THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, March 17, 1898.

Beans, white, bbls	1,921	Oil, lard, bbls	60
Peas, bbls	74	Oil, lub, bbls	220
Broomcorn, bales	45	Oleo stock, pkgs	1,110
Flour, bbls	10,173	Peanuts, bags	40
Flour, sacks	21,679	Pork, bbls	205
Cornmeal, bbls	150	Hams, lb	634
Cornmeal, bags	652	Bacon, lbs	2,326
Oatmeal, bbls	490	Lard, tcs	1,742
Wheat, bush	62,900	Lard, kegs	8,005
Corn, bush	128,700	Tallow, pkgs	411
Oats, bush	57,600	Grease, pkgs	149
Rye, bush	8,775	Butter, pkgs	3,089
Buckwheat, bush	3,900	Cheese, pkgs	4,021
Barley, bush	50,000	Eggs, cases	7,753
Malt, bush	20,400	Rice, pkgs	26
Cotton, bales	1,677	Grass seed, bags	1,110
Dried fruit, pkgs	151	Tobacco, hhds	61
Hay, tons	700	Tobacco, tcs	11
Straw, tons	12	Tobacco, pkgs	505
Millfeed, tons	129	Whiskey, bbls	491
Leather, sides	5,675	Wool, bales	123
Lead, pigs	1,600	Apples, bbls	2,435
Reed, bbls	26	Potatoes, bbls	1,988
Spirits, turp, bbls	4	Onions, bbls	855
Pitch, bbls	15	Dr. Poultry	1,369
Cake, pkgs	1,548	Live, poultry, coops	130
Oilmeal, bags	414		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron No No 1 fndy	$11 75	Flour, Minn patents	$5 35
do No 2 soft	10 15	Cotton, middling	6⅛
Steel rails	18 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	5⅝
Pig iron warrants	6 80	Sugar, granulated	5⅛
Lake copper ingot	11 05	Molasses, O K prime	30
Tin	14 25	Beef, family	11 50
Lead	3 90	Beef, hams	22 50
Spelter	4 20	Tallow, prime	$ 11-16
Wheat, No 2 red	1 05⅛	Pork, mess	10 00
Corn, No 2 mixed	36	Hogs, dressed, 100 lb	5⅛
Oats, No 2 mixed	30⅝	Lard, prime	5 40

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	144,333	Tar, bbls	6
Corn, bush	62,030	Refined pet, gals	1,613,240
Oats, bush	193,028	Naphtha, gals	420
Rye, bush	143,302	Cottonseed oil, gals	166,300
Beans, bush	450	Lubricating oil, gals	226,000
Flour, bbls	337	Pork, bbls	740
Flour, sacks	4,100	Beef, bbls	10
Feed, lb	33,300	Beef, tcs	75
Grass seed, bags	418	Beef, hams, lb	2,184,000
Hay, bales	882	Hams, lb	75,200
Alcohol, gals	4,500	Lard, lb	704,410
Oilmeal, lbs	250,000	Tallow, lb	13,200
Oilcake, lb	961,500	Grease, lb	170,400
Spirits turp, gals	950	Butter, lb	48,250
Rosin, bbls	1,186	Cheese, lb	139,440
Pitch, bbls	6		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, March 17, 1898.

