FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SUNDAY, Feb. 2, 1863.

The gold market was steady and quiet during the past week, the fluctuations having been limited to 1¾ per cent—namely, from 141¾ to 140¼, with the closing transactions at 140¾ a 140⅞. Coin was in superabundant supply, owing to the light "short" interest outstanding, and loans were made at rates varying from three to seven per cent for carrying. The demand for customs duties was a little larger than usual of late, the receipts at the port for the week having been $2,078,486; but the export of specie and bullion was remarkably small—namely, $169,100. The advance in the rates of foreign exchange, however, is likely to lead to renewed shipments. One of the principal causes of the great firmness of the market is the large falling off in the internal revenue receipts, and owing to the depressed condition of trade last year this decline is likely to become still more marked. The income tax receipts in particular will show a heavy decrease, and it is not improbable that the expenditures of the government will exceed its income unless the internal taxes are more efficiently collected and a stop is put to whisky and other frauds. The contingencies growing out of the reconstruction policy of Congress are being guarded against by the foreign bankers, who are the largest holders of gold, and an impression very generally prevails that the tendency of the premium is upward under the existing and prospective condition of financial, commercial and political affairs.

Government securities, after advancing sharply at the beginning of the week, reacted, under sales of speculative lots to realize profits, about ⅜ a ½ per cent. The market remained unsettled for two or three days, but on Friday and Saturday the speculative and investment demand quickened; and as the amount offering was very limited prices recovered nearly the whole of the decline, and at the close on Saturday their tendency was strongly upward. The fact that money can be borrowed to any extent on these securities at four per cent, while five-twenties yield six per cent in gold, is stimulating the speculative demand for them, and at the same time the banks and other corporations are buyers for the sake of finding employment for their surplus funds. Although, therefore, quotations have advanced considerably during the past month, all the indications are in favor of further material improvement. The firmness of the gold premium and of the market for five-twenties abroad is creating a demand for the bonds of 1862 and the old issue of 1865 for shipment. There has been of late more speculative animation on the London Stock Exchange than for many months past, and in view of this and the fact that money is a drug in Lombard street at ½ a 1 per cent per annum it would not be surprising if a decided advance took place in our securities held abroad. There is a difference of about one and a half per cent in price between the bonds of 1862 and 1865, but there is no good reason for this, and before long the two will doubtless be equalized.

The week opened on a very active and buoyant stock market, with Erie leading the upward movement, sales having been made as high as 78¾; but a reaction followed, and special efforts were directed to the depression of Erie, which declined at one time to 73¼ a 73¾. False rumors of an issue of new stock were invented and circulated by the leading bears in the stock for the purpose of frightening timid holders into selling and getting the street to sell it "short," with a view to buying back the stock they had sold at a profit and then twisting the "shorts" and running the price up again. This is their deliberate design, and it is technically called "milking the street;" but swindling the street would be a mere fitting term to describe the operation by. The head and front of this movement was the speculative director of the company whose efforts to depreciate the value of its stock furnish a commentary on railway management which may be studied by stockholders with profit. But for the waste and corruption—the "stealings," in fact—of the Erie management, its stock would be worth par as a dividend paying investment, but it has for its guiding light a man who makes it, as far as in his power lies, the football of Wall street. Look at the difference between Erie at 74¼ and New York Central at 130, and contrast the management of the one company with the other. The latter is run for the benefit of the public and the stockholders, and the former for the benefit of the speculative directors in Wall street. Monopolist though he may be, if Mr. Vanderbilt took hold of Erie it would be a public service, and the benefit conferred upon the company would be reflected in a rapid and permanent advance in the price of the stock, and the time will soon come when the control of this great property will be wrested from the hands of its present managers. The transactions in Erie were very heavy and the speculative director is understood to have bought largely, under cover of his hammering operations. The probability is that the stock will now obey the natural tendency of the market, as it is evident that he and the bears in it generally have done all that it is possible for them to do in order to accomplish their objects. Next in point of speculative interest was Rock Island, which advanced on Saturday under an active demand to 102¼ a 102½. The manner in which this stock is held and the expected result of the litigation now progressing in relation to the $4,000,000 of new stock give it a very strong undertone. The speculative feeling improved yesterday afternoon, and the market closed strong at the following quotations:—New York Central, 128¼ a 128½; Erie, 74¾ a 74½; Reading, 95¼ a 95½; Michigan Southern, 88¾ a 89; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 97½ a 97¾; Rock Island, 107½ a 107¼; Fort Wayne, 102½ a 102¾; Northwestern, 60 a 60¼; do. preferred, 73¾ a 73¾; Pacific Mail, 113½ a 113¼; Ohio and Mississippi certificates, 32¾ a 33; Western Union Telegraph, 36¾ a 37; Cumberland Coal, 38 a 38½; Quicksilver, 24 a 24¼.

