FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY, Oct. 8—6 P. M.

The gold market has been quiet and steady to day, the extreme range having been from 144¾ to 145⅛, with the opening transactions at 145 and the closing ones at 144¾ a 145. After the adjournment of the board the quotation declined to 144½, but still later it improved to 144¾ a 145. Cash gold was in abundant supply during the morning, and loans were made at 5 a 9 per cent for carrying; but subsequently it was loaned without interest and at two per cent for borrowing—a sufficient indication that the "short" interest has been largely increased during the last few days. The gross clearings amounted to $45,120,000, the gold balances to $1,115,789, and the currency balances to $2,019,234. The letter of Mr. McCulloch in reference to the redemption of the gold bearing debt in legal tender notes has been without effect upon the public mind, and it is doubted to no more weight than the utterances of any other citizen.

There was a moderately full supply of money available for employment on the Stock Exchange, and loans were made freely to horses in good credit at seven per cent in currency, but the demand was active throughout the day. Discounts were still quoted sparingly, and only the best grade of commercial paper is in favor at the banks, the rate for which is nominally seven per cent, but practically from eight to nine.

The stock market has been in a state of effervescence all day, and there has been the exposure of all eyes. The annual election of the Board of directors took place at noon, and the speculative director, poor old Dan, drew a blank. His name was left out of the majority ticket by the so called Boston party that won the day, and finding that he could not help himself, he gracefully voted to elect his rivals. With the exception of one or two of the half dozen of the old directors who are reshaped in the new board there are no strong names to be found on the list. The speculative demon and his pack of earmarks have given place to a batch of nobodies who have elected themselves by a stock jobbing operation and who will certainly benefit themselves more than the Erie Railway Company by their connection with it, for several of them were decidedly collateral to throw discount upon the company, and the stock of the Erie Railway is likely to continue as it has been, the shuttlecock of Wall street; for what can be expected from speculators but speculation and mismanagement, to suit their own corrupt ends? It was rumored on the street late in the afternoon that one of the ten directors had resigned to make way for Mr. Drew, and that this gentleman had been elected in his place, but there was nothing to confirm it. The successful Boston party includes the managers of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway, which has thus far been completed only from Boston to Hartford, but its proposed terminus is to be Pinkhill Landing, which, by means of ferryboats to run across the river to Newburg, it is to connect with the Erie. This impecunious company will now hang like a parasite on the Erie and make it very useful as well by the latter guaranteeing its bonds to be issued for the construction of the road from Hartford to Newburg as otherwise. These manipulators of Erie talk of putting the stock much higher; but, whether they do or not, no prudent man would buy it at its present price, although in time to come, when the road is well managed, it will be worth far more for investment. New York Central is, however, still higher in proportion, and for six per cent stock to be selling at 114, while ten per cent stocks are far below it, and Cleveland and Pittsburg, which claims to be a ten per cent security, is only 82, is ridiculous. It is said that a certain would-be railway monopolist aspires to control it, and that he and his friends hold a large share of the stock; but it is against the public interests that any one person should constitute himself a railway king and charge whatever rates of fare and freight he pleases. The railway system of this country is rotten and disgraceful enough already, and it is therefore to be hoped that he will be foiled in obtaining the control he is supposed to covet. The bull element is very strong just now on the Stock Exchange, and a bear is, as Sir Boyle Roche would have said, a *rara avis*. It is a good time to leave railway shares alone, it being dangerous to buy or to sell them, but especially to buy.

At the early session of the open board the stock market was slightly lower than at the close of business last evening, and the transactions in Erie were very heavy. New York Central sold at 113¾ a 113½; Erie, 68¾ a 68⅝; Reading, 102¾ a 102½; Michigan Southern, 83¾ a 83½; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 81¾ a 81½; Northwestern, 44⅛ a 44⅛; do. preferred, 68⅝; Fort Wayne, 100⅝; Rock Island, 103¾ a 103⅝; Western Union Telegraph, 37 a 37⅛. At the first regular board the market was extremely active but unsettled, Erie declining on the call from 69⅛ to 67. New York Central closed ⅜ lower than at the [illegible] time yesterday, Reading ⅛, Illinois Central ⅜, [illegible] cland and Toledo ⅛, Northwestern ½, Fort W[illegible] Atlantic Mail ⅜, Quicksilver ⅛. Erie was [illegible] Hudson River 2⅛, Michigan Southern ⅜, Cl[illegible] and Pittsburg 1, Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred ⅞, Pacific Mail ⅛, Western Union Telegraph ⅛. Government securities were firm and active, coupon five-twenties of 1862 excepted, which closed ⅛ lower. The issue of 1864 was ⅜ higher, issue of 1865 ⅛, coupon five twenties of 1865, new issue, ⅜, issue of 1867 ⅛, coupon ten-forties ⅜.

