THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

	New-York.	March 31, 1898.
Ashes, pkgs	26	1,243
Beeswax, pkgs	1	425
Beans, white, bbls	439	50
Flour, bbls	7,100	120
Flour, sacks	18,100	1,170
Cornmeal, bbls	1,325	305
Cornmeal, sacks	2,051	645
Grits, bbls	47	1,120
Oatmeal, bbls	108,225	425
Wheat, bush	34,550	2,300
Corn, bush	44,800	107
Oats, bush	8,775	68
Rye, bush	100	2,020
Peas, bush	1,600	524
Buckwheat, bush	1,625	16,744
Barley, bush	15,600	300
Malt, bush	2,000	700
Flaxseed, bush	100	71
Cottonseed oil, bbls	100	19
Cottonseed oil, tcs	75	107
Cotton, bales	9,700	1,168
Cotton, pkgs	1,200	1,964
Provd fruit, pkgs	750	5,352
Hops, bales	50	3,013
Tobacco, hds	55	43
Stemmed tobacco, hds	125	19
Stemmed tobacco, pkgs	895	1,253
Hemp, bales	5	120
Hides, bales	35	
Rosin, bbls		
Pitch, bbls		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No 1 clds	$11 75	Flour, Minn. pat	$5 25
Iron, No 2 soft	10 15	Cotton, middling	5 3-16
Iron, No 2 clds	18 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	5½
Steel rails	6 50	Sugar, granulated	5⅛
Pig iron, warrants	9 50	Molasses, GK, prime	20
Lake copper, ingot	11 95	Beef, family	11 50
Tin	14 35	Beef, hams	23 00
Tin plates, boxes	3 75	Tallow, prime	3 11-16
Lead	4 20	Pork, clear	9 50
Spelter	4 00	Hides, dressed, 100-lb	5½
Wheat, No 2 red	1 00⅝	Lard, prime	5 37½
Corn, No 2 mixed	36⅝		
Oats, No 2 mixed	30		

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	22,000	Tar, bbls	5
Corn, bush	61,000	Refined pet, gals	2,370,187
Oats, bush	241,300	Naphtha, gals	200
Rye, bush	1,000	Benzine, gals	100
Peas, bush	6,200	Gasoline, gals	1,120
Beans, bush	3,000	Cottonseed oil, gals	10,200
Barley, bush	29,400	Lard oil, gals	34,020
Flour, sacks	500	Pork, bbls	127
Cornmeal, bbls	50	Beef, bbls	127
Oatmeal, pkgs	5,020	Beef, tcs	135
Bran, lb	226	Bacon, lb	1,104,000
Grass seed, bags	214	Hams, lb	41,400
Hay, pkgs	320	Lard, bbls	311,278
Whiskey, gals	5,000	Lard oil, gals	1,800
Glycerine, lb	3,000	Tallow, lb	3,200
Cut meats, lb	13,140	Grease, lb	111,200
Spirits turp, gals	250	Butter, lb	78,850
Rosin, bbls	35	Cheese, lb	172,620
Pitch, bbls			

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, March 31, 1898.

COFFEE—Although business was comparatively light in to-day's coffee market the bull contingent had the upper hand and succeeded in scoring a further gain of 15@20 points on the bear crowd. In response to a favorable close of European cables prices moved up 5@10 points on the opening, with the market steady in tone. By 12 m. the gain had been increased to a matter of 10@15 points, with the market finally steady at a net gain of 5@10 points. Total sales, 14,000 bags. Outside investors were much timid by the critical political situation. Selling was checked by a market falling off in Brazilian receipts and a continuation of the liberal distribution of coffee in this country. Buying was chiefly for the covering of short accounts and selling by local longs who were disposed to secure and selling by local longs who were disposed to take profits. Favorable accounts from the spot department of business failed to materially influence local sentiment. The clearance of the steamer Rosse with 4,000 bags and the steamer Asiatic Prince with 26,000 bags from Santos yesterday increased the amount in sight for this country to 1,214,625 bags, or nearly double the amount in sight the same day last year and triple the amount of two years ago. The market for spot Brazilian coffee was quiet but steady, with prices unchanged on the basis of 3⅞c for invoice lots and 6¼c for jobbing parcels of No. 7 Rio. The milder grades of spot coffee were more active, with the feeling at the close steady for the medium grades and firm for the choicer lots. Several hundred bags Maracaibo, Savanilla, Central American and Mexican changed hands on private terms. We quote: Maracaibo, 8¼@12¼c; Cucuta, 7@11c; Mexican, 10½c; La Guayra, 6¼@10c; Savanilla, 7¼@11c; Costa Rica, 7@6¼@16c; Central American, 7¼@17c; Costa Rica, 7@10½c; coffee in parchment, 5@7½c; Honduras, 17¼@18c; Padang interior, 23@24½c; Sanchez, 28@31c.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
April				5.20@5.30	5.10
May	5.35	5.40	5.35	5.35@5.35	5.25
June	—	—	—	5.35@5.40	5.30
July	—	—	—	5.40@5.45	5.35
August	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.50@5.55	5.40
September	5.65	5.70	5.65	5.60@5.65	5.50
October	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.65@5.70	5.55
November	—	—	—	5.70@5.75	5.60
December	5.75	5.80	5.75	5.75@5.80	5.65
January	—	—	—	5.80@5.85	5.70
February	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.85@5.90	5.75
March 1899	5.95	6.00	5.95	5.90@6.00	—