COFFEE—There was quite a spurt of activity this morning in the coffee market, 16,250 bags changing hands during the first two hours. The call developed a steady feeling with March and April 5 points lower under light local selling, while other months were unchanged. This loss was recovered soon after the call and by midday a net gain of 5 points was apparent. Transactions were spread well through the list with switching of the near positions to the more remote deliveries a feature. European news lacked particular influence. Havre ruling dull and unchanged, while Hamburg was about steady, but futureless. Although Brazilian markets were irregular and a shade lower, a marked drop in receipts more than offset this fact and inspired some covering. The distribution of coffee in this country showed an encouraging increase but a decided weakness in the spot department made buyers cautious. Early in the afternoon trading became less active and after a flurry near the close the market was finally firm at a net gain of 5 to 10 points. Total sales 71,100 bags. The market for spot Brazilian coffee was weak and entirely nominal, with quotations about on the basis of 5⅝c for invoice lots and 6¼c for jobbing parcels of No 7 Rio. Business was entirely of a jobbing character, but the market remained pretty much all its former steady feature, with sellers conservative in view of the small supply of really desirable grades at this point. We quote: Maracaibo, 6¼@6½c; Cucuta, 7¼@7½c; Jamaica, 7@7½c; La Guayra, 6¼@6½c; Savanilla, 7½@7½c; Mexican, 7@7½c; Central American, 5¾@7½c; Costa Rica, 8½@9½c; coffee in parchment, 5@8c. Mocha, 18@18½c; Padang interior, 20@24½c; fancies, 26@31c.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
March	4.95	5.00	4.95	5.00@5.05	4.95
April	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00@5.10	5.00
May	5.10	5.15	5.10	5.10@5.15	5.05
June	—	—	—	5.15@5.20	5.15
July	5.15	5.20	5.15	5.20@5.20	5.15
August	—	—	—	5.30@5.40	5.27
September	5.40	5.45	5.40	5.40@5.45	5.35
October	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.45@5.50	5.40
November	—	—	—	5.50@5.55	5.45
December	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.55@5.60	5.50
January	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60@5.65	5.55
February	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65@5.70	5.60

Santos—Coffee market quiet; good average Santos, $8.00; receipts, 12,000 bags; stock, 725,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged; sales, 2,300 bags; unchanged, sales, 21,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened quiet and unchanged at 12 m., net unchanged; half month; sales, 9,000 bags.

January	35.75	July	34.50
February	35.75	August	34.75
March	—	September	35.00
April	34.25	October	35.00
May	34.25	November	35.25
June	34.25	December	35.50

Rio—Coffee market dull; No 7 Rio, 7⅝c, Exchange, 6 9-32d; receipts, 4,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 1,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 5,000 bags; stock, 250,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	14,699	8,948	16,299
Baltimore deliveries	210	160	584
New-Orleans deliveries	645	739	821
Total deliveries	15,524	9,847	17,704
New-York stock	691,207	700,576	686,681
Baltimore stock	64,771	64,981	69,674
New-Orleans stock	53,059	53,704	57,965
Stock at all ports	809,037	825,061	814,310
Afloat	352,000	352,000	374,000
Visible supply	1,161,037	1,177,061	1,185,313
Same time 1897	732,126	749,802	747,196
Same time 1896	501,537	511,726	470,499

COTTON—In response to favorable early English cables and predictions for a comparatively small port movement, the local market for cotton futures opened steady but quiet, on an advance of 1@2 points. Buying on the opening was chiefly for the account of local shorts and Liverpool. An easier feeling developed shortly after the call under less reassuring news from Washington, and under local liquidation prices eased off 5@6 points. At no time, however, did the bear element show the aggressive, owing to the continued firmness of Southern spot markets and more or less general belief that all of the Cuban question seemed to be settled. A recovery in values would probably follow. Selling was also checked by favorable news from Manchester and the Continent regarding yarns and cloths. Business was light during a greater part of the morning and afternoon, but near the close the market became more active without showing decided leaning one way or the other, transactions in good part being for the evening up of accounts by disgusted traders. A few selling orders were received from Liverpool on the close, the South took little part in the decline account in a small way. Export clearances were less liberal, but this fact failed to exert appreciable effect, the political situation completely absorbing attention for the time being. Commission houses were reported to have advised their constituents to hold off until normal conditions again prevail. The future market closed quiet and steady at a net loss of 1 to 4 points. Total sales, 71,100 bales. Spot cotton closed dull at unchanged prices; middling uplands, 6¼c; middling Gulf, 6⅜c; sales, 500 bales spinning.