At the open board at one o'clock the market was strong and excited, especially for Erie. New York Central sold at 114¾ a 114⅝; Erie, 69⅛ a 69¼; Hudson River, 132½; Reading, 102⅝; Michigan Southern, 84⅝ a 85¼; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 81⅝ a 81¾; Rock Island, 103⅝ a 103¾; Northwestern, 44⅛; do. preferred, 68⅝ a 68¾. Subsequently Erie rose to 70¼ a 70⅞. At the second regular board the market continued active and strong, and the speculative interest of the street was centred in Erie. New York Central closed ⅛ higher than at the first regular board, Erie 2¼, Michigan Southern ⅛, Cleveland and Pittsburg ⅛, Cleveland and Toledo 1, Northwestern ⅜, do. preferred ⅛, Fort Wayne ⅜, Milwaukee and St. Paul preferred ⅛, Pacific Mail ⅜, Quicksilver ⅛, Western Union Telegraph ⅜. Government securities were heavy, and sixes of 1881 closed ⅛ lower, coupon five-twenties of 1862 ⅛, issue of 1865 ⅛, new issue ⅛, coupon ten-forties, ⅛.

At the last open board prices were a trifle lower, but the market was strong in tone:—New York Central sold at 114¼ a 114⅛; Erie, 69⅝ a 69⅝; Reading, 102¼; Michigan Southern, 84⅛; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 82 a 82¼; Rock Island, 103¾ a 103½; Northwestern, 44¼ a 44⅛; do. preferred, 68¾ a 68⅝; Fort Wayne, 101, Western Union Telegraph, 37⅛. During the remainder of the afternoon there was diminished activity, but no material change in prices, and at six o'clock the following quotations were current:—New York Central, 113¾ a 114; Erie, 69⅛ a 69⅜; Hudson River, 128; Michigan Southern, 83¾ a 83⅞; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 81¾ a 82; Rock Island, 103¼ a 103½; Fort Wayne, 100¼ a 101; Northwestern, 44 a 44¼; do. preferred, 67⅞ a 68; Pacific Mail, 143 a 144; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, 26¼ a 27; Western Union Telegraph, 36¾ a 37.

The following is a list of the names of the directors of the Erie Railway Company for the ensuing year, six of whom were members of the old board, namely, Messrs. Redmore, Davis, Lane, Gregory, Evans and Diven:—J. S. Whitney, Josiah Bardwell, J. S. Eldridge, Henry Thompson and Eben S. Jordan, Boston; G. W. Graves, W. B. Skidmore, A. S. Diven, J. C. Bancroft Davis, F. A. Lane, Frank Work, Jay Gould and James Fisk, Jr., New York; Dudley S. Gregory, Jersey City; Homer Ramsdell, Newburg; William Evans, London; Levi Underwood, Vermont. Mr. J. S. Eldridge will probably be elected President if the choice has not been already made. The vote cast exceeded a hundred and eighty thousand shares, and Mr. Drew gave his proxies to Mr. Diven, who voted for the successful ticket. The former gentleman was present at the election.

The following is a comparison of the prices current at the first board to-day and a week ago:—

	Oct. 1.	Oct. 8.	Higher.
New York Central	108⅝	114⅛	6
Erie	63⅞	67⅝	4
Hudson River	128⅝	133	4⅝
Reading	100⅞	102½	1⅞
Michigan Southern	80⅞	84⅛	3⅜
Cleveland and Pittsburg	77⅞	81⅝	4⅜
Illinois Central	122	122½	½
Northwestern	41⅝	44⅛	2⅜
Do. preferred	65⅞	68	2⅞
Milwaukee and St. Paul	41⅝	44⅝	2⅞
Do. preferred	64	66⅞	2⅞
Fort Wayne	99⅞	100½	⅝
Rock Island	102	103⅝	1⅝
Pacific Mail	140⅞	143⅛	2⅜
Western Union Telegraph	35	37⅛	2⅜

There was a moderately active business transacted in government securities at the counters of the leading dealers to-day, but the tendency of prices favored buyers, and at the close the market was weak at the subjoined prices:—Registered, 1881, 111 a 111⅛; coupon, 1881, 111⅞ a 112⅛; 5-20's, registered, 1862, 114⅛ a 114⅜; 5-20's, coupon, 1862, 112⅞ a 112⅝; 5-20's, coupon, 1864, 109 a 109⅛; 5-20's, coupon, 1865, 109⅜ a 109⅝; do. do., January and July, 107⅛ a 107⅜; 5-20's, coupon, 1867, 108⅝ a 108⅞; 10-40's, registered, 100⅞ a 101⅛; 10-40's, coupon, 101 a 101⅛; gold, 144⅞ a 145; June 7-30's, 106 a 106⅛; July 7-30's, 106 a 106⅛; October compounds, 1864, 119⅞ a 119⅝; December do. do., 118⅝ a 118⅝; May do., 1865, 117⅞ a 117⅝; August do. do., 116⅞ a 116⅝; September do. do., 115⅝ a 115⅝; October do. do., 115¼ a 115⅜. Some of the banks have already availed themselves of the privilege of exchanging compound interest notes for the new three per cent certificates, and $2,855,000 have been converted since the order of Mr. McCulloch on the subject was issued.