The money market was extremely easy and loans to stock houses were made at 4 a 6 per cent, with the great majority of transactions in miscellaneous collaterals at five per cent, while the rate on governments was almost exclusively four. The supply of first class commercial paper was light, and it found buyers at 5¼ a 6½ per cent. The Sub-Treasury nominally increased its balance to the amount of more than seventeen millions during the last three weeks in January, but at the end of the month the balance suddenly fell from more than a hundred and eleven millions to ninety-seven millions and a half, partly owing to "marking off" in the accounts and partly, it is supposed, to purchases of seven-thirty notes.

The foreign exchange market was firm and rates advanced ¼ a ½ per cent for sterling, under a scarcity of cotton and general produce bills. On Friday the leading drawers asked 110 for sixty days bills on London, and as this rate permits of the export of specie the advance is not without material influence in strengthening the gold premium; but at present the demand from importers for remittance is light. Bankers' bills on England at sixty days were quoted at the close at 109¾ a 110; at three days, 110 a 110¼; commercial bills, 109 a 109¼. Bills on Paris at sixty days, 5.15 a 5.13¾; at three days, 5.12½ a 5.11¾. On Berlin—Bankers', 72 a 72¼; commercial, 71¾ a 71¾. On Bremen—Bankers', 78¼ a 79; commercial, 79 a 79¼. On Frankfort—Bankers', 41 a 41½; commercial, 40½ a 40¾. On Amsterdam—Bankers', 41 a 41½; commercial, 40¾ a 40⅞. On Hamburg—Bankers', 36¼ a 36¼; commercial, 35¾ a 36. On Antwerp—Bankers', 5.16¼ a 5.14¾; commercial, 5.20 a 5.17½.

The subjoined statement shows the highest cash prices obtained for the leading stocks sold at the first regular board on each of the following Saturdays:—

	Jan. 11.	Jan. 18.	Jan 25.	Feb. 1.
Atlantic Mail	112¾	99	98	99
Canton Company	51	54¾	59½	59
Cleveland & Pittsburg	94¼	94¼	96¼	98
Cleveland & Toledo	103¾	103¾	113	113
Chic. & Rock Island	97¼	96¾	98¼	102
Chic. & Northwestern	62¼	61½	61	60
Chic. & Northwestern pf	74¾	72¾	74¼	74
Cleveland, Col. & Cin.	99	101	—	105
Hudson River	143	140	145	147
Illinois Central	133½	135¼	133	133¾
Michigan Central	109¾	109¾	112	112
Michigan Southern	88	87¼	89	88¾
Milwaukee & St. Paul	50¾	49¾	51	48
Mil. and St. Paul pref.	67	64¾	65¾	65¼
Mariposa Mining	8¾	—	8	—
Mariposa preferred	15½	—	13½	14¾
New York Central RR	124¾	123¾	132	129¾
New York & Erie RR.	77	75	75¾	74¾
New York & Erie pref.	76¾	76	77¼	83
Ohio and Mississippi	31¾	30¾	33¼	33
Pacific Mail	114	108¾	111¾	115
Pittsburg & Ft. Wayne	102	100¾	104¾	103
Quicksilver Mining	26½	26½	28½	25
Reading Railroad	95	93¼	96¾	96
Toledo and Wabash	46¾	—	46½	47
West'n Un. Telegraph	37¾	37¼	38	37