Foreign coffee markets: Santos—Coffee market firm; good average Santos, 8400; receipts, 10,000 bags; stock, 720,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened ½ pfg higher; at 2:30 p. m., ¼@¾ pfg net higher; sales, 22,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, 1 franc higher, other months unchanged; at 12 m., ½ franc higher; at 3 p. m., ¼ franc higher; at 5:30 p. m., ¼ franc lower; total sales, 18,000 bags.

January	37.00	July	35.75
February	37.25	August	36.00
March	36.25	September	36.25
April	36.25	October	36.50
May	36.50	November	36.75
June	36.50	December	36.75

Rio—Coffee market flat; No. 7 Rio, 8600; Exchange, 6 1-32d; receipts, 8,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 18,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 2,000 bags; stock, 277,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	10,411	10,454	23,564
Baltimore deliveries	1,461	173	471
New-Orleans deliveries	678	832	835
Total deliveries	12,550	11,459	24,870
New-York stock	638,055	648,408	650,945
Baltimore stock	76,809	78,270	79,629
New-Orleans stock	66,761	66,439	48,117
Stock at all ports	780,625	793,175	787,691
Afloat	434,000	404,000	360,000
Visible supply	1,214,625	1,197,175	1,147,691
Same time 1897	724,870	745,571	739,773
Same time 1896	449,969	455,888	488,516

COTTON—The cotton market was in an unsettled condition pretty much all day, and showed unusual sympathy with declines and advances in the stock market. Despite the fact that early English cables were favorable, there was a decline of 3@4 points on the opening under light local liquidation and some Southern selling, started by a sharp break in stocks and rumors that Congress would not comply with the conditions called for by this country in regard to freezing Cuba. By midday prices had eased off to a net loss of 4@5 points under further liquidation, this cotton being taken almost entirely by Liverpool representatives. After a period of extreme dulness early in the afternoon the market again became spasmodically active, with the undertone feverish owing to conflicting reports from Washington and another break in stocks. The transactions on the most part were restricted to the professional element, outside investors feeling to take hold as long as no definite action is taken by the Administration in connection with the settlement of the Cuban question. Selling was checked to some extent by promise of light port and interior receipts for to-morrow, and every indication that the export movement would continue on a liberal scale for some time to come. While crop news was plentiful, it cut but little figure as an influence on the market, attention being entirely given over to developments at Washington. Private cables from Liverpool were very encouraging, inasmuch as they reported an increased demand for the cotton on that point and a good business doing in yarns and cloths at Manchester. Trading in futures at Liverpool was said to be hanging fire, speculators fearing to enter the market until political conditions and money markets become more settled. With regard to the effect of war upon the market, the Liverpool correspondent of a prominent local house writes: "Personally I consider that the result will tend to higher prices. So far as the old crop is concerned, freights and insurances will be higher. This cost will go on to the article, and I am not so sure that the first silver would carry us down here more than momentarily, for I believe that but for the unrest we would have been ¾d per lb higher to-day than we are. This is a big discount at current rates to start with. I further think that war between you and Spain would interfere with planting to some extent, and if the word should begin to think that possibly there might not be enough cotton for some reason or another, cotton would look very cheap. At present no one knows whether it is cheap or dear, but its remarkable steadiness at current rates is decidedly in its favor." The local market for futures closed quiet and steady at a net loss of 4@6 points. Total sales, 76,100 bales. The market for spot cotton closed quiet, with quotations unchanged on the basis of 6 3-16c for middling uplands and 6 7-16c for middling gulf. Sales included 400 bales for delivery on contract and 215 bales to domestic spinners.

