THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, October 25, 1898.

Beeswax, pkgs	11	Apples, bbls	9,115
Beans, white, bbls	600	Oranges, boxes	54
Flour, bbls	12,336	Potatoes, bbls	19,887
Flour, sacks	33,928	Onions, bbls	809
Cornmeal, bbls	782	Offals, pkgs	840
Cornmeal, bags	2,199	Pork, bbls	300
Oatmeal, bbls	1,049	Beef, canned, cases	650
Wheat, bush	426,425	Beef, tierces	10
Corn, bush	238,750	Hams, pkgs	181
Oats, bush	218,300	Bacon, pkgs	4,013
Rye, bush	95,550	Lard, tierces	4,249
Peas, bush	2,200	Lard, kegs	2,075
Buckwheat, bush	68,250	Lard, cases	950
Barley, bush	27,800	Tallow, pkgs	213
Malt, bush	7,200	Grease, pkgs	495
Flaxseed, bush	70,000	Butter, pkgs	7,114
Cotton, bales	4,430	Cheese, pkgs	9,934
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,617	Eggs, cases	9,232
Dried fruit, pkgs	700	Rice, pkgs	274
Hay, tons	1,500	Rice chaff, bags	90
Straw, tons	100	Grass seed, bags	1,084
Milfeed, tons	363	Raisins, Cal, boxes	4,879
Hides, bdls	34	Tobacco, hhds	196
Hops, bales	95	Tobacco, pkgs	355
Leather, sides	4,200	Whiskey, bbls	79
Moss, bales	77	Wool, bales	4
Rosin, bbls	1,743	Dressed poultry, pkgs	1,833
Spirits turp, bbls	585	Live do, coops	429

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor. No 1 fdy	$11 25	Flour, Minn. patents	$4 20
Iron, So. No 2 soft	10 00	Cotton, middling	5 7-16
Steel, rails	18 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6
Pig iron warrants	7 10	Sugar, granulated	5
Lake copper, ingot	12 50	Molasses, O K, prime	32
Tin	17 90	Beef, family	10 00
Lead	3 65	Beef hams	18 75
Spelter	5 07½	Tallow, prime	3¾
Wheat, No 2 red	70⅝	Pork, mess	9 00
Corn, No 2 mixed	39½	Hogs, dressed, 160 lb	5
Oats, No 2 mixed	29	Lard, prime	5 30

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	394,033	Rosin, bbls	862
Corn, bush	368,035	Pitch, bbls	3
Oats, bush	138,726	Tar, bbls	2
Rye, bush	16,785	Refined pet, gals	1,284,491
Flaxseed, bush	41,843	Cottonseed oil, gals	75,350
Peas, bush	4,250	Lubricating oil, gals	142,059
Beans, bush	4,734	Pork, bbls	1,003
Flour, sacks	22,000	Beef, bbls	491
Flour, bbls	9,748	Beef, tierces	155
Cornmeal, bbls	453	Bacon, lb	1,017,525
Feed, lb	600	Hams, lb	274,200
Oatmeal, pkgs	1,200	Lard, lb	3,038,200
Bran, lb	20,700	Lard oil, gals	5,160
Grass seed, bags	2,217	Stearine, lb	14,300
Hay, bales	15	Tallow, lb	100,000
Hops, bales	715	Grease, lb	198,800
Oilmeal, lb	202,875	Butter, lb	1,000
Oilcake, lb	971,700	Cheese, lb	125,340
Spirits turp, gals	5,100		

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

For week ending Tuesday, October 25, 1898.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts for week: Beans, 2,717 bbls; peas, 2,262 bbls. Experts: Beans, 2,271 pkgs; peas, 755 bbls. There has been little change in the market during the week for domestic white beans. Supplies have not come forward freely, but the demand has been quiet and prices have ruled no more than steady. At the close choicest lots of new marrow are offering freely at $1 50 and the best old at $1 45. A few lots of new medium have been placed at $1 30, and the best old are easily bought at $1 22½. New pea have worked out fairly generally on the basis of $1 25 for hand-picked. Red kidney have continued to decline under the influence of dull trading; best new can now be bought generally at $1 70, and old have rather an uncertain value. But few white kidney available, and the feeling is rather firm on good stock. The stock of old turtle soup is exhausted, and there have not been enough new received as yet to establish values. Yellow rye remain dull. A good many California limas have arrived during the week, and the market has eased off a little in consequence. Green peas have made a further slight gain, not from any increase in the trade here, but because of the strong advices from the West. We quote: Beans, marrow, 1898, choice, per bushel, $1 50; do 1897, $1 45; do medium, 1898, choice, $1 30; do 1897, $1 20@$1 22½; do pea, 1898, choice, $1 25; do 1897, $1 17½@$1 20; do red kidney, 1898, choice, $1 70; do 1897, $1 60@$1 65; do white kidney, 1897, $1 40@$1 45; do black turtle soup, $1 70; do yellow rye, $1 40; do lima, California, $2 50@$2 62½; do Sieva, per bag, 85@87½c; do Scotch, 1898, bags, 87½@88c.