The mining share market continued dull, and the transactions are confined to a few professional speculators. At the first board Sesmandorfer Mining closed 10c. lower than at the same time yesterday, selling at $10; Corydon was 5c. higher, selling at 80c.; Beaver 5c., selling at $11 50; Rocky Mountain sold at 63c., New York Gold 75c., Davidson Copper $1 55. Smith Parmelee sold at $4 50.

The following officers were elected yesterday by the Mining Board for the ensuing year:—

President, Selem T. Russell; First Vice President, James Mitchell; Second Vice President, Edward H. Bonner; Treasurer, Joseph E. Gay; Secretary, George F. Riley; Assistant Secretary, A. B. Newcombe; Chairman Association Committee, James Mitchell; Executive Committee, Samuel B. Ward, Charles O. Morris, Charles H. Kemp, Joseph E. Gay, Spencer C. Blake, Benjamin P. Kendall, Colt J. Turner; Finance Committee, Gilbert L. Haight, Philip Ruma, Charles E. Clark, Jr., Lincoln Bradwinder, William H. Beadle; Membership Committee, George F. Thomas, Jr., Ulrich De Comeau, J. Wyman Morris, William H. Whittingham, Edward C. Homans.

The foreign exchange market was firm, but dull. Bankers' bills on England at sixty days were quoted at 109¾ a 109⅞; at three days, 109¾ a 110; commercial bills, 108⅞ a 109; bills on Paris at sixty days, 518¾ a 518⅞; at three days, 515 a 514¾; other bills were rated thus:—

	Bankers'.	Commercial.
On Berlin	71⅛ a 71⅜	70⅞ a 71
On Bremen	78⅛ a 78⅜	77⅞ a 78⅛
On Frankfort	40⅞ a 40⅞	40 a 40⅛
On Amsterdam	40⅞ a —	40⅛ a 40⅞
On Hamburg	35⅞ a 36	35⅛ a 35⅜
On Antwerp	5.18¾ a 5.17½	5.21¼ a 5.20

Consols and American Securities were quoted thus on London to-day and on previous dates:—

	Sep. 19.	Sep. 28.	October 8.
Consols	94⅝	93 7-16	94 5-16
United States five-twenties	73	72 13-16	72⅞
Erie	41	40⅞	43⅛
Illinois Central	77	77	—

The earnings of the roads controlled by the Milwaukee and St. Paul Company were $750,233 in September, against $558,233 in the corresponding month of 1866.

The receipts for customs, and the receipts, payments and balances at the Sub-Treasury in this city for the expired portion of the week have been as follows:—

	Custom House Receipts.	Sub-Treasury Receipts.	Sub-Treasury Payments.	Sub-Treasury Balances.
Oct. 7	$369 926	$3,047,000	$3,314,317	$106,496,983
Oct. 8	500,000	4,877,042	2,876,073	107,497,951

The value of the exports (exclusive of specie) from New York to foreign ports for the week ending October 8 was $2,872,657, against $3,330,163 for the week previous.

The total value of exports from Boston for the week ending October 4, including specie, was $400,401, against $293,697 for the corresponding week in 1866.

The cash balance in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer in Boston at the close of business, October 5, was $4,765,036, being a decrease since the previous week of $647,036. The coin balance was $4,580,040. The receipts during the week from customs were $231,794.

The Chicago Clearing House statements of the past six weeks compare as annexed:—

	Clearings.	Balances.
Week ending August 31	$12,245,051	$1,411,753
Week ending Sept. 7	13,668,462	1,544,503
Week ending Sept. 14	14,724,401	1,946,988
Week ending Sept. 21	16,141,523	1,835,051
Week ending Sept. 28	15,538,462	1,482,886
Week ending Oct. 5	17,899,594	1,817,289

The Philadelphia bank statements for the past two weeks compare as under:—

	Sept. 30.	Oct. 7.		
Loans	$53,655,569	$53,041,100	Dec.	$614,459
Specie	272,535	258,303	Dec.	14,232
Legal tenders	15,513,794	15,557,404	Inc.	43,610
Deposits	35,152,605	34,857,467	Dec.	295,138
Circulation	10,629,976	10,627,921	Dec.	2,055
Clearings	31,664,741	36,494,213	Inc.	4,829,472
Balances	3,172,788	4,515,974	Inc.	1,343,188