Southern spot cotton markets, middling quoted, were as follows: New-Orleans steady, 5 9-16c; sales, 4,000 bales. Mobile steady, 5 11-16c; 1-16c higher; sales, 300 bales. Savannah steady, 5 9-16c; sales, 75 bales. Charleston steady, 5 9-16c; sales, 426 bales. Wilmington firm, 5¾c. Norfolk firm, 5 13-16c; sales, 250 bales. Baltimore nominal, 6c. Augusta firm, 5¾c; sales, 253 bales. St. Louis steady, 5¾c; sales, 745 bales. The export movement thus far this season has been as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Continent.
Total to-day	11,351		3,256
Thus far this week	22,344	1,495	83,440
Total since September last	2,882,647	729,412	2,485,849

Receipts at New-Orleans were officially estimated for to-morrow at 1,000 to 1,500 bales, against 4,050 last week, 1,937 last year and 11,652 bales in 1896. To-morrow's receipts at Houston were estimated at 1,000 to 1,500 bales, against 2,516 last week, 1,006 last year and 1,802 bales in 1896.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton has a hardening tendency; sales, 14,000 bales; speculation and export, 500 bales; American, 12,000 bales; receipts, 5,000 bales; American, 5,000 bales; middling uplands, 3 7-16d; futures opened steady, 1-64@2-64d advance; closed quiet, net unchanged to 1-64d advance; December-January, 3 19@20d; January-February, 3 18@19d; April, 3 21d; April-May, 3 21d; May-June, 3 21d; June-July, 3 21d; July-August, 3 21@22d; August-September, 3 21d; September-October, 3 20d; October-November, 3 19½d; November-December, 3 19½d; December-January, 3 19½d. Manchester, Yarns, a hardening tendency; cloths, strong at late prices, but no advance.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
April	5.92	5.94	5.92	5.92@5.93	5.86
May	5.99	6.00	5.95	5.96@5.97	6.01
June	6.00	6.01	5.97	5.98@5.99	6.03
July	6.02	6.04	6.00	6.01@6.02	6.05
August	6.03	6.05	6.02	6.03@6.04	6.08
September	6.04	6.06	6.02	6.03@6.02	6.07
October	6.01	6.01	5.99	5.99@6.00	6.05
November	6.02	6.04	6.02	6.00@6.01	6.06
December	6.03	6.03	6.01	6.02@6.03	6.07
January				6.03@6.05	6.09

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

Ports.	To-day.	Last week.	Last year.	1895.	Present week.
Galveston	2,849	3,670	626	3,199	16,378
New-Orleans	7,468	4,119	194	4,749	348,784
Mobile	1,459	479	475	922	26,038
Savannah	2,926	974	1,471	763	63,411
Charleston	116	400	168	255	31,145
Wilmington	176	181	35	92	12,976
Norfolk	298	597	589	527	42,905
Baltimore	—	—	—	2,825	24,958
New-York	669	659	26	1,115	100,822
Boston	293	890	12	777	—
Philadelphia	716	70	67	172	9,975
Various	—	—	—	398	1,081
Totals	16,702	13,404	10,733	15,342	870,083
Interior:					
Augusta	108	218	225	171	41,852
Memphis	587	670	104	621	94,286
St. Louis	—	120	28	205	64,104
Cincinnati	—	19	28	205	11,604
Houston	900	1,505	1,222	627	11,604
	1,002	921	987	1,884	42,951

FLOUR AND MEAL—In keeping with hesitation in other staples, the flour trade to-day was inactive, but steadily held. Prices showed no important variations from yesterday. Spring patents, $5 10@5 40; winter straights, $4 85@5 00; winter patents, $4 85@5 25; spring clears, $4 25@4 45; extra No 1 winter, $3 00@$4; extra No 2 winter, $3 65@$3 80; rye grade, $1 50@$1 55.....RYE FLOUR—Dull; sales, 200 bbls, $2 75@$3 25.....CORNMEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Kiln dried, $2@$2 10, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Dull; fine white, 80c; fine yellow, 75@80c; coarse, 69@70c.....FEED—Dull; 40, 60 and 80 lb winter, in bulk, 73@85c; spring bulk, 70@75c; middling bulk, 80c; rye feed, 62½@65c; city feed, 80c; hominy chop, 70c; oil meal, $24; screenings, 30@36c in bulk.