BUTTER—Receipts for week, 30,118 pkgs; exports, 1,426 pkgs. The market has made a slight gain during the week on top qualities of both fresh and held creameries, but for all other sorts there has been exceedingly dull trade, without improvement in values. The fact is that only a small proportion of current receipts grades high enough to suit the best class of trade, and while the market is reasonably firm on the best, the bulk of the goods can be moved at any price which holders seem willing to accept. The current trading basis at the close for strictly fancy Western creamery is 23c. There was effort to raise the price a little higher than this by extreme bids on Change this morning, but the trade did not respond, and business from store has been almost entirely at the figure quoted. There is no surplus of this sort of goods, nor is there likely to be for some time to come, but it is quite evident that more of the trade is seeking for something that can be bought a little cheaper. Firsts are selling at 20½@22c, the latter for a very high grade, and for all qualities from 20c downward the market is in a stupidly dull and unsettled condition. These goods have accumulated for the last six weeks, and do not have a show for much outlet either on home or foreign account. State creamery is selling mainly in range of 19@21½c, but a little strictly fancy fresh-made stock is commanding 20@22½c. Quite a number of good-sized lots of fancy June creamery have changed hands recently at 19½c, and holders are now paying 20c for best goods to a fair extent. It is difficult to interest any class of trade in the lower qualities, of which a very large proportion of the holdings consist. Rather more interest is shown in the finest of the State dairy fall-made tubs, with sales at 19@20c. A few firkins have also been placed at 18c, but inferior qualities, either in tubs or firkins, are slow at from 15c to 17c. June factory has eased off a little, and our outside figure is quite nominal. Not much is doing at present in fresh factory, and the bulk of the arrivals are offering in range of 12½@13½c. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 23c; do firsts, 20½@22c; do thirds to seconds, 15½@20c; do State, extras, 19@22½c; do firsts, 20@21½c; do thirds to seconds, 15½@19c; Western, June, extras, 19½@20c; do firsts, 17@19c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made, fancy, 20c; do firsts, 18@19½c; do thirds to seconds, 14@16c; State dairy, firkins, fancy, 18c; do seconds to firsts, 15@17c; Western imitation creamery, finest, 17½@17½c; do firsts, 14@15½c; do seconds, 13@13½c; factory, June, extras, 14@14½c; do seconds to firsts, 13@13½c; do current packed, finest, 13½@14c; do seconds, 12½@13c; do lower grades, 11½@12c.

