THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

Ashes, pkgs	11
Beeswax, pkgs	1
Beans, white, bbls	580
Flour, bbls	7,171
Flour, sacks	11,968
R W flour, pkgs	80
Cornmeal, bbls	150
Hominy, pkgs	496
Oatmeal, bbls	906
Wheat, bush	213,525
Corn, bush	113,100
Oats, bush	35,400
Corn, bush	113,100
Rye, bush	1,950
Peas, bush	2,200
Barley, bush	36,200
Malt, bush	3,600
Beef, bbls	50
Beef (canned), cases	2,580
Pork, bbls	673
Bacon, pkgs	679
Cutmeats, pkgs	1,523
Dressed hogs, No	699
Lard, tierces	1,180
Lard, kegs	3,265
Lard, cases	1,423
Tallow, pkgs	1,026
Grease, pkgs	193
Butter, pkgs	312
Cheese, pkgs	3,856
Eggs, cases	2,190
Dressed poultry, pkgs	5,880
Live poultry, crates	8,530
	435

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 fdy	$16 00	Flour, Mpls. patents	$4 10
Iron, So. No 2 soft	15 50	Cotton, middling	10 5-16
Steel rails	28 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6¾
Pig iron, warrants	10 00	Sugar, granulated	5 60
Lake copper ingot	17 00	Molasses, O K, prime	40
Tin	26 50	Beef, family	11 50
Exchange lead	4 37½	Beef hams	20 00
Spelter	4 15	Tallow, prime	4⅞
Wheat, No. 2 red	78¾	Pork, mess	12 50
Corn, No 2 mixed	45⅛	Hops, dressed, 160 lb.	6⅞
Oats, No 2 mixed	27⅝	Lard, prime	7 35

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	7,955	Pitch, bbls	5
Corn, bush	160,674	Refined pet, gals	193,420
Oats, bush	26,032	Naphtha, gals	210
Buckwheat, bush	2,520	Benzine, gals	50
Peas, bush	1,029	Cottonseed oil, gals	33,900
Beans, bush	273	Lubricating oil, gals	124,310
Flour, bbls	4,137	Pork, bbls	894
Flour, sacks	9,353	Beef, bbls	115
Cornmeal, bbls	2,504	Beef, tcs	11
Feed, lb	75,720	Bacon, lb	215,250
Oatmeal, pkgs	2	Hams, lb	83,000
Bran, lb	7,680	Lard, lb	628,730
Grass seed, bags	259	Lard oil, gals	2,800
Hay, bales	367	Stearine, lb	45,100
Whiskey, gals	380	Tallow, lb	87,200
Oilnut, lb	4,000	Grease, lb	200
Spirits turp, gals	2,160	Butter, lb	16,650
Rosin, bbls	155	Cheese, lb	14,760

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 21, 1900.

COFFEE—The dealings in Brazil coffee futures were upon a very limited scale, with the general situation quite featureless and on the usual holiday level. Cables, in their entirety, were quite as good as expected; this led to a little covering, and held the market quite steady. Following so long and so protracted a period of decline few were found ready to sell short account, and offerings were small, so far as the future market is concerned. In the open market for spot supplies, however, there was considerable pressure, and very little demand. The result was a somewhat nominal list of spot quotations on the basis of 7¾c for No 7 Rio invoice lots. The first call at the Coffee Exchange (officially) bulletined as steady at unchanged prices, with sales of 4,750 bags. The business was increased to but 5,000 bags at 12 m., and, for the entire session it reached only 14,250 bags, with the market finally net unchanged to 5 points off, and easy in tone. The foreign situation was equally destitute of feature, Havre closing net ¼ franc lower, Hamburg reporting ⅛ pfg net advance, Rio a decline of 1-32d in the exchange rate (making it 9 11-16d), and no change in the price of coffee, while Santos reported an advance of 100 reis. The Brazilian movement was still heavy—at the ports 30,000 bags, in the interior 21,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries were liberal—in this country 14,850 bags. The Coffee Exchange will be closed on December 24 and December 31. Stock in Havre, 1,470,000 bags, including 862,000 Brazilian, against 1,488,000 and 969,000 bags, respectively, last week. Cleared Rio on December 20 steamer White Wings, with 5,000 bags.