We find in the *Albion* of the 5th inst. the following remarks on the proposed payment of the principal of the gold bearing debt in legal tender notes as viewed from a British standpoint:—

About a month since we copied from a Boston paper an extract from what purported to be a conversation held at Washington between leading members of the dominant party relative to the payment of United States five-twenty bonds in "national currency" instead of as previously understood to be payable, namely, in "American gold." We have since hesitated to express our opinion upon the probability of such a course being actually adopted by the United States government, not wishing to do any injustice to a people whose resources, although great, have been severely tested during the past five years of their history. It is not our province to go into the general question of either the wisdom or the wickedness of the legislation under which these bonds were created; but in our position the duty devolves upon us of expressing, as nearly as may be, our real convictions on a subject which seriously interests not only English capitalists generally, but also numerous private families of limited means resident not only in Great Britain proper, but also scattered throughout British North America. In a word, then, we now seriously fear that the "financial question" is to become a prominent one in the Presidential election of 1868, if not before, and further regret to say that the question of liquidating some $500,000,000 to $800,000,000 of these securities, maturing (at the option of the government) from 1867 to 1870 inclusive, in currency, is rapidly becoming a favorite theory with many professional politicians whose influence over the masses, in a party sense, is unquestionable. Their mode of reasoning is more technical than reasonable. They say, for instance, that nothing referring to gold payment can be found on the face of the bond, and that since a general suspension of specie payments has been sanctioned by the government, that the holder of a bond not specifying gold, means, as a matter of course, "legal tenders," Mr. Chase's official declarations to the contrary notwithstanding. The most disreputable classes in this country do not unfortunately stand alone in advocating this virtual repudiation of forty to fifty per cent of their debt. They are virtually seconded in their views by ex-Governors, ex-Vice Presidential candidates, and we are not sure but actually by ex-Secretaries of the national Treasury; and this is why we believe that at an early day these leading spirits, politically, belonging as they do to both the political parties, will be endorsed by the rank and file of the lower orders throughout the entire country. If this is not the case we shall be favorably disappointed; for the indications at present all point in this direction.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Tuesday, Oct. 8—10:15 A. M.

$5000 US 6's, '81, c. 112½ | 150 shs NY Cen RR. 114⅛
25000 US 6's, 5-20, r, '62 104⅞ | 40 do. 114⅛
100000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '62 112⅞ | 100 do. b10 114
23000 do. 12 o'clock 112⅞ | 100 do. 113⅞
5000 US 6's, 5-20, r, '64 104⅛ | 100 do. 114⅛
6000 US 5-20's, r, '67, new 107⅞ | 100 do. b5 114⅛
6000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '64 107⅞ | 700 Erie RR. 69⅛
5000 do. 107⅞ | 50 do. 69
100000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '65 109⅞ | 1600 do. 69⅛
50000 do. 109⅞ | 500 do. 69⅛
20000 do. 12 o'clock 109⅞ | 100 do. b15 69⅛
80000 US 5's, 10-40, reg. 101⅞ | 200 do. b15 69⅛
20000 do. 12 o'clock 101⅞ | 100 do. 24 call 69⅞
5000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '65, n 107⅞ | 600 do. 69⅞
1000 do. 12 o'clock 107⅞ | 200 do. 69⅞
11000 do. 107⅞ | 300 do. 69⅞
5000 do. 107⅞ | 100 do. 69⅞
47000 7-30 Tr n, 2d series 106⅞ | 100 do. 68⅞
23000 do. 12 o'clock 106⅞ | 100 Erie RR pref. 70⅞
10000 NY 6's, '73 100 | 100 Hud River RR. 123
3000 Tenn 6's, ex cou. 63⅞ | 600 Reading RR. 102⅞
1000 Tenn 6's, new 62⅞ | 100 Mich So & N I RR. 83⅞
2000 do. 62⅞ | 1000 do. 84⅞
20000 do. 62⅞ | 500 do. 84⅞
2500 do. 24 call 62⅞ | 100 do. 84⅞
10000 N Carolina 6's, ex c 52 | 100 Mich Cen RR. 109⅞
10000 Missouri 6's 104 | 52 Hi Cen RR. 122⅞
21000 Georgia 7's 83⅞ | 100 do. 122⅞
5000 Erie 1st m 107 | 200 do. 122⅞
3000 Alt & Terre H 1m. 94 | 200 Clev & Pitts RR b15 82
5000 Alt & Terre H 2m. 80 | 600 do. 81⅞
3000 C & Hal & Pat R 7's 91⅞ | 1800 Chic & NW RR. 44⅞
1000 do. 91⅞ | 50 do. 44⅞
7000 Chi & Alt 1st bds. 92 | 200 do. b30 44⅞
5000 Mar & Cin 2d m. 85⅞ | 800 do. 24 call 45⅞
1000 Chic & Alt 1st m. 102⅞ | 600 Chicago & NW pref. 68⅞
55 shs Metropolitan Bk 124 | 100 do. 24 call 68⅞
70 Fourth National Bk 108⅞ | 100 do. 68
19 Ninth Nat Bank 105 | 400 Clev & Tol RR. 130
200 West Union Tel. 37⅞ | 400 Chi & Rk I RR. 103⅞
500 do. 37⅞ | 100 do. b15 103⅞
100 do. b10 37⅞ | 300 do. 103⅞
1000 do. b3 38 | 100 do. b30 104
500 do. 37⅞ | 800 do. 103⅞
200 do. 24 call 37⅞ | 1000 Mil & St Paul RR. 44⅞
20 Pacific Mail SS Co. 147 | 500 do. 44⅞
500 do. 143⅞ | 300 Mil & St Paul pref. 66⅞
200 do. 143⅞ | 50 N Jersey Cen RR. 122
100 do. b10 143⅞ | 400 Pitts, Ft W & Chi RR. 100⅞
200 Atlantic M SS Co. 113⅞ | 200 do. 100⅞
200 do. 113 | 300 do. b30 101
19 Del & Hud Canal Co 146 | 300 do. 100⅞
100 Quicksilver Mining 25⅞ | 100 do. b15 101
100 Adams Express Co 60 | 400 do. 24 call 100⅞
1100 N Y Central RR. 114⅞ | 150 Alt & T Haute RR. 49⅞
100 do. b30 115 | 100 Chi & Alton pref. 128
100 do. 114⅞ | 200 H & St Joseph RR. 50
200 do. b10 114⅞ | 100 Han & St Jo pref. 61
400 do. b15 115