CHEESE—Receipts for week, 28,670 boxes; exports, 7,539 boxes. The receipts of large full cream cheese have been quite moderate the last week, but demand has been light and unimportant from either home trade dealers or exporters, and the tone of prices barely steady. There have been occasional sales all through the week of exceptionally fancy quality large cheese at 8½c, but that figure has been extreme, and bulk of business in average finest factories has been on the basis of 8½c. At the close there is a moderate demand from one or two exporters who are anxious to secure a little space for shipment on Wednesday's steamer, because, on the freight rate is 5s cheaper than by Saturday's Liverpool boat, but the general demand lacks life, and it is very difficult to exceed 8½c for anything, though some special factories have been placed ⅛c higher. Small size full cream have been in only moderate demand all the week, but outlet about sufficient to absorb most of the offerings of the fresh cheese, and quite a considerable quantity has been taken out of the refrigerators. Skims in any quantity are dull, but very few wanted and prices nominally unchanged. Liverpool cable, 42s. We quote: State, full cream, large, colored or white, fancy, per lb, 8½c; do colored or white, choice, 8⅛c; do good to prime, 8@8½c; do common to fair, 7@7¾c; do small, colored or white, fancy, 8½c; do good to choice, 8⅛@8⅜c; do common to fair, 7@8c; late skims, small, choice, 6¼@6½c; do large, choice, 6¼@6½c; part skims, small, choice, 6@6¼c; do large, choice, 5½@5¾c; do good to prime, 4½@5c; do common to fair, 3½@4c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts for week, 46,645 cases. The market advanced still further, following our last weekly report, and the week closed with a steady market at 26c for the best Western. Since then prices have not been changed. Receipts are now more liberal, and although they consist largely of refrigerator stock, the supply of fresh seems to be relatively larger, and the upward tendency has been checked at the moment. Undergrades moving slowly at irregular prices. Desirable fresh seconds are in light supply and firm. Refrigerator lots are meeting a moderate demand at about steady prices. We quote: Nearby white fancy, per dozen, 28@29c; State, Pennsylvania and western, fancy, per dozen, 28@29c; Western, best, 26c; do poor to good, per 30 doz case, $3 00@$4 50; seconds, fresh, per case, $2 40@$3 00; refrigerator choice, case count, 17c; do good to prime, 14½@14¾c; do poor to fair, 10@13½c; limed, Western fancy, case count, 14½@15c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Receipts of apples for week, 40,546 bbls; exports, 6,574 bbls. The receipts of apples are moderate, and the market holds firm on desirable qualities of most kinds, the supply meeting a fair demand and good lots are well sustained. Quinces rather quiet, but offerings are moderate. Delaware and Niagara grapes in light supply, but rarely of good quality, undergrades are dull. Catawba and Concord more plenty and barely steady; bulk stock in trays meeting a fair demand. Cranberries slightly in sellers' favor, and prices quite very firm, as quoted, with occasional sales of exceptionally fancy at a premium. We quote: Apples, Lake Champlain, slight premium, $2 50@$3 00; do Snow, $3@$3 50; fancy table varieties, per bbl, $3@$4; do Snow, $3@$3 50; do Greening, $3@$4; do fair to good, $2@$2 50; do King, $2 50@$3; do Greening, $2 50@$3 50; do Western New York Snow, $2@$2 50; do fall varieties, $2@$2 75; do King, $2 50@$3 25; do Greening, $2 50@$3 50; do Spy, $2 25@$3; do Baldwin, $2 25@$2 75; do poor to fair, $1@$1 75; pears, Bartlett, State, per bushel box, $1@$2; do Bartlett, per bushel, Western, $1@$1 50; do Seckel, per bbl, $3@$4; do Bosc, per box, $1 50@$2 50; do Keiffer, per bbl, $2@$3; do Bosc, per box, $1@$1 50; do other varieties, per bbl, $1 50@$2 50; grapes, Western New York, per small basket, 10@13c; do Niagara, 10@12c; do Catawba, 8@10c; do Concord, 8@9c; do large baskets, 13@14c; do up-river Concord, per 8 lb carrier, 50@65c; do per 12-lb carrier, 80@81c; bulk stock, Clinton, per 100 lb, $2; do Salem, $2@$2 50; do Catawba, $1 60@$1 75; do Delaware, $1 50@$2; do Concord, $1 50@$1 75; cranberries, Cape Cod, extra fancy varieties, per bbl, $6@$7; do Early Black, fancy, $5 50; do good to choice, $5@$5 25; do poor to fair, $4@$4 50; do per crate, $1 50@$1 85; do Jersey, per bbl, $4 50@$4 75; do per crate, $1 25@$1 60.

FRUITS—DRIED—Receipts for week: Evaporated apples, 10,512 cases; sundry dried fruits, 5,797 pkgs. Exports: Dried fruits, 8,368 pkgs. Demand for evaporated apples has been more active and market firm and higher. Very few sundried apples here, and choice stock nominally firm. Chops and waste have had a fair amount of attention at slightly better prices. Small fruits in light supply, and held with confidence at full prices. California fruit firm, except prunes, which rule easier. We quote: Apples, evaporated, 1898, choice, per lb, 8½@8¾c; do choice, 7⅝@8c; do prime, 7½@7⅝c; do common to good, 5½@7c; do sun-dried Southern, sliced, 4½@5c; do quarters, 4@5c; do chops, 2⅝@2¾c; do cores and skins, 1¾@2c; raspberries, evaporated, 30@31c; blackberries, 14@16c; cherries, State, 40@45c; Standard apricots, California Moorpark, 13@17c; do Royal, 10@12c; peaches, California, peeled, 13@15c; do unpeeled, 7½@11c; prunes, 4@6c.