Government securities (coupons) were quoted at the close of business on each Saturday of the last three weeks as follows:—

	Jan. 18.	Jan. 25.	Feb. 1.
Rates of 1881.110	a 110¼	111 a 111¼	111¼ a 111¾
6s-forties	102¼ a 102¾	103¾ a 104	104¼ a 104¾
20's of '62.110	a 110¼	110¾ a 111	111¼ a 111¾
20's of '64.107½	a 107¾	108¼ a 108¾	109¼ a 109¾
20's of '65.108¾	a 108¾	109¾ a 109¾	110 a 110¼
do. new	105¾ a 105¾	107¼ a 107¾	107¾ a 108
20's of '67.105¾	a 106	107¼ a 107¾	108 a 108¼
20's, June.105¾	a 105¾	107¼ a 107¾	107¾ a 107¾
20's, July .105¾	a 105¾	107¼ a 107¾	107¾ a 107¾

Annexed is a comparative statement showing the shipments of specie from this port last week and during the year to date, together with those for the corresponding periods in 1862 and 1861:—

	1863.	1862.	1861.
Fifth week	$292,568	$685,098	$169,100
Prev. reported	2,535,236	2,505,211	6,980,231
Total	$2,827,804	$3,190,309	$7,149,331

The exports to the corresponding period in the previous fourteen years compare as follows:—

1865	$3,253,070	1853	$7,673,888
1864	6,121,698	1857	2,265,097
1863	4,624,574	1856	142,335
1862	2,654,274	1855	121,064
1861	58,894	1854	1,540,068
1860	942,219	1852	943,744
1859	2,912,659	1852	3,919,565

Subjoined is the total valuation of the foreign imports at New York for the week ending January 31, compared with those of the two preceding weeks, as also the value of the dry goods entered at this port and thrown on the market for the corresponding period in 1862 and 1861:—

Week ending	Jan. 17.	Jan. 24.	Jan 31.
Dry goods	$1,541,326	$1,281,490	$1,321,855
General merchandise	2,046,165	1,232,945	2,625,769
Total for the week	$3,587,491	$2,514,435	$3,947,624

The imports of dry goods for the the week and since January 1 compare as follows:—

For the Week.	1862.	1861.	1863.
Entered at the port	$4,380,030	$3,152,844	$1,321,855
Thrown on market	3,734,750	2,423,446	1,215,904
Since Jan. 1.			
Entered at the port	15,769,091	11,928,872	5,119,350
Thrown on market	14,513,642	8,897,443	4,765,026

The dry goods import movement at this port in January in the present and two previous years is thus shown, the valuations being in gold, exclusive of freight and charges:—

ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

	1862.	1861.	1863.
Manufs. of wool	$3,740,464	$1,680,183	$573,833
Manufs. of cotton	2,181,451	1,625,857	645,633
Manufs. of silk	2,177,813	943,349	1,011,850
Manufs of flax	1,798,390	954,847	496,704
Miscel. dry goods	839,912	632,234	432,027
Total ent. for con.	$10,738,030	$5,836,470	$3,160,052

WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE.

	1862.	1861.	1863.
Manufs. of wool	$1,413,503	$1,299,885	$485,651
Manufs. of cotton	960,893	564,166	387,824
Manufs. of silk	654,139	394,871	180,473
Manufs. of flax	605,402	715,394	438,948
Miscell's dry goods	141,675	96,707	112,078
Total withdn'n from warehouse	$3,775,612	$3,060,973	$1,604,974
Add ent. for cons'n.	10,738,030	5,836,470	3,160,052
Total thrown on the market	$14,513,642	$8,897,443	$4,765,036

ENTERED FOR WAREHOUSING.