The range of contract prices in the local market today was as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.45@5.50	5.50
January	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.45@5.50	5.50
February	—	—	—	5.55@5.60	5.60
March	—	—	—	5.65@5.70	5.70
April	—	—	—	5.70@5.75	5.75
May	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.75@5.80	5.80
June	—	—	—	5.80@5.85	5.85
July	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.85@5.90	5.85
August	—	—	—	5.85@5.90	5.90
September	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.90@5.95	5.90
October	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.90@5.95	5.95
November	—	—	—	5.90@6.00	—

Coffee cables.—Santos—Coffee market quiet; good average Santos, 5&700; receipts, 23,000 bags; stock, 1,287,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened ¼ pfg higher; at 2:30 p m was ⅛ pfg net higher; sales, 42,000 bags. Havre—Coffee market opened quiet and unchanged; at 12 m declined ¼ franc; at 3 p m advanced ¼ franc, irregular; at 5:30 p m, ¼ franc lower; total sales, 29,000 bags.

January	37.75	July	38.75
February	37.75	August	38.75
March	38.00	September	39.00
April	38.00	October	39.00
May	38.00	November	39.00
June	38.25	December	37.75

Rio—Coffee market steady; No 7 Rio, 6&675; Exchange, 9 11-16d; receipts, 7,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 2,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 968,000 bags.

The statistical position of Brazilian coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	13,839	15,996	18,514
Baltimore deliveries	397	136	590
New-Orleans deliveries	614	426	458
Total deliveries	14,850	16,554	19,542
New-York stock	664,187	632,014	686,283
Baltimore stock	66,324	66,721	56,001
New-Orleans stock	41,252	41,866	45,812
Stock at all ports	771,763	740,601	787,468
Afloat	362,000	402,000	375,000
Visible supply	1,133,763	1,143,601	1,162,000
Same time 1899	1,259,254	1,263,011	1,188,423

COTTON—To-day's events on the Cotton Exchange were interesting, to say the least, with developments in connection with the settlement of December short accounts exciting at one time. There was no indication during the forenoon of any preconceived movement to "squeeze" current month shorts, and not until nearly mid-afternoon did the storm break which carried December with a rush to 10.25, as against last night's closing of 9.83. On the opening the market was firm and quiet, with prices unchanged to 5 points higher. Bullish cables from both departments on the English market and the Manchester cloth market, together with smaller port and interior receipts than expected, were responsible for the rise and for a subsequent gain of 2 to 5 points. The generous profits within tempting reach led to liquidation before the first half hour had elapsed, and prices fell sharply some 8 to 10 points. By noon covering had checked the decline and brought about a partial rally, though energetic bull speculation did not appear. The trade seemed content to follow passive tactics and prepare for the near-at-hand Government report. Liverpool closing cables gave evidence of no marked change in the trading abroad, and Southern information was firm without indicating special new features. Estimates for the "amount in sight" this week were quite unchanged from those put out last night—385,000 to 390,000 bales. Estimates for to-morrow's receipts at leading points were in the way of confirmation of forecasts for waning movement of the crop. It would be difficult to determine just who started the buying in December, but almost before the pit trade was aware of it that option was soaring upward at a wealth-taking rate, with shorts in a panic. Offerings appeared to have been entirely withdrawn, and not until 10.25 was reached could a buyer be induced to part with sufficient cotton to abate the alarm of oversold room operators. Talk of 10½c and 11c for December before delivery day helped to intensify the excitement prevalent on the rise and kept the bears in a state of unrest throughout the balance of the session. The fact that the "committee" advanced spot cotton ¼c to 10.5-16c for middling only increased the belief that there would be help for shorts in the event of holders deciding to "squeeze" them. It was recognized that it was practically too late to bring cotton here from the South in time for delivery, while the stocks at this point were far inadequate, if not almost entirely unavailable to shorts, and to bring about normal conditions in the current month delivery. The fears of December shorts gave nervousness in the January bear circle, though plenty of time yet remained for this particular contingent to retreat at reasonable figures. The Southern spot markets were regularly reported as firmer and steadily advancing, owing to increased export demand and stubborn refusal of holders to sell. The Hester figures were close to estimates, naming the amount brought into sight at 386,000 bales, against 445,000 last week and 320,000 last year. Other week-end figures were about in accordance with early ideas. At the close the market was barely steady, with prices net 22 points higher to 5 points lower.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	9.66	10.25	9.63	10.06@10.10	9.83
January	9.67	9.70	9.58	9.62@—	9.63
February	9.46	9.51	9.44	9.44@—	9.48
March	9.44	9.50	9.43	9.42@ 9.43	9.44
April	9.45	9.45	9.40	9.37@ 9.39	9.40
May	9.37	9.43	9.35	9.35@ 9.36	9.36
June	9.39	9.39	9.36	9.32@ 9.34	9.33
July	9.35	9.35	9.28	9.28@ 9.29	9.30
August	9.06	9.11	9.04	9.04@ 9.05	9.04
September	8.44	8.44	8.43	8.42@8.45	8.44
October	8.02	8.11	8.02	8.03@ 8.05	8.07