Half-past 2 o'Clock P. M.

$1000 US 6's, cou '65 111⅞ | 500 shs Erie RR. 70⅞
56000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '62 112⅞ | 100 do. s60 70⅞
100000 US 6's, 5-20, c, '65 109⅞ | 400 do. 70⅞
20000 US 5-20's, c, '66, new 107⅞ | 250 do. 70
20000 US 5-20's, c, '67, n 107⅞ | 300 do. 70⅞
1000 US 5's, 10-40, cou. 101⅞ | 700 do. 70⅞
500 7-30 Tr n, 2d series 106⅞ | 100 do. 70⅞
23000 do. 3d series 106⅞ | 100 do. b30 70⅞
10000 Missouri 6's 104 | 100 do. 24 call 70⅞
89000 do. 102⅞ | 200 do. 70
5000 Tenn 6's, ex cou. 63⅞ | 100 Hud Riv RR, ex d. b30 128
1000 Tenn 6's, new 62⅞ | 50 do. 128
2000 Ohio & Miss cer. 20⅞ | 400 Mich S & N I RR. 84⅞
10000 do. 20⅞ | 200 do. b10 85
70000 Erie 2d m, '79 101⅞ | 200 Clev & Pitts RR. 82
6000 C & R R 1st m bds 101⅞ | 200 do. 82⅞
100 shs Canton Co. 44⅞ | 300 Chi & NW. 44⅞
100 do. b30 45⅞ | 600 do. 44⅞
200 West Union Tel. 38 | 500 Chi & NW pref. 68⅞
150 do. 38 | 200 Clev & Tol RR. 131
100 Atlantic Mail SS Co 114⅞ | 50 Chi & Rk I RR. 104
200 Quicksilver Mining 25⅞ | 100 do. 103⅞
50 Pacific Mail SS Co. 143⅞ | 100 do. 103⅞
200 do. b30 143⅞ | 300 Mil & St Paul RR. 45
5 Mer Union Ex. 25 | 400 do. 45⅞
50 do. 24⅞ | 200 Mil & St Paul pref. 67⅞
100 do. 25⅞ | 300 do. 67⅞

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

TUESDAY, Oct. 8—6 P. M.

BEESWAX was dull. Small sales at 40c. a 41c.