Southern spot cotton markets, middling quoted, were as follows: New-Orleans quiet, 5 9-16c; sales, 4,000 bales; Mobile quiet, 5¾c; sales, 200 bales; Savannah quiet and steady, 5¾c; sales, 44 bales; Charleston quiet, 5 9-16c; Wilmington firm, 5¾c; Norfolk steady, 5¾c; sales, 210 bales; Baltimore nominal, 6¼c; Augusta steady, 5 15-16c; sales, 611 bales; St. Louis, 5 15-16@6¼c. The export movement this season has been as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Continent.
Total to-day	3,066	8,267	1,802
Thus far this week	77,135	8,267	42,115
Total since September 1	2,749,313	723,606	2,297,312

Receipts at New-Orleans officially estimated for to-morrow at 4,000 to 5,000 bales, against 7,772 last week, 8,065 last year and 6,168 in 1894-95. Receipts at Houston estimated for to-morrow at 1,700 to 1,800 bales, against 2,776 last week, 1,399 last year and 3,029 in 1894-95. Reviewing the situation, the correspondent of a prominent cotton house says: "Cotton has been marketed in fair proportion of the crop, notwithstanding the important advance lately witnessed. It was expected that planters would have freely met the demand after the recent advance, but the balance of the crop is strongly held, and for the moment it looks as if a higher range of prices must be witnessed before America sells freely, and upon a possible importing basis to this country. Our reports from interior markets are generally encouraging. Spinners evidently largely under contract for months to come, and the general demand still continues large enough to fully absorb the offerings." Another firm will say in to-morrow's letter: "An important thing is, that the world is not burdened with cotton anywhere, either visible or invisible, and in the mean time the demand will be the marketing of the next crop, as Europe receives no new cotton until October 1, of any consequence, while their mill consumption is 150,000 bales weekly of all kinds." Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot cotton, moderate demand; sales, 10,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 9,000; receipts, 6,000; middling uplands, 3 11-32d. Futures opened steady, partially 1-64d advance, closed barely steady, net unchanged to 1-64d decline. December-January, 3 19-64; March, 3 18-64@3 19-64; April, 3 18-64; April-May, 3 18-64@3 19-64; May-June, 3 19-64; June-July, 3 19-64; July-August, 3 19-64; August-September, 3 19-64@3 20-64; September-October, 3 19-64; October-November, 3 19-64; November-December, 3 19-64; Manchester—Yarns quiet but steady. Cloths—More business could be done if sellers would concede something.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
March	5.96	5.96	5.93	5.94@5.95	5.95
April	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.93@5.95	5.95
May	5.92	5.92	5.95	5.97@5.98	6.00
June	6.02	6.02	5.97	5.98@5.99	6.01
July	6.04	6.04	5.99	6.00@6.01	6.03
August	6.07	6.07	6.02	6.04@—	6.06
September	6.04	6.04	6.00	6.01@6.02	6.03
October	6.01	6.01	5.99	6.00@6.01	6.03
November	6.01	6.01	6.00	6.00@6.02	6.03
December	6.04	6.04	6.03	6.03@6.04	6.05
January	6.08	6.08	6.05	6.05@6.06	6.08

Receipts at the ports and interior points to-day, compared with the same day last week, last year and 1894-1895:

	To-day.	Last week.	Last year.	1894-'95.	Present stock.
Galveston	1,738	7,113	2,492	3,230	156,159
New-Orleans	4,761	10,254	2,333	7,082	474,170
Mobile	1,552	502	447	1,000	27,073
Savannah	2,674	2,700	964	2,280	74,206
Charleston	256	139	379	378	27,838
Wilmington	292	253	23	197	17,705
Norfolk	528	1,192	179	1,075	58,256
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	21,498
New-York	1,264	165	62	—	183,031
Boston	251	507	364	801	—
Philadelphia	605	129	678	—	10,509
Various	—	—	—	467	1,100
Total	12,333	23,417	7,921	16,191	1,041,569
Interior					
Augusta	440	357	228	618	48,878
Memphis	1,855	1,485	803	812	103,813
St. Louis	142	172	—	112	67,747
Cincinnati	1,486	1,497	515	1,198	12,209
Houston	1,039	3,024	698	3,080	45,863

FLOUR AND MEAL—Stagnation was again the feature in flour circles, with prices nominally steady, although not attractive to buyers except at 5@10c concession. Sales of the day were officially reported at only 10,000 packages. For spring patents, $5.20@$5.45; winter straights, $4.50@$4.75; winter patents, $4.60@$5.00; spring clears, $4.35@$4.50; extra No 1 winter, $3.90@$4.10; extra No 2 winter, $3.70@$3.80. Rye flour, $3.10@$3.25. CORNMEAL—Quiet; sales, 200 bags. Kiln-dried, $2.10@$2.20 as low as $2.05@$2.10. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Easy; fine white sort, fine yellow and $2 to winter in bulk, 75@85c; spring bulk, 70@75c; middling bulk, 12@50c; rye feed, 65@70c; city feed, 80c; hominy chop, 70c; oilmeal, $26@$26.50; screenings, 30@35c in bulk; buckwheat grain, 42@44c c i f New-York.