Spot cotton closed dull and irregular, with quotations for higher on the basis of 10 5-16c for middling upland and 10 9-16c for middling Gulf. Sales, 170 bales. Southern spot markets were telegraphed as follows: New-Orleans, quiet and unchanged at 9 7-16c; Mobile, quiet at 9 3-16c, 1-16c higher; Savannah, steady at 9 5-16c, 1-16c higher; Wilmington, firm at 9⅜c, unchanged; Norfolk, steady at 9 7-16c, 1-16c higher; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, unchanged; Augusta, firm at 9½c, unchanged; St. Louis, steady at 9 7-16c, 1-16c higher. Estimated receipts to-morrow at New-Orleans are from 12,000 to 13,000 bales, against 15,729 a week ago and 12,202 last year; at Houston from 9,500 to 10,500 bales, against 13,675 last week and 7,208 last year.

Receipts of cotton at the ports to-day and for the week compared with the totals of a week previous and of the corresponding week last year:

Ports.	To-day.	This week.	Last week.	Last year.
Galveston	13,175	82,722	100,603	45,671
New-Orleans	6,446	73,608	99,204	63,496
Mobile	769	6,356	10,216	9,648
Savannah	4,824	33,685	37,668	33,647
Charleston	1,099	6,851	4,790	4,183
Wilmington	637	3,984	8,466	8,852
Norfolk	1,737	14,633	16,456	17,646
Baltimore	2,467	3,917	3,482	4,230
New-York	1,592	6,833	8,152	4,174
Boston	762	11,713	10,154	5,160
Philadelphia	85	960	1,617	1,265
Various	11,084	20,669	10,657	19,254
Totals	44,677	265,419	310,325	217,368
Interior:				
Augusta	1,209	9,798	12,208	8,499
Memphis	3,409	23,647	24,531	16,197
St. Louis	2,098	16,517	12,956	7,779
Houston	9,503	87,029	99,994	58,635

Comparison of weekly Liverpool cotton statistical statements is made below:

	This week.	Last week.	1899.	1898.
Sales all kinds	38,000	44,000	60,000	57,000
Sales American	33,000	41,000	56,000	52,000
Forwarded	72,000	83,000	85,000	82,000
Import all kinds	168,000	126,000	69,000	184,000
Import American	87,000	98,000	61,000	171,000
Export actual	3,000	15,000	8,000	5,000
Stock all kinds	542,000	558,000	798,000	1,256,000
Stock American	479,000	442,000	615,000	1,158,000
Afloat all kinds	351,000	381,000	166,000	395,000
Afloat American	314,000	324,000	166,000	294,000

Cotton Exchange Special Liverpool Cables.—Spot cotton—Small inquiry; sales, 6,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 5,000; receipts, 7,000, all American; middling upland, 5½d; futures opened steady, 3-64@4-64d advance; at 1.45 p. m., dull and steady, 2½-64@3¼-64d net higher; closed steady, 2¼@3 points net higher. December-January, 5.23s; January-February, 5.20½b; February-March, 5.18s; March-April, 5.15½s; April-May, 5.13s; May-June, 5.10b; June-July, 5.07½b; July-August, 5.05b; August-September, 4.54½b; December, 5.25½s. Manchester—Yarns, quiet; cloths, not much doing.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the week ending Friday, December 21, 1900.