GRAIN—WHEAT—In absence of really important developments in the Cuban situation to-day rather less attention was paid to stocks and more to legitimate factors, among which cables and the small Northwestern movement claimed chief attention. After recovering from the initial slight decline the market held on a steady base throughout the day, closing ⅛@⅜c net higher. The early advance at Liverpool furnished a general surprise and brought in considerable buying for short account, supplementing which was a moderate amount of foreign buying. Strength abroad was maintained all day. Liverpool closing ¼@½d higher, although late positions were not quite so firm. The French flour market furnished a net advance of 20@25c points. Liberal arrivals at Liverpool recently were indicated by the fact that Bradstreet's estimated a theoretical increase of 500,000 bush for the month. The feature of home news was the light movement at Minneapolis and Duluth, suggestive of a genuine drop in receipts along the lines lately predicted. Practically all of the news from winter wheat fields was bearish, but while no doubt exerting some effect on sentiment did not arrest the firm tendency of markets except in the case of St. Louis, which showed early weakness. The Price Current's" weekly report was particularly favorable. A number of grain vessels were scheduled to leave Chicago to-morrow and the balance on Saturday. Seaboard clearances were notable only for the shipment of flour, which amounted to 74,500 bbls, and makes the total so far this week 100,000 bbls in excess of last. Wheat shipments show a slight falling off. On the curb there was little change. Quotations of cash wheat, f o b afloat that port were as follows: No 2 red, $1 00¾, spot; No 1 hard Manitoba, $1 09¾, spot; No 1 Northern Duluth, $1 08, to arrive; No 1 Northern New-York, $1 04¾, to arrive; No 2 Northern Duluth, $1 02¾, spot; No 1 hard Duluth, $1 08½, to arrive.....CORN—No trading developed in the corn market until afternoon, and then fluctuations were narrow, although revealing a steady undertone mainly in sympathy with wheat. Shippers were moderate buyers, taking about 150,000 bush all ports. Seaboard clearances footed up 109,000 bush, which makes this week's total half a million bush greater than last week. All reports from Chicago indicated that the corn fleet would start East this week. Some reports were circulated to the effect that foreign houses were trying to cancel purchases for April and May shipment. Chicago receipts continued small. No 2 corn closed at 35½c, f o b afloat.....OATS—Aside from rumored sales of 70,000 bush for export, there was no feature of interest in the oats market. Prices on both futures and spot were practically unchanged from yesterday. No 2 oats closed at 30c, No 3 oats, 29¾c, No 2 white, 32½c, No 3 white, 31¾c; track mixed, 30@31½c; track white, 32@38c.....RYE—Market dull. No 2 Western, 57½@58c, f o b afloat, nearby; State rye, 57½c, f o b afloat; 54@54½c, c i f track.....BARLEY—Market steady; feeding, 43c, c i f New-York; 34@34½c, c i f Buffalo, opening navigation.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

Wheat:	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
March	—	—	—	—	98⅝
May	98⅝	99	98⅝	98⅝	98⅝
July	84⅞	85⅜	84⅞	85⅛	85¼
Corn:					
May	33 11-16	35 11-16	33⅝	35⅛	35⅛
July	34⅝	35⅜	34⅝	34⅞	35¼
Oats:					
May	—	—	—	29	29
Lard:					
May	—	—	—	$5 45	$5 35

CHICAGO PRICES.

Wheat:	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yester-day.
March	$1 01	$1 01	$1 01	$1 01	—
May	1 03⅝	1 03⅝	1 02½	1 03⅛	1 03⅝
July	81⅝	82⅝	81⅝	82⅛	82
Corn:					
March	—	—	—	28⅝	28⅝
May	28⅝	29 1-16	28⅝	29	28⅞
July	30⅝	30 7-16	30⅛	30⅜	30¼
Oats:					
March	—	—	—	23	24⅛
May	24 13-16	25⅛	24⅞	25	25
July	22 13-16	23	22⅝	22⅞	23
Lard:					
May	$5 00	$5 10	$5 00	$5 10	$5 00
July	5 07½	5 17½	5 07½	5 17½	5 07½
Ribs:					
May	5 02½	5 10	5 02½	5 07½	5 00
July	5 07½	5 17½	5 07½	5 15	5 07½
Pork:					
May	9 40	9 62½	9 40	9 60	9 40
July	9 45	9 77½	9 45	9 67½	9 47½