GRAIN—WHEAT—A decided improvement was noted in the wheat market to-day, prices holding up fairly well throughout the session and closing ⅛@1c net higher, with March and May reflecting most attention from buyers. The advance was largely a natural reaction after recent heaviness, although the development of a cold wave in the Northwest had considerable bearing in shaping the course of prices. Trade was without feature except for moderate early foreign buying. Offerings were light throughout the forenoon in nearby deliveries, but bears had more or less influence over the later positions until toward the close, when a general uplift occurred. Foreign markets were weaker then usual, Liverpool closing partly ⅛@¼d net lower. About 100,000 bush were taken for export at all ports. The Northwestern movement was down to 231 cars, against 205 cars last year, and is scheduled for further reduction. "The Price Current" in reviewing the last week noted improvement in the wheat crop situation. A feature of the day was the engagement of berth room for 200,000 bush wheat to Liverpool at 3½d, supposed to be for Leiter. Seaboard clearances were unimportant. St. Louis was a fair buyer of wheat at one time during the day, and Northwestern markets also indicated the presence of an influential bull interest. Quotations of cash wheat f o b afloat basis were as follows: No 2 red, $1 05⅛ spot and $1 04⅛ to arrive; No 1 hard Manitoba, $1 10⅛; No 1 Northern Duluth, $1 10⅛; No 1 Northern New-York, $1 07⅛ nominal; No 2 Northern Duluth, $1 05⅛; No 1 hard Duluth, $1 11⅛; No 2 hard Manitoba, $1 09⅛. On the late curb May was quoted 99⅝@99⅞c, sales and bid. CORN—There was continued liquidation in May corn to-day, which again affected the entire market along bear lines, prices showing ¼c loss for the day. The only evidence of steadiness developed in the last hour in sympathy with an upturn in wheat. Export business was again very large, sales at all ports approximating 1,000,000 bush, which, with the amount taken yesterday, makes about 2,500,000 bush in two days. Chicago receipts were 120 cars, and prospects for to-morrow were 210 cars, suggesting continued reduction in the movement. The Liverpool market, influenced by advices from this side, closed ½@¾d net lower. No 2 corn closed 36c to arrive and 38¼c spot. OATS—Trade in the speculative market was rather quiet, but active again among cash operators, sales for export footing up about 300,000 bush, most of it for April shipment. Futures closed ¼@½c net lower. No 2 cash quoted 30⅝@31c; No 3 oats, 30¼c; No 2 white, 32½@33c; No 3 white, 32½c; track mixed, 31@32½c; track white, 32½@33c. RYE—Market quiet; No 2 Western quoted 58@58½c f o b afloat; State rye, 54@55c c i f track. BARLEY—Market dull; feeding quoted 41½c prompt c i f New-York, and 34@34½c c i f Buffalo opening navigation.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

Wheat:	Opening	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
March	—	—	—	$1 04⅛	$1 05⅛
May	99⅝	99⅝	99⅝	99⅝	98⅝
July	88 3-16	88 3-16	87⅝	88	87⅝
Corn:					
May	34⅛	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝	34⅛
July	35⅝	35⅝	34⅞	35	35⅛
Oats:					
May	29⅝	29⅝	29½	29½	29⅝
Lard:					
May	—	—	—	$5 50	$5 40

CHICAGO PRICES.