Net receipts at all United States ports during week	265,939
Net receipts at all United States during same week last year	217,638
Total receipts to this date	4,227,766
Total receipts to same date last year	3,711,215
Exports for the week	148,175
Exports for same week last year	149,064
Total exports to this date	2,931,133
Total exports to same date last year	2,393,854
Stock at all United States ports	986,578
Stock at all United States ports same time last year	1,119,225
Stock at all interior towns	766,384
Stock at all interior towns same time last year	804,389
Stock at Liverpool	542,000
Stock at Liverpool same time last year	703,000
Stock of American afloat for Great Britain	314,000
Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year	166,000

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September, 1900:

	Bales.
Galveston	1,151,869
New-Orleans	1,385,983
Mobile	67,279
Savannah	652,982
Charleston	176,933
Wilmington	213,019
Norfolk	244,474
Baltimore	24,113
New-York	40,845
Boston	100,679
Newport News	16,160
Philadelphia	10,215
Brunswick	42,137
Sabine Pass	40,845
Pensacola	1,500
	57,178
Total	4,227,766

FLOUR AND MEAL—In wheat flour business dragged unsatisfactorily and few sales were recorded, apart from the usual trade in brands, but rye flour dealers reported a good demand at rather firm prices, with sales in the last two days probably reaching 3,000 bbls, and for the week perhaps close to 5,000 bbls. Spring patents were quoted at $3 90@$4 20; winter straights, $3 40@$3 55; winter patents, $3 60@$3 90; spring clears, $3@$3 25; extra, No 1 winter, $2 70@$2 90; extra No 2 winter, $2 55@$2 65; rye grade, $18 60@$18 75, spot and to arrive; buckwheat flour, $2 10 @$2 15.....RYE FLOUR—Ative and firm. Quoted: Fair to good, $2 80@$3 15; choice to fancy, $3 15@$3 50.....CORNMEAL—Quiet. Quoted: Kiln dried, $2 35@$2 40, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Steady. Quoted: Fine white and yellow, 98c@$1; coarse, $7@9c.....FEED—Dull. Quoted: Spring bran, spot, $16 50; sacks to arrive, 200 lb, $16 50@$17; spring bran, bulk, $15 75; coarse winter bran, $16@$18; city bran, $16 50@$17; cornmeal, $25; linseed oilcake, $27 50; corn oilcake, $19; hominy chop, $17; oilmeal, $28 50.