COTTON.—There was rather less animation in the market, and the offerings were quite liberal; previous prices, however, were realized in all cases, the market closing steady. The sales comprised 1,600 bales, of which 115 were taken by speculators and the balance by exporters and spinners. We quote:—

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. Orl'ns.
Ordinary	15	15	15	15
Good ordinary	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	17⅝
Low middling	18	18	18⅝	19
Middling	20	20	20⅝	21
Good middling	22	22	23	24

COFFEE.—The business in Rio was light, but the market was steady at the subjoined quotations. Sales 2,000 bags ex Remulos on private terms. Of other kinds we heard of no further sales. We quote:—Rio, prime, 18¾c. a 18⅞c.; do., good, 16⅞c. a 17¼c.; do., fair, 14⅞c. a 15⅛c.; do., ordinary, 13⅛c. a 14c.; do., fair to good cargoes, 14⅝c. a 16⅛c.; Java, mats and bags, 24c. a 25c.; native Ceylon, 18½c. a 20c.; Batavian, 13c. a 13½c.; Laguayra, 11⅝c. a 14c.; St. Domingo, 15½c. a 16c., gold, net cash, duty paid. Messrs. William Poel & Sons make the stock Rio, October 8, 1867:—In New York, 38,737 bags; in Philadelphia, 5,000 do.; in Baltimore, 17,000 do.; in Galveston, 5,000 do.; in New Orleans, 14,687 do., and of other descriptions in New York, 20,657 bags.

COTTON.—The market was rather firmer, there being but little offering at our quotations. The sales were 5,000 bbs. Portage Lake at 25½c., 10,000 do. Baltimore at 25c. a 25½c., and 10,000 do. Detroit at 24c.

CANDLES.—Adamantine were moderately active and steady, at 23c. for 14-ounce. Sperm and patent were quoted 50c. 25½c. respectively, without, however, sales of consequence.

CHEESE.—Rosendale was unchanged at $1 60.

DRUGS were quiet but steady; the stock of desirable kinds is light. Sales of 70 tons Port-au-Prince at 42c., currency.

DYE-WOODS AND DYES.—Chemicals were only moderately active, sales 200 tens soda ash at 2¾c. a 2¾c., gold; 50 do. do. on private terms; 140 casks bleaching powders at 3½c. a 3¾c., gold; 150 do. do. at 3c., currency; 50 tons sal soda at [illegible] a 1 1-16c. gold; 60 do. do. at 3c., currency; 500 kegs of sal soda at 1 1-16c. a 1 3-16c. gold; 500 do. do. at 2½c. a 2¾c., currency; 100 drums caustic soda at 5½c. a 5¾c., gold, 60 do. do. at 5½c. a 5¾c., currency; 17 casks cream tartar at 28½c. a 29c., gold, and 35 ceroons Honduras cochineal on private terms.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 16,800 bbls. flour, 25 do. and 300 bags corn meal, 51,900 bushels wheat, 18,710 do. corn, 14,250 do. oats, 10,400 do. rye and 16,300 do. barley. The flour market opened quiet, but improved as the transactions went on, nearly the close of business, when holders evinced a willingness to accept of lower prices. As we remarked in yesterday's issue, the limits of shippers were below the ruling prices, and orders could only be executed by holders granting a concession. The concession granted to-day was not sufficient to enable exporters to take hold. Extra State, though wanted for shipment, is not salable to any extent at over $10 25, and this is below current prices, which, however, showed a reduction of 10c. a 25c. at the close, when holders asked $10 50 for shipping grades. California remained quiet and steady. The sales were about 13,000 bbls. Rye flour remained firm, though quiet. The sales were about 250 bbls. at our quotations. Southern flour was quiet and steady, prices being no lower. The sales were about 350 bbls. within the range of $11 a $15. Corn meal was quiet but firm for all kinds. We note sales of 150 bbls. city at $6 50. We quote:—

Superfine State and Western	$8 80 a $9 80
Extra State	10 30 a 10 60
Choice do	10 75 a 11 15
Common to medium extra and choice Western	8 80 a 13 75
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	11 00 a 12 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	12 50 a 14 00
St. Louis low extra	10 50 a 11 25
St. Louis straight extra	11 50 a 13 50
St. Louis choice double extra	14 00 a 15 00
St. Louis choice family	15 00 a 16 50
Common Southern	11 00 a 12 50
Fancy and extra do	13 00 a 15 00
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	11 50 a 13 50
Rye flour (superfine)	7 00 a 9 00
Corn meal, city	6 50 a —
Corn meal, Brandywine	6 90 a 6 95
Corn meal, Fairfax	6 00 a 6 10
Corn meal, Brandywine	27 00 a —