	1862.	1861.	1863.
Manufs. of wool	$2,313,860	$2,182,140	$742,515
Manufs. of cotton	1,108,648	1,720,379	474,220
Manufs. of silk	827,835	988,489	285,623
Manufs. of flax	648,349	917,964	321,216
Miscell's dry goods	132,369	283,509	135,733
Total ent. wareh'g.	$5,031,061	$6,092,402	$1,959,307
Add ent. for cons'n.	10,738,030	5,836,470	3,160,052
Tot. ent. at the port	$15,769,091	$11,928,872	$5,119,359

The movement for the seven months ending with January was as follows:—

ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.

	1862.	1861.	1863.
Total ent. for cons.	$64,352,961	$40,812,703	$29,319,577

WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE.

Total withdrawn f'm warehouse	$12,923,396	$19,729,711	$15,982,225
Add ent. for con.	64,352,961	40,812,703	29,310,577
Tot'l thro'n on mkt.	$77,276,347	$70,542,414	$45,292,802

ENTERED FOR WAREHOUSING.

Total ent. wareh'se.	$18,757,102	$27,624,162	$15,173,140
Add ent. for con.	64,352,961	40,812,703	29,810,577
Total ent. at port	$83,110,063	$68,436,865	$44,483,717

COMMERCIAL REPORT.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1—6 P. M.

COTTON.—At the opening the market was dull, and a few sales were made at a decline of ⅛c. a ¼c. per lb., but at the close it was quite steady at yesterday's quotations. The sales were limited to 4,570 bales, including 639 for export, 1,857 on speculation, 1,567 for spinning and 700 in transitu. We quote:—

	Uplands and Florida.	Mobile and Memphis	New Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	17	17	17¼
Good ordinary	18	18	18⅝
Low middling	18¾	19	19⅛
Middling	19¼	19½	20½
Good middling	20	20¼	21¼

COFFEE.—A moderate business was done in Rio at full prices. Sales 3,800 bags on private terms. Other descriptions were unchanged.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Receipts, 5,215 bbls. flour, 100 do. and 4,531 bags corn meal, 5,330 bushels wheat, 51,630 do. corn, 6,330 do. oats and 725 do. rye. The flour market ruled very quiet to-day, but prices were unchanged. California was in light demand, but prices were steady. The sales comprised 5,230 bbls. at the annexed quotations. Southern flour was sparingly dealt in, but full prices were obtained. About 500 bbls. were disposed of at our quotations. Rye flour was steady, with a light demand. The sales were limited to 200 bbls. at $7 50 a $9 25. Corn meal continued quiet, but prices were without change. Sales, 300 bbls. Brandywine at $6 37½. Buckwheat flour remained dull at $3 75 a $4 25 per 100 lbs. We quote:—

Superfine State and Western	$8 25 a $9 15
Extra State	10 10 a 10 50
Choice do	10 65 a 11 00
Common to medium extra and choice Western	9 75 a 12 00
Round hoop Ohio, shipping brands	10 00 a 11 00
Round hoop Ohio, trade brands	11 50 a 14 00
St. Louis low extra	10 50 a 11 50
St. Louis straight extra	12 00 a 13 00
St. Louis choice double extra	13 60 a 15 50
St. Louis choice family	15 50 a 18 50
Common Southern	11 00 a 13 50
Fancy extra do	14 00 a 15 50
California flour (sacks and bbls.)	12 25 a 13 75
Rye flour (superfine)	7 50 a 9 25
Corn meal, city	6 00 a 6 10
Corn meal, Brandywine	6 37½ a —
Corn meal, Jersey	6 10 a 6 20

—The market for wheat continued to rule dull, but holders were very firm in their views. The only sales we heard of were 7,500 bushels No. 1 spring at $2 50 in store, and 4,000 do. red Jersey, on the dock at $1 58. Corn was without decided change, the sales being 50,000 bushels at $1 24 a $1 25 for new mixed Western afloat, $1 24 a $1 25 for white do., $1 20 a $1 25 for white Southern and $1 22 a $1 23 for yellow Jersey. Oats were dull, but firmer, Western being held at 84½c. 86c. was quite freely bidden. Rye was dull, but held at former prices. Barley was a trifle firmer; sales 5,000 bushels Lake Shore at $2 15. Barley malt was in some demand, the sales being 5,000 bushels State afloat at $1 85.