GRAIN—WHEAT—In spite of continued extreme dullness most of the session, wheat displayed more strength than might have been expected yesterday, yielding to bear operations only for a short time in the forenoon, after which the bulls maintained control of the market for the rest of the day, last prices showing practically ¼c net advance. Influences connected with this firmness were mostly limited to domestic sources, among them being reports of a good Continental demand for cash wheat in Europe and in the afternoon at full prices, and the announcement from Minneapolis of a satisfactory flour trade, partly for export. Offerings were not large at any time during the session, for while bear traders felt confident of their position, the knowledge of a long holiday season in store, with all its possibilities of an unfavorable change in some portion of the world, kept the bulls encouraging conservative lines, and thus gave bulls an advantage that might otherwise have been less apparent. Seaboard clearances for the day were not large, and primary receipts of 652,500 bush, against 503,900 bush a year ago, helped to form a statistical situation that could not be termed exactly supply for the friends of wheat. The preliminary calculations on the next visible supply statement ranged from a small decrease to a moderate increase, and for this reason did much to promote caution on all speculative business in the pit. Argentine shipments for the week fell about 100,000 bush behind last week and 400,000 bush under a year ago. Since January 1 that country has shipped out a total of 73,349,000 bush, compared with 62,974,000 bush in the same time last year. Harvest work was said to be progressing favorably, in its last week. According to "The Modern Miller" the crop conditions in our own country are much the same as for several weeks past. Winter wheat is making seasonable progress, and advices, on the whole, are favorable. The feature of foreign markets was a further loss of 5@15 points in the Paris markets, against an advance of ⅛@¼d in English quotations. Budapest closed 3 points off. Antwerp unchanged and Berlin ⅛c mark higher. The export business consisted of 49 loads, 11 loads here and 38 port business outports. Quotations of cash wheat, f o b afloat basis, were as follows: No 2 red, 79½c; No 1 hard Duluth, 88c nominal; old No 1 Northern Duluth, 84½c; No 1 Northern Duluth, 83½c; No 1 Northern New-York, 81½c; No 1 Northern Chicago, 81c; No 2 hard New-York, 77¼c.....CORN—Active and firm in the corn market was centred in the sharp break of 2½c a bush in December at Chicago, influenced by a temporary pressure on the market, which for a few moments completely dismayed the bull element. Quickly recovering, however, they won back most of the loss, and held prices reasonably steady for the balance of the day at the West. Although closing prices in both markets indicated a net loss, amounting here to ⅛@½c decline, greatest on near months. Seaboard clearances were again large, reaching 782,500 bush, and exporters took about 36 loads, of which only 2 loads were done here. Argentine shipments amounted to 200,000 bush more than last week and 120,000 bush more than a year ago. English markets closed ¼@¼d net lower. There were no contract grades at Chicago, but estimates for Saturday ranged from 200 to 300 cars, which tended to depress the market in the afternoon. No 2 corn closed at 46½c elevator and 45⅝c to arrive.....OATS—The local market was very quiet, but quite steadily held. No 2 oats closed at 27¾c; No 3, 27¼c; No 2 white, 31½@32c; No 3 white, 30½@31c; track mixed, 27¼@28½c; track white, 30½@35½c; No 2 white clips, 32@32½c.....RYE—Market quiet; No 2, Western was quoted at 56½c f o b afloat; No 2 Western, 56c f o b afloat; State rye, 52@53c.....BARLEY—Market steady. Feeding was quoted at 42@46c c i f Buffalo; malting, 55@63c c i f Buffalo.....BUCKWHEAT GRAIN—Market dull; quoted at 60@62c.....According to "Bradstreet's," wheat (includ.ng flour) shipments in the week aggregated 4,123,350 bush, against 4,785,577 bush last week and 2,613,714 bush in the corresponding week of 1899. From July 1 to date this season wheat exports were 90,140,353 bush, against 100,383,636 bush last season and 115,236,084 bush in 1898-'99. Corn exports for the week aggregated 5,465,378 bush, against 4,853,458 bush last week and 3,910,000 bush in the corresponding week of last year. From July 1 to date this season corn exports were 90,372,004 bush, against 108,360,886 bush last season and 77,290,894 bush in 1898-'99.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

Wheat:	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	77¼	77½	77	77	77¼
January	—	—	—	—	77½
March	79⅜	79½	79¼	79½	79⅜
May	79	79 1-16	78⅞	79	78⅞
Corn:					
December	—	—	—	46	46⅛
January	—	—	—	43½	44
May	—	—	—	—	42
Lard:					
December	—	—	—	$7 35	$7 35

CHICAGO PRICES.

Wheat:					
December	69 15-16	70¼	69¾	69⅞	69⅞
January	70¼	70 9-16	70	70¼	70⅛
May	73	73 5-16	72¾	73⅛	72⅞
Corn:					
December	40	40	38	38⅜	40½
January	36⅝	36⅝	36¼	36⅛	36⅜
May	36 1-16	36⅛	35⅞	35⅞	36⅛
Oats:					
December	21 11-16	21 11-16	21⅛	21½	21½
January	—	—	—	21⅝	21⅝
May	23⅝	23 11-16	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Lard:					
January	$6 87½	$6 87½	$6 82½	$6 82½	$6 87½
May	6 90	6 90	6 87½	6 90	6 92½
Ribs:					
January	6 30	6 30	6 27½	6 27½	6 30
May	6 35	6 35	6 32½	6 35	6 37½
Pork:					
January	12 20	12 20	12 20	12 20	12 25
May	12 12½	12 12½	12 12½	12 12½	12 12½

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	40	182	375	284	2	67
Milwaukee	4	46	14	12	2	60
Minneapolis	—	217	98	46	1	14
Duluth	—	63	14	3	1	1
St. Louis	9	49	138	47	—	—
Kansas City	—	77	23	10	—	—
Toledo	—	19	97	12	2	—
Detroit	2	8	15	6	—	—
Peoria	—	1	172	65	—	—
Totals	94	165	270	117	7	53

Receipts at Atlantic ports.