—The wheat market opened quiet and heavy, and subsequently ruled buoyant and firm under a good demand for spring for shipment, and prices advanced 1c. a 2c. above the lowest point touched yesterday. At something below prevailing prices a large business might be done for export. Winter wheat continued very scarce and quite firm. The sales comprised about 75,000 bushels, at $2 32 a $2 35 for No. 2 Milwaukee; $2 38, to arrive, and $2 46, on the spot, for No. 1 do.; $2 80 for amber Michigan, $3 03 for white do., $3 15 for California and $2 19 for inferior Chicago spring. Rye was scarce and firmer. The sales were 10,000 bushels, at $1 73 for Western and $1 74 for State, on the spot, and $1 75 for Western to arrive. Barley was firmer. Western was held firm at $1 55, and 18,000 bush. Canada sold at $1 65. Malt was quiet and nominal. Corn was scarce, active, and decidedly higher. The sales were about 90,000 bushels, mostly in store, at $1 36½ a $1 39 in store, and $1 38 a $1 40 afloat for Western mixed, closing firm. The sales were mostly for the Eastern market. Oats were in active speculative demand, and prices were fully 2c. higher, with large sales for future delivery at the improvement. The sales and resales of contracts were nearly or quite 300,000 bushels, mostly to arrive, at 77c. a 77½c. here, and 79c. a 80c. to arrive.

FREIGHTS.—With an increased movement in breadstuffs and petroleum transatlantic freights were firmer again to-day, and rates show a further improvement. Vessels on the berth are filling very rapidly, and all engaged for shipping flour, grain, petroleum, &c., at remunerative rates, while charters are readily effected at rates which but a short time ago would have been considered almost fabulous. Among the events of the times, in this branch of business, is the charter of a ship for London, with a cargo comprising about 30,000 bushels wheat at 10d., and 10,000 bbls. flour at 3s. per bbl. Besides this quite fair engagements have been made by other sailing vessels and by the steamers comprising:—To London, 20,000 bushels wheat at 9d.; 2,500 do. do. on private terms; 135 tons oil cake at 27s. 6d.; 2,500 bbls flour at 3s., and, per steamer, 125 cases licorice at 40s., and 30,000 bushels wheat and 4,000 bbls. flour on steamer's account. To Liverpool, 15,000 bushels wheat at 7d.; 100 bales cotton at 3-16d.; 20 hhds. Virginia tobacco at 20s.; 38 tuns whale oil at 25s., and, per steamer, 15,000 bushels wheat at 8½d.; 500 tons bacon and lard at 27s. 6d., and 100 bales cotton at ¼d. To Antwerp, per steamer, 500 tierces lard at 40s. To Bremen, 50 hhds. tobacco at 20s.; 100 tons measurement goods at 21s. 3d.; and, per steamer, 400 bales cotton at ⅜c., 220 bales tobacco at $1, 50 hhds. do. at 30s., and 200 cases do. at 20s. The charters were:—An American bark, to a port in the United Kingdom, or Havre, with petroleum, at 7s. per quarter; a British bark to Fayal, to load with guano—the cargo of the wrecked ship Castilian—and thence to Falmouth for orders, at 35s. per ton; an American bark, 2,500 bbls. petroleum, to a direct port on the Continent between Havre and Hamburg, at 6s.; a British brig, same voyage, 2,200 bbls do on private terms; an American bark, 2,500 bbls. petroleum to Antwerp, at 6s. 7d.; a British bark, 3,300 bbls. do. direct to Antwerp at 5s. 9d.; a British bark, 2,000 bbls. do. from Philadelphia to Antwerp at 5s. 6d., or to a direct port on the Continent at 5s. 9d.; one of 2,400 bbls. do. from Philadelphia to a direct port on the continent at 5s. 6d.; a ship, 3,500 bbls. do., same voyage; a British brig also, same voyage, with a cargo of crude; an American brig, with 30,000 feet lumber to Buenos Ayres or Montevideo, and a vessel to Marseilles, 1,000 bbls. alcohol on private terms.

GUNNY CLOTH continued quiet. Sales 25 bales at 22c., and in Boston 100 do., in bond, at 8½c., gold.

GUNNY BAGS were dull, and prices were nominal.

HIDES.—The market was quite firm, with a fair demand. The sales were 20,000 Buenos Ayres, 23 a 23½c., gold; 2,500 Montevideo, to arrive, at 21c., gold; 1,000 Maranham and Para, 20 a 21 lbs., at 13c., gold; 3,000 Vera Cruz, part at 17c., do., and 2,000 wet salted Buenos Ayres, 55 lbs., on private terms. Stock October 8, 1867, 101,500 hides.

HEMP.—No sales of consequence were reported, and prices were nominal. Manila was quoted 12½c. gold.

HOPS.—Prices of all grades ruled steady, and there was a fair demand. The sales were 85 bales, at 50c. a 70c. as to quality.

HAY.—There was no change to note in prices. Shipping lots commanded 75c., and retail do. $1 a $1 40.

HAIR.—We note sales of 6 bales Buenos Ayres at 23½c., gold.

HOGS.—For Scotch pig the market continued to rule dull. We have no sales to note. Eglinton was quoted 24c ex ship and $42 50 a $43 in yard; Langloan, $42 ex ship and Glengarnock, $42 50 a $43 ex ship. American was moderately active; 1,000 tons X No. 1 Crane were sold in lots for the East at $44.