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	19	40	105	212	4	34
Milwaukee	2	10	5	19	6	28
Minneapolis	—	109	6	57	—	—
Duluth	—	73	29	33	9	4
St. Louis	5	4	62	12	—	—
Kansas City	3	21	29	11	—	—
Toledo	—	14	53	17	1	—
Detroit	1	11	12	5	—	—
Peoria	—	—	28	22	—	—
Totals	25	282	331	333	20	66
Shipments from these points:						
Chicago	29	142	232	206	42	13
Milwaukee	10	—	2	24	1	—
Minneapolis	42	19	2	42	3	1
Duluth	—	1	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	3	93	101	16	—	—
Kansas City	—	33	22	1	—	—
Toledo	—	3	23	10	—	—
Detroit	—	6	11	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	9	10	—	—
Totals	84	300	427	309	46	14
Receipts at Atlantic ports:						
New-York	20	108	57	65	9	7
Boston	3	28	39	28	—	—
Philadelphia	4	13	53	26	—	—
Baltimore	9	70	145	20	33	—
Newport News	33	—	185	—	—	—
New-Orleans	2	5	35	12	—	—
Galveston	—	4	11	—	—	—
Totals	71	228	536	151	42	7
Exports from Atlantic ports:						
New-York	25	23	64	245	—	—
Boston	—	8	111	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	4	44	26	—	—
Baltimore	13	96	167	—	—	—
Newport News	33	—	185	—	—	—
New-Orleans	4	—	94	—	—	—
Galveston	—	—	43	—	—	—
Totals	75	131	708	271	—	—

METALS—There was a further change for the better in the local market for metals and an increased demand was noted in several departments, with a corresponding firmer tone. The market at the close was in better form perhaps than in several weeks past. The official quotations were given by the Metal Exchange as follows: Iron quiet and unchanged. $6 70@$6 85 for spot to April; copper firmer, $11 90@$12 for spot, casting copper; $11 50; electrolytic copper, $11 75; spelter, $4 20@$4 35 for spot and May; tin firmer, $14 30@$14 40 for spot, May, and steady, $3 72½@$3 77½ for spot and April. Lead, spot and May, special quotations of the Metal Exchange from the London market give the closing figures at that point as follows: Spot copper firm, £40 17s 6d; copper futures, £41 5s; tin firm, £63 3s 9d for spot and £62 19s 3d for futures; soft Spanish lead, £12 12s; spelter, £18 10s. Scotch iron warrants at Glasgow finished the day at 40s 2d, and No. 3 foundry iron at Middlesboro at 40s.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—The call from country and city buyers was easily satisfied to-day and practically no change is noted in the general situation. The market retains a fair amount of strength, but fails to show energy. We quote: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 9@11c; fair, 13@16c; good, 17@19c; prime, 20@22c; New-Orleans open kettle, common, 25@26c; fair, 27@28c; good, 28@29c; prime, 30@32c; choice, 33@35c; fancy, 36@38c. Syrups—Common, 16@18c; fair, 13@16c; good, 16@17c; prime, 18@20c; fancy, 21@26c.

NAVAL STORES—Stock: Rosin, 38,458 bbls, spirits turpentine, 472 bbls; tar, 2,211 bbls. Except for a firmer feeling in spirits turpentine, due to very meagre supplies, the market lacks important new feature. Rosin and pitch, the market lacks important new feature. Rosin and pitch, the market shows no material change, with the tone for the former steadiness, but are suffering somewhat from neglect. We quote: Tar, regulars, $1 65; pitch, $1 85; spirits turpentine, regulars and machines, 32½@33½c; pots, common to good, strained, $1 42½@$1 45; good, common to good, strained, $1 42½@$1 45; N, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 67½; H, $1 77½; I, $1 85; K, $1 90; M, $1 60@$2; N, $2 05; W G, $2 15; W W, $2 25.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—The market for berth freights was quiet and steady at the following quotations: Liverpool, cotton, 3/32d; London, 3d for April; Glasgow, 3/32d; Bristol, 3d; Leith, 4½d; Hull, 3¾@4d; Newcastle, 4d; Antwerp, 4d; Hamburg, 60 pfg for April; Rotterdam, 9c; Amsterdam, 20c; Cork, for orders, 3s 4½@3s 6d; direct ports, large steamer, 3s@3s 1½d; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, compress, 25c; Boston, 25c; Philadelphia, 25c; Baltimore, 25c; New-Orleans, 25c; Galveston, 25c; Houston, 25c; Norfolk, 25c; Savannah, 25c; Charleston, 25c; Wilmington, 25c; Norfolk, 25c; Baltimore, 25c; New-York