New-York	14	214	113	35	2	36
Boston	1	15	26	112	—	—
Philadelphia	4	49	80	21	—	—
Baltimore	10	28	328	25	3	—
New-Orleans	1	16	73	8	—	—
Galveston	—	31	—	—	—	—
Totals	30	353	620	201	5	36

Exports from Atlantic ports:

New-York	11	8	101	26	—	—
Boston	1	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	1	198	16	—	—
Baltimore	11	—	334	151	—	—
Newport News	—	40	77	—	—	—
New-Orleans	1	2	62	5	—	—
Totals	24	51	772	198	—	—

METALS—Trading was, on the whole, very slow in the local metal market, and of a holiday character. Sentiment was still of a bearish nature, however, despite another rise of £2 at London as the result of a speculative movement in tin, the close there being firm at £118 5s. Though the local market responded with an advance of 50 points, it was only in a nominal way, as tin was freely offered at $26 50, which was the closing figure, but found few takers. Copper in London was again a shade higher, and closed steady, on the basis of £71 18s 7d, but failed to influence the local situation to any material extent, prices here remaining unchanged at $17 for Lake Superior. Lead was dull and nominally unchanged here at $4 37½, while abroad there was an advance of 2s 6d shown to £16 2s 6d. A loss of 2s 6d at London for spelter to £18 10s shows that price to be lower for the year, but the local market ruled very slow at old prices. The close was firm on the basis of $4 12½@$4 17½. Iron in England was dull, with Glasgow quoted at 61s and Middlesboro at 53s 6d. In domestic circles the iron market was without important new feature, ruling dull and nominally unchanged. We quote: Pig iron warrants, $9 50@$10 50; Northern foundry, $15@$16 50, Southern foundry, $14 50@$15 75; soft Southern, $13@$15 75. Tin plates ruled very quiet. It is reported that some independent mills are cutting the price of tin plates 10c a box.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—While not being particularly active, the market for molasses displayed a healthy appearance on a fair inquiry from exports and a lack of sellers. Prices, however, at the close of business were unchanged from last night. Syrups were quiet and unchanged. Quotations follow: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 12@13c; fair, 14@19c; good, 17@22c; prime, 22@30c; New-Orleans open kettle, 27@40c; Porto Rico, 34@40c; syrups, common, 16@18c; fair, 17@18c; good, 19@20c; prime, 21@24c; fancy, 26@27c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—There was no noticeable improvement in either the steam or sail tonnage markets and business was limited in all trades. Rates were without quotable change. Quotations to Liverpool were 2½d; London, 3¾d; Glasgow, 3¾d; Bristol, 4d; Leith, 4½d; Hull, 4¼d; Newcastle, 4¼d; Antwerp, 4d; Hamburg, 47½ pfg; Rotterdam, 8½c; Amsterdam, 8½c; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, 17c; London, oats, 2s 4½d.....