LEATHER.—Hemlock was in better demand, and with moderate receipts and a slightly reduced stock previous prices were sustained, though in some cases a slight concession was granted on inferior stock. Oak was quiet; prime lots, however, were in fair demand from manufacturers, and prices were quite steady. Hemlock—Buenos Ayres, heavy was quoted at 30½c. a 32½c. per lb.; do. do. middle, 29½c. a 31c.; do. do. light, 28c. a 30c.; do. California, heavy, 32c. a 34½c.; do. do. middle, 29c. a 30c.; do. do. light, 28½c. a 29½c.; do. Grinnoco, &c., heavy, 26c. a 28c.; do. do. middle, 26c. a 29½c.; do. do. light, 28c. a 29c.; do. good damaged, all kinds and weights, 24c. a 27½c.; do. poor damaged, all kinds and weights, 19½c. a 21½c.; do. in the rough, 46c. a 44½c.; Oak slaughter, heavy, 43c. a 46c.; do. middle, 38c. a 44c.; do. do. light, 36c. a 40c.; do. cropped, heavy, 40c. a 46c.; do. cropped, middle, 43c. a 53c.; do. cropped, light, 43c. a 48c.; do. in the rough, heavy, 40c. a 44c.; middle, 38c. a 42c.; light, 36c. a 42c.; do. bellies, 24c. a 26c.

LUMBER.—The arrivals of Eastern spruce continue light and the demand is not very active; prices show no change. We quote the range $16 a $18, with a sale of one cargo at $17.

OATS.—Eastern were steady at $3.

LEAD.—The sales were unimportant; 6½c. gold, was the nominal price.

METALS.—Prices were steady, with a moderate demand; common was quoted at $4 50 and lump $4 85.

MOLASSES.—There was more activity and previous prices were realized; sales were made of 41 hhds. Cuba muscovado at 40c. a 45c. and 417 do. 12 tierces Fort au Spain at 51c.; by auction 57 hhds. Porto Rico at 50c. a 63½c.; stock, October 8, 1867:—5,630 hhds. Cuba, 2,180 do. Porto Rico and 368 do. English Islands.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine still continued dull and prices were again ½c. lower; the only sale we heard of was 103 bbls. at 37c., all grades. Rosin was almost neglected; sales of the low grades were restricted by the scarcity of freight room; sales 235 bbls. strained at $3 75, 100 do. common at the same price, 100 do. pale at $5 25, 50 do. pale at $6 50, and 250 do. No. 1 at $6 50 a $5. Tar was dull; Wilmington was quoted at $3 75 a $3 87½.

OILS.—Sperm continued quiet but steady, while whale was also steady. The sales in New Bedford were 375 bbls. sperm, at $2 25, and 700 do. northern whale at 75c. Stock of the former 1,700 bbls. and of the latter 32,700 do. Linseed was dull but unchanged. We quote $1 28 a $1 31. Lard oil was moderately active and firm with sales of 100 bbls. at $1 20 for prime winter and $1 20 for weather made. City distilled and red olive was unchanged at previous quotations.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts 25 bbls. pork, 201 do. beef, 317 do. lard, and 23 packages cut meats. The pork market ruled dull and heavy from the opening to the close, though holders did not press sales. Prices were lower, nevertheless, and there was a little disposition to buy even at the reduction. There was just little speculative feeling, and we learned of no transactions for future delivery. The sales comprised about 4,000 bbls., at from $25 50 to $25 80 for mess, closing at the inside price cash, and $25 62 regular. Prime was quiet and nominally $20 50 a $21. Beef was quiet and nominal. We learned of no sales. Beef hams were quiet and nominally $30 for Western. Bacon was firm under a moderate inquiry. We note sales of 160,000 lbs. short rib, part to arrive, at 14c. a 14½c., in bulk. Cut meats were quiet but firm, at 18c. a 18½c. for hams, in pickle, and 11c. a 12c. for shoulders. Lard was less active and a trifle lower. We note sales of 800 pkgs., at 14½c. a 14¾c. for steam and 14¾c. for kettle rendered. Butter and cheese were without decided change, the former being quoted at 35c. a 45c. for State and 15c. a 30c. for Ohio.

PETROLEUM.—Despite the advance in the rates of freight on this article to Great Britain and Continental Europe, there was an increased demand for shipment to-day, and we have to record a further advance of fully ½c. per gallon for refined and ⅛c. a ¼c. on crude, with large transactions, comprising fully 21,000 bbls. at the improvement, the market closing firm at 36c. for standard white in bond, and 15½c. a 15¾c. for crude. A fair proportion of the business was for forward delivery. The sales were as follows:—500 bbls. crude in