HOPS—Receipts for the week, 2,587 bales; exports, 3,046 bales. The demand from brewers has been quite satisfactory all the week and a good deal of stock has changed hands in this way. There has also been steady inquiry from exporters, and prices for the higher grades. The result has been a very firm market, with current arrivals taken up promptly. Quotations have changed only slightly, the fancifest grades hardening a little and other qualities ruling steady. All the interior markets are very strong and some of the late sales show better prices than heretofore reported. European markets very firm. "The London Grocer," just to hand, says: "More enquiry has come in this market, as not only are the brewers inclined to operate freely, but exporters are making inquiries on Continental account in consequence of the disappointing outturn of the hops in these countries, and sales have again been concluded at stiffer rates, including Bavarians at 19@21s per cwt." According to the latest accounts of this year's crop of new hops, we see no reason to alter our estimate herein given of August 20 and adhere to the statement that it is equal to about 170,000 cwt only." We quote: State, 1898, choice, per lb, 28c; do good to prime, 17@19c; do common to fair, 14@15c; State, 1897, prime to choice, 11@13c; do common to good, 8@10c; Pacific Coast, 1898, choice, 20c; do good to prime, 17@19c; do common to fair, 14@15c; Pacific Coast, 1897, 18c; do common to fair, 14@16c; Pacific Coast, 1896, prime to choice, 11@13c; do common to good, 7@10c; Pacific Coast, 1895, choice, 9@10c; old clds, 2@4½c.

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts for week, 47 cars. The larger supplies have caused prices to weaken somewhat, and at the close there has been considerable accumulation on hand. Following our last weekly report, fowls continued to sell at 9½@10c until Thursday, when market eased off fully ½c, and Monday of this week a further reduction was necessary, 9c becoming top. Chickens have been in lighter supply than fowls, and, while selling largely at same figures, tone has been relatively stronger. Roosters have weakened with the general market. Turkeys scarce and higher. Ducks and geese show a wide range in quality and value. Pigeons weak. We quote: Fowls, per lb, 9c; chickens, 9c; roosters, 5½c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, per pair, 50@65c; geese, per pair, $1@$1 50; pigeons, per pair, 20c.....DRESSED—Receipts for week, 7,074 pkgs. Supplies of Western dressed poultry have been considerably larger during the last week, and, with only a moderate demand, the feeling has grown weaker and irregular on both fowls and chickens. On Wednesday of last week much of the stock that was due was delayed by severe storms, and, with an active demand, mostly from wholesale dealers, the market ruled firm and higher, with ill-established for fanciest scalded chickens and dry-picked fowls. On Thursday, however, with most of the delayed stock coming in and fairly large fresh receipts, the market weakened to 10½c, while on Friday, with an increased pressure to sell and no indication of a clearance, the market settled to 9½c and did not clean up at that. This week opened on Monday with liberal supplies, but the large proportion was placed under a limit of 10½c by shippers, which practically took them off the market. There was a fair inquiry, but buyers' ideas were rarely above 9½c, and to have sold freely that was all that could be depended upon. On Tuesday the market remained in about the same position; most of the stock here was under limits of 10½c, but with liberal invoices of stock to arrive during the balance of the week, and outlook unfavorable, many holders were willing to accept 10c notwithstanding the limits, but failed to attract much attention at that, as buyers rarely cared to pay above 9½c. Dry-picked chickens especially have shown irregular quality, and rarely salable as well as scalded. Spring turkeys have been in moderate supply, though showing a slight increase toward the close; choice grades have been in active demand and quite firm, occasionally exceeding quotations. Nearby spring ducks in moderate supply, but quality irregular. Western spring ducks selling fairly when large and fat, but bulk of offerings are inferior, and such very dull. Eastern geese selling slowly. Western geese in moderate supply, and have little outlet. Tame squabs have arrived more freely and prices lower. We quote: Fowls, dry-picked, average, 9½@10c; do scalded, per lb, 13@14c; do scalded, 12@13c; do poor to fair, 7@11c; do old, Western, mixed lots, 12@12½c; chickens, Philadelphia, good to choice, 14@15c; do poor to fair, 11@13c; do Pennsylvania, 11@13c; do Western, dry-picked, average best, 9½c; do fair to good, 8@9c; do scalded, average best, 9½c; do fair to good, 8½@9c; fowls, State and Pennsylvania, good to prime, 9½@10c; Western, dry-picked, prime, 9½c; do fair to good, 8½@9c; do Southwestern, dry-picked, 9c; do Western, scalded, prime, 9@9½c; old cocks, 6@6½c; ducks, Long Island and Eastern, spring, prime, per lb, 14c; do fair to good, 12@13c; do Western, spring, prime, 8@9c; do mixed young and old, 6@7c; geese, Eastern, spring, 12@13c; do Western, spring, 6@8c; squabs, choice, large, white, per dozen, $2 50; do small and dark, $1 25@$1 50.