Wheat:	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
March	$1 01⅞	$1 02	$1 01⅞	$1 02	—
May	1 04⅛	1 04⅛	1 04	1 04⅛	$1 04
July	85⅛	85⅝	84½	84⅝	84½
Corn:					
March	—	—	—	28	28
May	29⅝	29⅝	28⅝	29	29⅛
July	30⅝	30⅝	30	30⅛	30⅛
Oats:					
March	—	—	—	24⅝	24⅝
May	25 11-16	25⅝	24⅞	25⅝	25½
July	23⅝	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛	23⅝
Lard:					
May	$5 10	$5 17½	$5 10	$5 15	$5 06
July	5 17½	5 22½	5 12½	5 22½	5 12½
Ribs:					
May	5 05	5 12½	5 05	5 10	5 00
July	5 12½	5 17½	5 07½	5 15	5 05
Pork:					
May	9 82½	9 95	9 80	9 92½	9 77½
July	9 87½	10 02½	9 85	9 97½	9 82½

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	32	80	247	218	18	51
Milwaukee	2	21	27	4	2	18
Minneapolis	—	116	18	11	5	8
Duluth	—	36	34	—	8	3
St. Louis	4	10	112	84	—	—
Kansas City	—	20	23	8	—	—
Toledo	—	19	67	13	1	—
Detroit	1	3	6	1	—	—
Peoria	—	3	10	10	—	—
Totals	39	314	549	290	34	62
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	41	147	280	281	2	7
Milwaukee	4	1	—	16	1	8
Minneapolis	53	99	20	16	5	1
Duluth	—	13	—	—	—	11
St. Louis	3	6	252	18	—	—
Kansas City	—	22	46	2	—	—
Toledo	—	4	66	22	—	—
Detroit	1	1	1	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	6	19	—	—
Totals	102	293	674	380	8	27
Receipts at Atlantic ports						
New-York	20	63	123	58	9	51
Boston	4	4	22	39	—	—
Philadelphia	12	8	100	60	—	—
Baltimore	2	23	244	26	24	—
Newport News	5	—	161	—	2	—
New-Orleans	2	3	97	4	—	—
Galveston	—	17	40	—	—	—
Totals	51	120	802	187	35	51
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	3	144	62	103	143	—
Boston	—	—	51	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	4	159	16	—	—
Baltimore	17	16	243	20	60	—
Newport News	5	—	161	—	2	—
New-Orleans	—	—	121	—	—	—
Galveston	—	16	43	—	—	—
Totals	25	180	820	223	205	—

