cover the goods generally offering. Florida oranges in fair demand and steady. We quote: Apples, Newtown Pippin, per bbl, $3@$5; fancy red varieties, per bbl, $3 50@$4 50; few extra fancy higher; King, $2 50@$3 50; Ben Davis, $2 50@$3 50; Greening, $2 50@$3 50; Baldwin, $2 50@$3 50; poor to fair grade, $1 50@$2; pears, State, Seckel, per bushel, $1@$2; other varieties, 75c@$1 25; Bartlett Boxes, per bbl, $2@$3; other varieties, $1 50@$2 50; grapes, Catawba, per basket, 7@12c; Concord, 7@12c; bulk stock, per 100 lb, $1@$1 75; cranberries, Cape Cod, usual varieties, fancy, $7 50; do fair to prime, $4@$7; defective, $5 75@$6; Jersey, $6@$6 50; Cape Cod, usual varieties, per crate, $2@$2 25; Jersey, per crate, $1 50@$2; oranges, Florida, per box, $2 50@$4; grape fruit, $3@$7; mandarins, $4@$5; tangerines, $7@$9; pineapples, per case, $2@$4.

FRUITS—DRIED—There is little change from previous report. Both evaporated and sun-dried apples are held with confidence when showing attractive quality, and demand is fair. Chops steady. Cores and skins quiet. Small fruits and California fruit without change. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, 9c; do choice, 8¾c; do prime, 8@8¼c; do common to good, 6@7¾c; do sun-dried, Canada, quarters, 5@6c; do State, Western, 4@5¼c; do Southern, quarters, 3@4c; do sliced, 3@5c; do Northern coarse cut, 4@5c; do Southern, 3@4¼c; do chopped, per lb, 3@3¾c; do cores and skins, 2¼@2¾c; cherries, 12@14c; blackberries, 4@4½c; raspberries, evaporated, 13@14c; do sun-dried, 10@11c; huckleberries, 66⅞c; apricots, California Moorpark, 9@11c; do Royal, 6¼@8¼c; peaches, California, peeled, 14@18c; do unpeeled, 4¾@10c; pears, California, 5@10c; prunes, California, 3@5c.

HOPS—A good deal of stock has been moved this week and the trade has been so satisfactory that sellers take a very hopeful view of the situation. The increased attention shown by brewers is probably the result of the feeling that the time had come to secure supplies now before shippers have taken out all of the best grades, prices have advanced quite decidedly and the advance is expected to bring in much larger supplies next week. Sales of lambs were at $4@$6 for inferior to choice flocks, a good many Mexican yearlings that averaged 72@75 lb fetching $4 50; most of the sales of lambs were at $5@$6. Sheep sold freely at $3@$4 75. Exporters took heavy sheep at $4 15@$4 25. Most of the late sales of sheep were at $3 75@$4 00. Receipts—Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 17,000; sheep, 2,000.

East Liberty, Dec. 18.—Cattle steady; prime, $4 75@$4 85; common, $3 25@$3 60; bulls, stags and cows, $2@$3 60. Hogs slow; prime mediums, $3 55@$3 57½; best Yorkers and pigs, $3 50@$3 55; heavy, $3 45@$3 50; good roughs, $2 75@$3 15; common, $2 25@$2 50. Sheep steady, choice, $4 60@$4 70; common, $3@$3 65. Choice lambs, $5 75@$5 90; common to good lambs, $4 50@$5 65. Veal calves, $6 50@$7.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Cattle steady and strong; steers weighing 1,300 lb and upward, $4