GAME—Supplies of nearly all descriptions of fresh birds continue moderate. Prime undrawn partridges and grouse in fair request and firmly held. Very few woodcock arriving. Wild ducks in moderate supply, but mostly thin and out of condition and selling at low and irregular figures, though prime heavy wild ducks are wanted, and would exceed quotations if here. Other descriptions nominally unchanged. We quote: Partridges, per pair, 75@$1; grouse, 75@$1 10; woodcock, prime to choice, $1@$1 25; English snipe, prime to choice, per dozen, $1 50@$2; plover, golden, $1 75@$2; do grass, $1@$1 50; wild ducks, canvas, heavy, Northwestern, per pair, $1@$1 50; do light, 50c@$1; do redhead, heavy, 75c@$1; do light, 25@50c; do mallard, 50@75c; do bluewing teal, 35@40c; greenwing teal, 25@30c; rabbits, per pair, 30c; venison, frozen saddles, per lb, 16@17c.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES—Receipts of potatoes for week, 36,719 bbls. Receipts of onions for week, 2,353 bbls and 4,096 crates. Round potatoes have arrived a little more freely of late, and with demand less active prices are slightly lower at the close. Sweet potatoes arriving freely from the South; prices continue very low. Choice onions are held firmly, but offerings largely poor, and such stock drags at irregular figures. Cucumbers scarce and higher. Celery steady. Cauliflowers in moderate supply, but showing irregular quality and value. Green peas and string beans have arrived more freely, and have met a good outlet when showing attractive quality. Tomatoes and other green vegetables continue plenty and cheap. We quote: Potatoes, Long Island, per bbl, $1 50@$2; do Maine Hebron, per sack, $1 50@$1 75; do State, 180 lb, $1 25@$1 62½; do Jersey, $1@$1 50; sweet potatoes, Jersey, $1@$1 75; do Southern, 65@75c; onions, small, pickle, per bbl, $2@$3 50; do Connecticut, white, $2@$3; do red, $1@$2; do yellow, $1@$1 75; do Orange County, white, per bag, $1@$2; do red and yellow, $1@$1 50; do State, Western, white, per bbl, $2@$3; do red, $1 37½@$1 87; do yellow, $1 25@$1 50; Brussels sprouts, per quart, 5@10c; cucumbers, Long Island, per 100, 50@75c; do Jersey, 50@$1; celery, per dozen, 5@40c; cauliflowers, per bbl, $1@$3 50; cabbages, per 100, $4@$6; egg-plants, per bbl, 50c@$1; green peas, Virginia, per basket, $1 25@$1 50; lima beans, per bag, 50c@$1; lettuce, per bbl, 50c@75c; do hothouse, per case, $1@$2; peppers, per bbl, 25@75c; tomatoes, per box, 10@40c; string beans, Virginia, per basket, 50c@$1 25; do North and South Carolina, per bbl, 50@75c; turnips, Canada, Russia, per bbl, 75@85c; do Jersey, 65@75c.

NUTS—Chestnuts have been quite plenty, but largely inferior and dull and weak; choice firm and high. Hickory nuts scarce and firm. Peanuts quiet but steady. We quote: Chestnuts, per bush, $1@$3 50; hickory nuts, per bush, $2 25@$2 50; peanuts, Virginia, hand-picked, fancy, 4¾@4¾c; do extra, 4c; do No 1 Spanish shelled, 4@4¼c; do Virginia, shelled, 3½@4c. Honey continues in light supply and firm. We quote: State, clover, comb, per lb, 13@14c; do buckwheat, 8@9c; extracted, 6@7c; do California, in comb, 12@13½c; Southern, per gallon, 50@55c. Maple syrup dull and firm at $3 50@$4 50 per lb. Lemons steady at 25@27c per lb. Maple sugar quiet and nominal at 7@8c per lb. Syrup quoted 60@65c per gallon.