CHARTERS—British steamer, 2,425 tons (previously), time charter, 6 months, £1,875; British steamer, 1,619 tons (previously), Gulf timber trade, 12 months, £1,110; British steamer, 1,811 tons, general cargo, Gulf to United Kingdom Continent, 16s 6d, January-February, less 6d if not ready by January 31; Dutch steamer, 18,000 quarters grain, Gulf to picked ports United Kingdom or Continent, 3s 9d, January; British steamer, 20,000 quarters oats, Baltimore to Rotterdam, 2s 10½d, berth terms, January; Spanish steamer, 1,454 tons, general cargo, Gulf to United Kingdom or Continent, private terms, March 10; Norwegian steamer, 1,434 tons, phosphate, Tampa to Constantsborg, 23s, January; British steamer, 1,702 tons, general cargo, Gulf to United Kingdom or Continent, 17s 6d, January 10; British steamer, 1,829 tons, general cargo, Singapore to New-York, £5,500, chartered abroad; steamer, 1,851 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Boston, private terms; ship, 1,776 tons (previously), chalk, Dunkirk to New-York, 4s 6d; Italian ship, 8,000 bbls crude petroleum, Philadelphia to Marseilles, private terms; British bark, 344 tons, lumber, Applachicola to Buenos Ayres, private terms; schooner, 343 tons, general cargo, hence to San Juan, P R, private terms; schooner, 170 tons, lumber, Bogue Inlet, N C, to Bridgeport, five trips, $5 50; schooner, 397 tons, lumber, Brunswick to Port Jefferson, $6 25; schooner, 299 tons, Port Jefferson to Philadelphia, $1 15; schooner, 330 tons, fertilizer, hence to Jacksonville, $1 25 net; schooner, 457 tons, coal, Perth Amboy to Charleston, $1; schooner, 304 tons, coal, Weehawken to Norfolk, 50c; schooner, 318 tons, coal, Elizabethport to St John, N B, $1 25; three British schooners, 96, 99 and 114 tons, same, from Port Johnston; British schooner, 123 tons, same, from Newark; two schooners, 223 and 288 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Hyannis, 85c; schooner, 122 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Camden, Me, $1 25; schooner, 819 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Boston, 80c; schooner, 308 tons, coal, Perth Amboy to Boston, 80c; barge, 2,100 tons capacity, coal, Baltimore to Boston, 85c; two British ships, 75,000 and 85,000 cases petroleum, hence to Shanghai, 28c, June-July; British steamer, 1,201 tons, phosphate, Tampa to La Pallice, 22s 3d, December-January.

OILS—Less pressure to sell occasioned a somewhat steadier market for cottonseed oil yesterday, with prime summer yellow held at 30c prompt and January. Refined petroleum was unchanged. Linseed oil steady and unchanged. Petroleum, bbls, $7 25; and in bulk, $4 70; Philadelphia, bbls, $7 20, and in bulk, $4 65; refined cases, New-York, $8 55. Cottonseed oil—Prime crude, bbls, 27c; summer yellow, 29½@30c; off summer yellow, 29c; prime white, 34@35c; prime winter yellow, 36@37c; linseed, American raw, 60c; linseed, American boiled, 62c; Calcutta raw, 85c; Western linseed quoted 2c under city brands. Lard oil, 62@64c.

PROVISIONS—Dulness attended by moderate depression was the feature in provision circles yesterday, trade keeping in narrow limit all day. Weakness in corn helped the decline somewhat, offsetting the advance of 2½@5c in live hogs. Last prices were a fractional decline, the previous night. Chicago reported 24,000 hogs, Kansas City 18,000 and Omaha 9,000. At all interior points the arrivals were 80,000 head. We quote: PORK—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $12@$13; family, $14 50@$15; short clear, $14@$17.....BEEF—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $9@$9 50; family, $11@$12; packet, $10@$10 50; extra India mess, $14@$16.....BEEF HAMS—Nominal. Quoted: $19 50@$20 50.....DRESSED HOGS—Quiet and steady. Bacons, 6⅝c; 180 lb, 6⅝c; 160 lb, 6⅝c; pigs, 7¼c.....CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies—Quiet. Quoted: Smoking, 9c; 10 lb, 8¾c; 12 lb, 8c; 14 lb, 7¾c. Pickled shoulders—Dull. Quoted: 6¾c. Pickled hams—Steady. Quoted: 8¼@9¼c.....TALLOW—Firm. Quoted: City, 4⅞c; country, 4⅞@5¼c.....LARD—Nominal. Quoted: 7.35c. City lard easier. Quoted: 6.80c. Refined lard easier. Quoted: South America, 8.15c; Continent, 7.40c; Brazil kegs, 8.15c. Compound dull. Quoted: City, 5⅞@6c; Western, 5⅞@6c.....STEARINE—Quiet. Quoted: Oleo, 6½c; city lard stearine, 7¾@8c.

RICE—A fairly active sales movement was reported for rice to-day at fully sustained prices, with the tone steady to firm on favorable reports from the South. Quotations follow: Domestic, common to low fair, 3¾@4c; fair to good, 3⅞@4⅛c; prime to choice, 5⅛@5⅝c; head, 6½@6½c; Patna, 4⅝@5¼c; Japan, 4⅝@5c; Java, 4⅝@4¾c.