FREIGHTS.—The market was unusually quiet, but full rates were demanded. The engagements were:—To Liverpool, 10 hhds. tobacco at 45c., 700 bbls. flour on private terms. To London, 30 hhds. Virginia tobacco at 45s. To Bremen, 700 bbls. rosin at 3s. 3d. per 280 lbs., and 80 cases tobacco on private terms. The charters were:—A British brig, 2,800 bbls. capacity, to the south side Cuba and back, sugar, at 65c.

GUNNIES were dull at about 19c for cloth and 18½c. for bags.

HAY was scarcely so firm, with a moderate demand, shipping selling at $1 15 and retail lots at $1 20 a $1 40.

HOPS continued in fair demand at steady prices; sales 20 bales at 50c. a 65c. for domestic, the latter price for extra.

HEMP.—All kinds were inactive and prices were entirely nominal. Manila 10¼c., gold.

MOLASSES.—The market remained quiet, but prices of all descriptions were called firm. We heard of no sales of moment.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits turpentine was dull and unsettled, closing at about 58c. a 58½c. for merchantable lots; sales were made of 50 bbls., in bond, at 50½c., and 33 do. free, to arrive, on terms we could not learn. Rosin was very quiet; the lower grades were rather heavy, while the other grades were steady, common and strained closing at $2 96 a $3 04, No. 2 at $3 12½ a $3 25, No. 1 at $3 50 a $4 25, and pale at $4 50 a $5 50; sales 173 bbls. No. 1 at $4. Tar was unchanged at $3 12½ a $3 37½ for Wilmington.

OILS.—Linseed was steady at $1 15 a $1 18, in casks and bbls. Other kinds were also steady at former quotations.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts, 508 bbls. pork, 35 do. beef, 1,626 packages cut meats, 1,075 do. and 100 kegs lard, 1,178 dressed hogs. The demand for pork was slightly more active, and higher prices were obtained. On the spot the sales were 1,500 bbls. at $21 75 a $22 for old mess, $22 75 a $23 for new do., $19 a $19 50 for prime mess and $17 25 a $18 37½ for prime. For future delivery the sales comprised 250 bbls. new mess, for March, at $22, and 2,000 do. same delivery at $22 87½ a $23 12½ seller's option. Stock February 1, 1863, about 74,700 bbls. Dressed hogs again advanced, Western selling at 9c. a 9½c. and State at 10c. a 10¼c. Beef was very active and firm at previous prices. The sales were 3,000 bbls. at $10 a $19 for common brands to plain mess, and $18 50 a $21 50 for extra mess. Tierce beef continued in fair demand at steady prices, the sales being 550 tierces at $28 a $30 for India mess and $31 50 a $35 for prime do. Beef hams were unchanged; 350 bbls. were disposed of at $20 a $21 50. Cut meats were steady, with a moderate demand. Sales 200 packages at 8¾c. a 9c. for pickled shoulders, 9c. a 9½c. for dry do., 11¾c. for bellies and 12½c. a 12¾c. for pickled hams. Bacon was in moderate demand and firmly held. Sales were made of 600 boxes at 10¼c. a 11c. for Cumberland cut, 11¾c. for long clear, 11¾c. a 11¾c. for short ribbed and 13c. a 13½c. for short clear. Lard continued in fair demand and firm at yesterday's advance. The sales were 1,500 bbls. at 13¼c. a 14¼c. for No. 1 to kettle rendered.

PETROLEUM.—Crude was dull, but firmly held at 10½c. in bulk and 16½c. in bbls. The business in bonded was light, but higher prices were obtained, standard white closing at 24½c. a 24¾c. 2,000 bbls. were disposed of at the latter figure. Free was dull and nominal at 41c. a 42c. for prime light straw to white and standard white. In Philadelphia the market remained dull. Sales 1,000 bbls. standard white for the last half of this month on private terms.

RICE.—Carolina was in moderate demand and firm at 10¾c. a 11¼c. Sales 68 tierces at 10¾c.