HAY AND STRAW—Receipts are getting into good shape again and prices are quoted rather more evenly. New quality is not running freely in the highest grades, but the general attendance of buyers can get good accommodation in Nos. 1 and 2, and do not make an extra search for prime. Sellers have kept a watchful eye on making dangerous downward fluctuations, and a good, steady result has followed their efforts. This is fortunate, for prices are not over compensating for owners at the present time. We quote: Prime, per 100 lb, 62½@65c; No. 1, 52½@60c; No. 2, 47½@52½c; No. 3, 40@45c; ungraded lots, 30@35c; clover mixed, 40@50c; clover, 35@45c as to quality.....STRAW—Receipts have lessened compared with the previous week's total, but they are, with what is on hand, abundant enough to allow buyers to be independent. Sellers will have to wait until receipts moderate still more before prices can improve, not that extravagant rates may be expected, but any advance for this the finest offering for several years ought to bring farmers more money. The receipts of hay and straw in tons reported at the Produce Exchange at noon to-day were: Hudson River Railroad, 440 tons; Erie, 210; Pennsylvania, 50; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 70; West Shore, 280; Lehigh Valley, 280; Ontario and Western, 10; Central of New-Jersey, 50; river boats, 200; total, 1,590 tons; receipts of straw, 100 tons.

Receipts of hay and straw at New-York for the week ending October 25:

	Hay, tons.	Straw, tons.
Hudson River Railroad	1,650	10
Erie	2,150	—
Pennsylvania	250	40
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	250	10
West Shore	950	—
Lehigh Valley	640	—
Ontario and Western	80	—
Central of New-Jersey	180	—
River boats	2,163	930
By canal	80	—
Total	6,993	990

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, October 25, 1898.

COFFEE—The coffee market made a steady start at about unchanged prices; a few of the positions on the call showed a decline of 5 points, for the rest the session changes were few and unimportant except the entire range for the day was only a matter of 10 points. Sales on the call were 3,250 bags, up to 12 m., 12,500 bags, and for the entire session, 29,500 bags, with the market finally steady at a net decline of 5@10 points. Cables exerted a depressing influence throughout the session. Havre, while reporting activity, also reported lower prices. Hamburg cabled lower quotations, and so did Santos, with the time week at the decline in the Brazilian market, while Rio reported quietude at unchanged prices. Another weakening feature was the increasing tendency of Rio receipts as shown by the receipts at Rio and Santos, cabled at 52,000 bags. About the only restraint upon sellers in this market was the indication of an expanding movement from warehouses in this country, encouraging the hope that the distribution of coffee is not getting more extensive. Spot buyers, however, were entirely indifferent, and, while quotations for spot supplies were unchanged in the open market, the tendency was in buyers' favor, leaving quotations quite nominal at any figure. Business in futures was chiefly in the way of local interpreading, although there was said to be some selling for foreign account early in the session. The market for spot Brazilian coffee closed inactive and heavy, on the basis of yesterday's final figures. Rio invoice lots, 6c; do jobbing parcels, 6¼c.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
October	—	—	—	4.90@5.05	5.05
November	5.05	5.05	5.00	5.00@5.05	5.10
December	5.25	5.25	5.20	5.20@5.25	5.25
January	—	—	—	5.30@5.35	5.35
February	5.45	5.45	5.45	5.40@5.45	5.45
March	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.45@5.50	5.50
April	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.55@5.60	5.60
May	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.60@5.65	5.65
June	—	—	—	5.65@5.70	5.70
July	5.75	5.75	5.70	5.70@5.75	5.75
August	—	—	—	5.75@5.80	5.80
September	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.75@5.80	5.80

Santos—Coffee market weak; good average Santos, 6@6½c; receipts, 31,000 bags (two days); stock, 977,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened unchanged; at 2-34 p. m. net unchanged to ¼ pfg lower; sales, 4,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened steady, ¼ franc lower; at 12 m., quiet and unchanged; at 3 p. m., steady and unchanged; closed ¼ franc net lower; total sales, 27,000 bags.