METALS—There was practically no change in the metal market to-day, dealings continuing on an exceedingly small scale, with little prospect of an improvement in the near future. Iron closed quiet, with spot to April quoted $6 75@$6 85. Copper quiet at $11 87½@$12 for spot; electrolytic copper, $11 75; casting copper, $11 65. Tin quiet at $14 20@$14 30 for spot and April. Spelter steady at $4 17½@$4 25 for east St. Louis for April. Lead very dull and easy, with spot quoted $3 70@$3 72½; March and April, $3 67½@$3 72½. Spot tin at London closed steady at 16s, and three months at 16s 11s 3d. Spelter was quiet, with the close at £18 7s 6d. Soft Spanish lead finished the day at £12 15s. Copper futures closed firm at a slight advance, 151 is 3d, spot copper closed at £50 15s.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—Little change is noted in the general situation here, buyers taking small amounts, while sellers strictly adhere to former asking prices for all desirable grades. We quote: New-Orleans, centrifugal, common, 19@11½c; fair, 13@16c; good, 17@19c; prime, 20@22c. New-Orleans open kettle: common, 23@26c; fair, 27@28c; good, 28@29c; prime, 30@31c; choice, 32@33c. Porto Rico, 20@33c. Syrups—Common, 10@12c; fair, 13@15c; good, 16@17c; prime, 18@20c; fancy, 21@25c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock, Rosin, 39,048 bbls; spirits turpentine, 930 bbls; tar, 2,205 bbls. There was a further decline in spirits turpentine to-day, more in sympathy with lower prices in Savannah than to an excess of offerings at this point. Other departments were neglected, but about steady at former prices. We quote: Tar, regulars, $1 65; oil, bbls, $3; pitch, $1 85; spirits turpentine, regulars and machines, 34@34½c; rosin, common to good strained, $1 42½@$1 45; E, $1 50; F, $1 60; G, $1 70; H, $1 80; I, $1 85; K, $1 90; M, $2 05; N, $2 15; W G, $2 25; W W, $2 60.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berths and charters was fairly active and firm. Engagements included 200,000 bush wheat to Liverpool at 3½d, compulsory for steam. Quotations follow: Liverpool, 3¼d; London, 2¾d for April; Glasgow, 3¼d; Bristol, 3¼@3½d; Leith, 4¼d; Hull 3¾d; Newcastle, 3½d; Antwerp, 3½d; Hamburg, 60 pfgs for April; Rotterdam, 3½c; Amsterdam, 3½c; Cork for orders, 3s 4½d@3s 7½d, direct ports, large tonnage, 3s@3s 1½d; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, 25c for March, 23c for April. London, per ton, 30c for March, 25c for April. FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS—The sail tonnage market continues quiet in all departments, the scarcity of vessels being chiefly responsible for the quiet condition of affairs. Rates continue firm and quotably unchanged. Steamers were in active demand for the grain trade and rates for the same were strong and buoyant, several vessels were closed at 3s 6d for April loading to Cork for orders, an improvement of 1½d over recent fixtures. Other departments were unimproved. CHARTERS—British steamer, 1,715 tons, locomotives, etc, Philadelphia to Alexandria and Novorossisk, private terms; British steamer, 2,042 tons, general cargo, Gulf to the United Kingdom or Continent, 14s net form, April-May; British steamer, 1,801 tons, same, lump sum; British steamer, 1,897 tons, same, lump sum; British steamer, 12,000 quarters grain, Atlantic range to Cork for orders, 3s 9d; British steamer, two British steamers, 13,000 quarters grain, Baltimore or Virginia to Cork for orders, 3s 6d, April; British steamer, 13,000 quarters grain, Baltimore to Cork for orders, 3s 6d, April; British steamer, 10,000 quarters grain, 3s 6d, option Denmark, 3s 6d one port, 3s 7½d if two, April; British steamer, 17,000 quarters grain, Baltimore to Rotterdam, 2s 9½d, berth terms, part cash, 2s 6d, April; British steamer, 17,000 quarters grain, New-port News to Manchester, 3s 3d berth terms, March-April; British steamer, 1,652 tons, general cargo, Gulf to the United Kingdom or Continent, 15s 6d, net form, April; British steamer (refet), 13,000 quarters grain, Atlantic range, excluding New-York, to Cork for orders, 3s 6d, April; British steamer, 15,000 quarters grain, Baltimore to Copenhagen, 3s 4½d, April; Norwegian steamer, 1,040 tons, sugar, N S Cuba to New-York or Philadelphia, 60c; Boston, 10c; Norwegian steamer, 2,064 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Tampico, private terms; German ship, 1,739 tons, chalk, London to Philadelphia, at or about 4s 6d; British schooner, 280 tons, general cargo, hence to Macelo, 67½c per bbl; schooner, 298 tons, general cargo, hence to Bolivar and back, private terms; bark, 495 tons, lumber, Pascagoula to New-York, $5 25; schooner, 323 tons, lumber, Jacksonville to New-York, $4 87½; schooner, 325 tons, lumber, St Simons to New-York, $4 62½; schooner, 298 tons, lumber, Jacksonville to New-York, $4 81½; schooner, 292 tons, paving blocks, Carvers Harbor to New-York, $11; schooner, 150 tons, cement, hence to Norfolk, $1; schooner, 160 tons, cement, Rondout to Boston, 15c per bbl; schooner, 405 tons, coal, Perth Amboy to Jacksonville, 75c; schooner, 13,000 quarters grain, Baltimore to St Nazaire, private terms; British steamer (refet), 11,000 quarters grain, Baltimore to Cork for orders, 3s 6d; option Denmark, 3s 7½d one port, 3s 9d if two, April; British steamer, 14,000 quarters grain, Philadelphia or Baltimore to Cork for orders, 3s 4½d, April.

OILS—The steadiness in lard products justified a slight advance in the cottonseed oil market, prime crude being held at 29c and summer yellow at 32c, with no disposition to shade these figures. Demand, however, was unimportant and not well distributed. Linseed oil dull. We quote: Prime crude, 29c; prime crude f o b mills, 26@26½c; prime summer yellow, 32c; off summer yellow, 29½c; nominal butter grades, 32c; off grades, 29@30c; prime winter yellow, 37½@38½c; linseed American, raw, 41@42c; American boiled, 43@44c; Calcutta, raw, 54c; lard oil, prime, 44@45c.