SUGAR.—Raw was moderately active and very firm at 11¾c. a 12¾c. for fair to good refining Cuba. 12¾c. was asked in a few cases for the latter grade; sales 400 hhds. Cuba at 12c. a 12¼c., and 389 boxes at 12¾c. a 14¼c. Refined was in fair demand and firm at 16¾c. for hard, 15¾c. a 16¾c. for soft white, and 14¾c. a 15¼c. for yellow.

SEEDS.—A sale of 2,000 bags Calcutta linseed was rumored on private terms. Clover was dull at 12¾c. a 13c. Timothy was quoted at $2 75 a $3, while rough flax was dull at $2 75 a $2 80.

STARCHES were firm, with sales of 25,000 lbs. at 13¼c. a 13¾c.

TALLOW.—The demand was moderate and prices were firm. Sales 130,000 lbs. at 11c. a 11¼c.

WHISKEY.—Receipts, 650 bbls. The market remained inactive; prices were nominal.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

Doubtless every one is familiar with the double picture so frequently seen in the print shops exhibiting pictorially the state of mind produced upon an old gentleman by the varying quotations of stocks "on 'Change." "Stocks up and stocks down" are undoubtedly descriptive, it being a most natural quality of human nature that men would exhibit through their features the condition of mind affecting them, whether of disappointment or advantage. Taking this as a criterion, it is safe to assume that the trade in dry goods (in a reportorial sense technicalities of expression are of little account), has been during the last week somewhat brisker than on previous occasions, judging by the pleasant faces of dealers; in fact, taking an authority which may be considered as tolerably reliable, the market has been very active and goods of all kinds advancing. In bleached and fine brown goods a great demand is apparent, the latter appearing extremely scarce; ticks, denims and stripes are much the same as formerly reported. The surplus of cotton goods was much over estimated, the stock in hands of city jobbers proving to be generally small and quickly disappearing. The following are the latest quotations:—

BROWN SHEETINGS.—11-4 Utica, 60c.; do. Pepperell, 47½c.; 10-4 Allendale, 32½c.; do. Utica, 55c.; 9-4 Pepperell, 35c.; do. Allendale, 40c.; 8-4 Pepperell, 30c.; 7-4 Pepperell, 27½c.; do. Utica, 37½c.; 6-4 Pepperell, 25c.; do. Cohasset, 21½c.; 5-4 Utica, 30c.; do. Lyman, A, 23½c.; 9-8 Nashua E, 17c.; do. Pepperell E, 14c.; do. Indian Orchard A, 12½c.

WHITE SHEETINGS.—11-4 Pepperell, 55c.; 10-4 Utica, 60c.; do. Pepperell, 45c.; do. Pequot, 5½c.; 9-4 Utica, 55c.; do. Pepperell, 50c.; 8-4 Pepperell, 35c.; 6-4 Utica, 35c.; do. Pepperell, 23c.; 5-4 Utica, 30c.; 42 inch Amoskeag, 16½c.

BROWN COTTON.—4-4 Pequot A, 16c.; Atlantic A, 16c.; Indian Head, Pacific extra, Nashua R and Clark's, 16c.; Atlantic H, Appleton A, Wachusett and Lawrence G, 15½c.; Amoskeag A, Pacific H and Stark A, 14½c.; Augusta, Dwight A, Pepperell E and Roxbury, 13c.; Lawrence K, 13c.; Atlantic L, Dwight W, Everett AA, Lawrence F and Pacific L, 13c.; Pepperell R, 13c.; Broadway No 1 and Indian Orchard, 12c.; Atlantic P, Great Falls B, Laconda E and Indian Orchard C, 12c.; Exeter, 11½c.; Great Falls J, 12c.; Kennebeck, 8½c.; 34-inch Exeter S, 10¾c.; Massachusetts K, 10c.; 31-inch Lawrence G, 11c.; 33-inch Pepperell O, 11½c.; 31-inch Bedford R, 8½c.; 30-inch Augusta, 11½c.; Lawrence M, 11c.; 29-inch Pepperell N, 10½c.; Massachusetts O, 9c.