January	3.30	July	3.75
February	3.75	August	3.75
March	3.80	September	3.85
April	3.85	October	3.85
May	3.85	November	3.85
June	3.85	December	3.85

Rio—Coffee market quiet; No 7 Rio, 6@6½c; exchange, 15@15½c; receipts, 21,000 bags (two days); cleared for the United States, 9,000 bags; stock, 455,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	10,801	7,317	7,439
Baltimore deliveries	695	1,065	573
New-Orleans deliveries	—	125	294
Total deliveries	11,496	8,647	8,257
New-York stock	577,658	576,757	594,222
Baltimore stock	71,800	72,495	78,396
New-Orleans stock	69,084	69,084	69,430
Stock, at all ports	717,942	718,036	742,048
Afloat	331,000	362,000	279,000
Visible supply	1,048,942	1,080,036	1,021,048
Same time 1897	948,587	898,819	928,686

COTTON—Cotton characterized the conduct of the cotton trade to-day to an unusual degree, and the volume of speculation showed diminution, but not to any particular extent. Traders were alert, without engaging actively in the matter of making new contracts, being uncertain as to the true significance of weather conditions recently reported in a more or less conflicting fashion by correspondents in the cotton belt. The market therefore opened quiet, with prices unchanged to 2 points higher. Subsequent variations were narrow and reflected the conservative mood of the trade. Following the opening call business was for most part local. Some of the larger houses were reported to have bought in a moderate way, having decided upon a policy of accumulation, and intending to follow the market down. There was also some covering by conservative shorts, who assumed that the political outlook abroad was working toward a peaceful issue. Private accounts from Great Britain and France favored this view, and should this tendency continue it is claimed investment buying will become an active factor. The later weather accounts from the cotton belt were generally of a favorable purport, with nothing in the temperatures reported for the greater portion of the belt. This feature, with no further apprehension of deluge in picking and movement of cotton, had a somewhat bearish influence in the afternoon in connection with heavy receipts, but neither the bulls nor the bears were inclined to push matters. As business drew toward a close the characteristics of a "waiting market" were apparent on several of the leading "waiting" lots, the final gain of 3@4 points.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
October	—	—	—	5.17@5.18	5.14
November	5.14	5.17	5.13	5.17@5.18	5.14
December	5.22	5.22	5.20	5.22@5.24	5.20
January	5.25	5.29	5.24	5.28@5.29	5.25
February	5.31	5.32	5.31	5.32@5.34	5.29
March	5.34	5.36	5.33	5.37@5.38	5.33
April	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.41@5.42	5.38
May	5.44	5.45	5.41	5.45@5.47	5.42
June	5.45	5.48	5.45	5.49@5.50	5.46
July	5.50	5.51	5.49	5.52@5.53	5.49
August	5.53	5.55	5.52	5.55@5.56	5.52

COTTON—Spot cotton in the local market closed dull and easy, with prices unchanged, on the basis of 5 7-16c for middling uplands and 5 11-16c for middling Gulf, as compared with 5 1-16c and 5 5-16c respectively last year. Total sales of 254 bales, included 134 bales to spinners and 200 for delivery on contract. Spot cotton in Southern markets, middling quoted, was officially reported by special dispatches to our Exchange, as follows: Mobile quiet, 4 13-16c; sales, 600 bales; Savannah quiet, 4¾c; sales, 1,953 bales; Charleston quiet, 4¾c; Wilmington firm, 4 15-16c; Norfolk easy, 5 1-16c; sales, 719 bales; Baltimore nominal, 5¾c; Augusta steady, 5c, 1-16c decline; sales, 1,298 bales; St. Louis quiet, 5c; sales, 450 bales; Cincinnati steady, 5¼c; Louisville quiet, 5¼c; Houston easy, 4 15-16c; sales, 147 bales; Galveston quiet, but steady, 4 15-16c; sales, 120 bales; New-Orleans steady, 4 15-16c; sales, 1,100 bales; Memphis easy, 5c; sales, 2,850 bales.

The export movement thus far this season has been as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Continent.
Totals to-day	50,140	20,625	18,835
Thus far this week	106,967	27,710	42,892
Since September 1	636,981	115,825	404,135

Receipts at New-Orleans to-morrow were officially estimated to be 15,000 to 17,000 bales, against 12,274 bales actual last week and 11,162 bales last year. To-morrow's receipts at Houston were estimated at 26,000 to 27,000 bales, against 11,541 bales last week and 8,107 bales last year.