PROVISIONS—Pork received sharp impetus to-day from a liberal demand by packers and continued large sales of spot property. Closing prices were about top for the day. PORK—Steady; quoted: Mess, $10@$10 25; family, $11@$11 50; short clear, $10 50@$12 50. BEEF—Firm; quoted: Mess, $8 50@$9; family, $11 25@$11 75; packet $10@$11; extra India mess, $15 50@$17. CUT MEATS—Hams, $22 50@$23. DRESSED HOGS—Steady; quoted: Bacons, 5¼c; 180 lb, 5¼c; 160 lb, 5½c; 140 lb, 5¾c; 120 lb, 5¾c; pigs, 5⅝@5¾c. CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies, dull; smoking bellies, 6¼c; 10 lb, 6¼c; 12 lb, 6c; 14 lb, 5¾c; pickled shoulders quiet; quoted: 4½@4¾c; pickled hams quiet; quoted: 7¼@7½c. Western green 16 lb, 6¼@7c. Western S P, 7¼@7½c. TALLOW—Steady; city, 3 11-16@3¾c; country, 3⅝@3¾c. LARD—Firmer; quoted: 5.40c; city lard, firmer; quoted: 5.20c bid; refined, steady; quoted: South America, 6.10c; Continent, 5.65c; Brazil kegs, 7.25c, compound, steady; quoted, City, 4⅝@4¾c. Western, 4¾@4⅞c. STEARINE—Quiet; quoted: Oleo, 4¾c asked; city lard stearine, 6¼c. RICE—A moderate business was doing in rice, outside buyers taking the greater part of the staple sold. The situation in general is devoid of special feature worthy of mention and but few changes are noted in the quotations. Holders, however, confidently look forward to a lively call and show little inclination to make concessions. We quote: Domestic, common to fair, 2¾@4¼c; fair to good, 4⅛@4½c; prime to choice, 5@5⅛c; head, 6@6½c; Patna, 4½@6c; do le head, 2½@3c; Japan, 5¾@5¾c; Java, 4⅛@4⅜c; Rangoon in bond, 2½@2¾c.

THE WOOL EXCHANGE REPORT—The Wool Exchange gives the following resume of the markets: The weekly wool market has failed to develop anything in the way of absolute new feature. The business has ruled quiet with scarcely any demand for any class of wool so far as local trading is concerned, the market drawing little support, and there is some indication on the part of weak sellers to stands prices in their efforts to do business. The chief support of the market is derived from London advances as regards opening prices of the auction sales of Colonial wools. These opened 5 per cent higher for desirable wools with less attractive lots selling on a par with last series. Dealers understand pretty thoroughly that it is impossible to replace stocks at prices under ruling quotations, and for that reason are not disposed to sacrifice their holdings. The prevailing quietude is undoubtedly due to the unsettled condition of the goods market, particularly for men's wear woollens. Of late the market for men's wear woollens has developed more or less irregularity in the price situation, and also in the demand, and until this condition is corrected buyers are not disposed toward increasing their stock of wool. Wools are strongly held at primal points, and growers entertain very high ideas as to values. Fleeces have again ruled dull. Prices are without quotable change. Some fine unwashed wools have sold at 20c, and some three-eighths blood at 23@24c, but outside of this transactions have been exceedingly light. There has been some little demand for Texas wool, but it has involved no lots of any great magnitude. This has sold at from 15c to 16c, the ruling price being around 50c, while fall is quiet at 12@45c. California wool dull. The supply is ample to meet the demand for Territory wool. There has been little inquiry chiefly on the basis of 46@48c, in secured fine and fine medium, while medium wools have ranged from 44c down to 40c. Pulled wools are without feature, and the demand is very limited. Foreign wools are dull, but considerable interest has been manifested during the week in wools of foreign growth, chiefly centred in the London sales. The statistical basis of foreign wool is strong. Prices abroad prove very plain, and should a demand of any extent develop here prices will undoubtedly show a firmer tone. In the mean time values are on a purely nominal basis. South American crossbred wools are dull and neglected. Carpet wool slow, but firm in price, chiefly based on reports from abroad.