SUGAR—The market for refined sugar ruled rather quiet, but about steady, at unchanged list prices. Orders were confined chiefly to small lots. Quotations follow: Cut loaf and crushed, 6c; dominos and mould A, 5.85c; cubes and XXXX powdered, 5.75c; powdered, fine, and diamond A, 5.60c; granulated, 5.50c; confectioners' coarse powdered and fruit powdered, 5.70c; fine powdered, 5.85c; extra fine, 2 lb cartons, 2 lb bags and 5 lb bags of fine granulated, 5.70c; Eagle, fine granulated, standard granulated and diamond A, 5.60c; confectioners' A, 5.40c; No 1, 5.25c; Nos 2 and 3, 5.20c; No 4, 5.15c; No 5, 5.10c; No 6, 5.05c; No 7, 4.95c; No 8, 4.85c; No 9, 4.75c; Nos 10 and 11, 4.70c; Nos 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 4.60c. Cable advices from London reported a steady but unchanged market for beet sugar, prices closing at 9s 1½d for the December option and 9s 3d for the January delivery. The local market, though holding steady as to tone, was very quiet and nominally unchanged, at 4.06c, 3⅞c and 3⅞c for the three standard grades. Offerings were scarce at prevailing rates. This week's summary of the statistical position, as made up by Willett & Grey, shows stocks in the United States and Cuba together of 70,621 tons, against 60,560 tons last week and 223,722 tons last year, a decrease of 153,161 tons under last year's stocks, by special cables: Cuba—The six principal ports—Receipts, 500 tons; stock, 1,500 tons, against 10,000 tons last week. Centrals grinding 23 tons, against 1 ton last year. Europe—Stocks in Europe, 1,434,673 tons, against 1,433,500 tons last week and 1,382,716 tons last year. Total stocks of Europe and America, 1,505,294 tons, against 1,494,060 tons last week and 1,606,490 tons last year at the same uneven dates, and 1,359,078 tons at even date of November 1 last year. The deficiency of stock is 101,204 tons, against a deficiency of 138,865 tons last week, and an excess of 56,023 tons December 28, 1899. Hamburg—3,500 tons of raw beet sugar shipped to America from Hamburg and Swinemoen this week; 6,000 tons engagements; 300 refined shipped.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, December 21, 1900.

BEANS AND PEAS—Neither domestic nor foreign marrow beans were changed in price, there was a fair call for choice lots and a firm feeling. Pea were a little stronger, with sales of both bags and barrels at $2 25. Red kidney held with a little more confidence and a sale of a carload reported at $2 45. Yellow eye advanced to $2 50 firm, with the stock very scarce. Imported medium are having a fair demand in range of $1 85@$1 95 generally; a few strictly choice Italian are selling at $2. We quote: Beans, marrow, choice, per bush, $2 60; do medium, choice, $2 25; do pea, choice, bbls, $2 25; do bags, $2 2½@$2 25; do red kidney, choice, $2 40@$2 45; do white kidney, choice, $2 60@$2 65; do yellow eye, choice, $2 60; do black turtle soup, choice, $1 80@$1 85; do lima, California, $3 70@$3 75; imported giants, $3 05@$3 10; imported marrow, $2 25@$2 30; do medium, $1 85@$1 95; green peas, bags, $1 22½@$1 25; do Scotch, bags, $1 22½@$1 25.

BUTTER—General trade was quiet to-day; there was not, however, any decided change in the tone of values. On strictly fancy grades the feeling seemed to be steady, but there is an accumulation of all other qualities and some pressure to sell, which would undoubtedly give buyers some advantage were they disposed to operate. June creamery is having a very moderate demand; in fact, it is hard to sell anything but the best goods. Western packings are held about steady; there have been persistent efforts to open export outlets, and these are proving successful to some extent. We quote: Creamery, extras, per lb, 24½@25c; do firsts, 23@24c; do seconds, 20@22c; do lower grades, 17@19c; creamery, June, extras, 22½c; do firsts, 21@22c; do seconds, 19@20c; do thirds, 17@20c; State dairy, half firkin tubs, finest, 23c; do firsts, 21@22c; tubs, seconds, 18@20c; do thirds, 16@17c; State dairy, tins, etc.,