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

Ports.	To-day.	Last week.	Last year.	Present stock.
Galveston	18,977	24,676	19,175	295,104
New-Orleans	19,573	16,594	38,443	192,032
Mobile	1,417	2,020	2,866	35,103
Savannah	16,608	15,780	14,142	153,030
Charleston	1,561	4,232	2,884	46,302
Wilmington	3,196	4,797	3,948	47,908
Norfolk	4,777	5,339	4,419	50,422
Baltimore	—	—	—	7,151
New-York	800	200	30	67,091
Boston	8,613	855	664	—
Philadelphia	331	348	486	6,701
Various	—	6,200	—	24,535
Totals	70,853	81,161	87,061	996,853
Interior:				
Augusta	5,183	4,456	3,174	26,723
Memphis	4,353	5,571	6,115	75,342
St. Louis	1,491	1,614	1,945	44,924
Cincinnati	1,403	811	1,998	16,000
Houston	38,550	53,004	20,630	169,755

Semi-weekly receipts at interior points, as compared with thus far last week and thus far last year:

	This week.	Last week.	Last year.
Shreveport	6,944	6,565	4,010
Little Rock	1,699	6,770	5,970
Vicksburg	1,386	849	992
Memphis	16,063	19,568	21,297
Nashville	408	493	449
Selma	1,452	2,550	2,132
Columbus, Ga.	2,286	2,378	1,739
Macon	1,704	2,718	1,629
Atlanta	5,269	4,718	6,183
Rome	2,608	1,512	1,983
Augusta	11,184	10,981	8,552
St. Louis	14,097	14,738	18,600
Houston	77,558	99,753	47,487
Totals	141,992	173,563	118,891

Cotton Exchange, special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton, in buyer's favor; Sales, 10,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 9,000; receipts, 30,000, American, 30,000; middling upland, 3 1-16d; futures, opened steady, 1-64 decline, closed quiet at 1½@1 64d net. December-January, 2 61½s; January-February, 2 61½s; February-March, 2 62½s; March-April, 2 63½; April-May, 3ds; May-June, 3¼ds; June-July, 3 01½d; July-August, 3 02½s; August-September, 3 03s; October, 2 62½b.; October-November, 2 62½s; November-December, 2 61½s. Manchester yarns, a fair business doing; cloths, fair demand at full rates.

Flour and Meal—The market was in a somewhat weaker position owing to the break in wheat and demand was unimportant, mostly for jobbing lots.

Spring patents, $4 00@$4 40; winter straights, $3 65@$3 75; winter patents, $3 75@$4 10; spring clears, $3 15@$3 40; extra No. 1 winter, $3 10@$3 15; extra No. 2 winter, $2 85@$3; no grade, $1 70 to arrive; buckwheat flour, $1 40@$1 60 spot and to arrive.

Rye Flour—Firm; quoted, $3@$3 35. Cornmeal—Easy; quoted, kiln dried, $2 10@$2 20 as to brand. Bag meal, nominally unquoted; winter, 85@90c; fine yellow, 85c; coarse, 73@75c. Feed—Firm; spring bran, bulk, spot and to arrive, $12@$13 50; sacks to arrive, $13 75@$14; winter bran, coarse, $14@$15; fine, $13 50@$14; middling bulk, $15@$16; rye feed, 70@75c; city feed, $14@$14 50; brewing chip, $14@$15; oilmeal, $25.

DRUGS—Opium and quinine were steady, with a fair demand at former prices. HOPS—Ruled steady, and there was a good jobbing demand, buyers paying quite good prices for what goods they needed. We quote—Hundock, 8@9c; gentian, 5½@5¾c; ginseng, Northern, $3 50@$4; ginger, Jamaica, unbleached, 18c; bleached, 20c; golden seal, 50c; hellebore, powdered, 10c; licorice, ordinary, 46@6c; selected, 8@15c; sarsaparilla, Honduras, 35c; Mexican, 7@8c; senega, Western, 26@27c; snake, Canada, 12@15c; Texas, 20c; Virginia, 35c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The wheat scare was greatly modified to-day, and wheat, having fattened on this element in the situation during the last few days, broke very sharply and closed 1¾@1⅞c net lower, with final prices close to the lowest point of the day. There were liberal offerings for both accounts throughout the session, the quantity of long wheat coming to light indicating that the holders had confidently expected a general oil wave scare to develop, and they made a material advance over yesterday's price, and the Liverpool market, after opening very strong at 2¼@2⅝d advance, lost it all and closed practically where it left off on Monday. There was, however, an advance of 1@1¼d in spot wheat, which was sustained throughout the day. Buyers were indifferent over cargoes off coast, but wheat on passage was held at an advance of 9d. The French markets, after an unsettled opening, rallied and closed 5 points up on wheat and 20 to 25 points on flour. Statistics of the day were more bullish than otherwise, but seemed to have little effect in view of the more peaceful change in European political affairs. The seaboard clearances of wheat footed up 542,