Wool Exchange special daily Custom House report—Wool withdrawn for consumption March 16, 1898:

Steamer.	Port.	Bales.	Pounds.
Fall Hill	Queenstown	20	5,940
St. Weimar	Shanghai	15	6,990
Neustria	Marseilles	7	1,985
Galilee	Hull	5	1,484
Manitoba	Montevideo	11	76
Totals		58	17,100

Current quotations of pulled wools, based on Wool Exchange official classification, are as follows:

	Cents.		Cents.
Fine A	49@52	California fine st	32@33
A supers	46@47	California second	—@31
B supers	40@42	Western extra	46@47
C supers	30@32	Western super	40@44
Fine combing	45@48	Western low	32@35
Combing	40@41		

SUGAR—Refiners succeeded in securing a large block of raw sugar to-day at lower prices. Sales included 1,850 tons English Island Muscovado 89 test, at 3⅛c, landed; 10,000 bags Cuba centrifugal to arrive, 96 test, at 3⅛c, ex-ship; 8,200 bags Cuba centrifugal 96 test at 3 1-16c, ex-ship; 223 bags Surinam centrifugal 96 test at 3 1-16c, ex-wharf; 4,628 bags Trinidad centrifugal 96 test, in port, at 3 1-16c. Quotations at the close were 3 1-16c for centrifugal 96 test, 2 29-32@3 1-16c for Muscovado 89 test, and 3⅛@3 5-16c for molasses sugar 89 test. The London cable reported cane as quiet, but steady, in the English market, with Java quoted 11s 3d and fair refining 9s 6d. Beet was dull and unchanged at 9s 3d March and 9s 4½d for April. The local market for refined sugar was quiet, but about steady. We quote: Domino, cut loaf and crushed, 5⅝c; powdered and coarse powdered, 5 5-16c; granulated and fine granulated, 5¼c; coarse granulated and extra fine granulated, 5⅛c; confectioners' granulated, 5⅛c; cubes, 5 5-16c; XXXX powdered and mould A, 5¾c; diamond A, 5¼c; confectioners' A, 5c; Nos 1 and 2, 4¾c; No 3, 4 15-16c; No 4, 4⅝c; No 5, 4 9-16c; No 6, 4½c; No 7, 4 7-16c; No 8, 4⅜c; No 9, 4 5-16c; No 10, 4¼c; No 11, 4 3-16c; No 12, 4⅛c; No 13, 4 1-16c; No 14, 4c; No 15, 3 15-16c; No 16, 3⅞c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, March 17, 1898.

BEANS AND PEAS—Exporters have taken further lots of narrow beans at $1 37½@$1 40, and the market is about steady on that basis. Medium and pea are exceedingly dull and easy. Red kidney show a little firmness; it is difficult to buy choicest stock at the moment below $1 70, shippers' terms. Other varieties without much change, though tone is weak. Green peas are firmer. We quote: Beans, marrow, choice, per bush, $1 87½@$1 40; do medium, $1 12½; do pea, $1 10; do red kidney, $1 67½@$1 70; do white kidney, $1 50; do black turtle soup, $1 50; do yellow eye, $1 30; do lima, California, $1 45@$1 50; green peas, bbls, $2½c; do bags, 75c; do Scotch, bbls, 92½c; do bags, 85@87½c.

BUTTER—Buyers took hold very well to-day and there was a good firm market for all fresh table grades. Prices moved up a little, but show no advance. Exporters were interested to a moderate extent. State dairy in small supply and firm, especially fancy fresh half-tubs. Imitation creamery quiet and the movement in factory is not large, but there is a fairly steady holding. We quote: New butter—Creamery, Western extras, per lb, 19c; do firsts, 18@18½c; do thirds to seconds, 15@17c; do State, finest, 18½@18½c; do seconds to firsts, 15@18c; State dairy half-firkin tubs, fancy, 18c; do Welsh tubs, finest, 17@17½c; dairy tubs, seconds to firsts, 14½@16½c; imitation creamery, extras, 16½@17c; do seconds to firsts, 14@15½c; factory, extras, 14½@15c; do seconds to fir