BLEACHED MUSLINS.—4-4 New York Mills, 25c.; Lonsdale and Atlantic cambrics, 25c.; Wamsutta, Utica and Androscoggin Z, 22c½.; Tuscarora, 20c.; Lonsdale, Fruit of the Loom and Dwight, 17c.; Androscoggin, Masonville and Hill's Semper Idem, 17c.; Ida Mills, Imperial, 15c.; Chapman, 14; Bartlett, 15½c.; Tip Top, 14.; L & W. Slater, 13c.; Boott B, Great Falls K, Newmarket G, Ballou & Sons and Hope, 13½c.; Boott S, 12½c.; Boott E, 11c.; Green Mf. Co. G and Putnam N, 11c.; Indian River, XX, 11½c.; 34 inch Utica, 20c.; 34 inch Bartlett, 11½c.; 3-4 New Jersey and Boott H, 10½c.; Kingston, 9½c.; Boott R, 8½c.; Sagamore C, 8½c.; Globe, 8c.; Mechanics', 7½c.; Cohoes and Portsmouth B, 7c.

PRINTS.—Merrimac W, 13½c.; Merrimac pink and purple, 14c.; robe de chambre, 16c.; Merrimac D, 12½c.; Gloucester, 11½c.; Pacific, 12½c.; Sprague, Albion solid, Swiss red, 12½c.; London mourning, Simpson mourning, 11½c.; Oriental, 12c.; Hamilton, 12½c.; Sprague, 12½c.; Oriental, 12c.; Arnold, 10½c.; Freeman, 10½c.; Wauregan, 11½c.

GINGHAMS.—Lancaster, 16c.; Glasgow, 15c.; Berkshire, Cameron and Empire State, 12½c.; Clyde, 10½c.

STRIPES.—6x3 Amoskeag, 23c; 3x3 do., 22c.; 6x3 Hamilton, 21c.; 3x3 Massabesic and York, 21½c.; 6x3 York, 21½c.; Arkwright, 18½c.; Harvester, 17c.; 6x3 Uncasville, 15½c.; 3x3 do., 14½c.; 6x3 Everett, 14½c.; 3x3 do., 13½c.; 6x3 American, 14c.; 3x3 do., 13c.; 6x3 Whittenton C, 13½c.; 3x3 do., 13c.; 6x3 Eagle, 13½c.; 3x3 do., 12½c.

APRON CHECKS.—Union Mills, No. 50, 25c.; do., No. 20, 22½c.; do., No. 18, 20c.; Caledonian Factory, No. 15, 25c.; do., No. 11, 20c.

DENIMS.—Amoskeag and Columbia, 30c.; Otis AXA, 27½c.; York, 25c.; Lewiston, 25c.; Otis BB, 25c.; Workingman's, 21½c.; Otis CC, 21c.; Warren Brown, 18½c.; Northfield, Blue Hill, Otis Ticket, 12½c.

BROWN DRILLS.—Pepperell, 16c.; Laconia, 16c.; Lyman H and Stark A, 16c.; Oakland, 15½c.; Winthrop, 13½c.; Columbian, 12½c.

CORSET JEANS.—Naumkeag and Kearsarge satteen, 17½c.; Pepperell, 15c.; Everett, 15c.; Laconia, 13c.; Amoskeag, 13½c.; Hallowell, 12½c.; Newmarket, 12c.; Indian Orchard, 11½c.; Bates and Honeydale, 10½c.

SILESIAS.—Lonsdale, 20c.; Union, 17c.; Blackburn and Ward, 16c.; Indian Orchard, 15½c.; Superior, 16c.; Victory, 14c.; Elliston, 12½c.

GLAZED CAMBRICS.—Pequot and Wauregan, 10c.; Verona and Victory A, 9½c.; Amoskeag, 8½c.; high colors, 10c. a 10½c.

PAPER CAMBRICS.—Lonsdale, S. S. & Sons, Masonville and Warren, 11½c.; high colors, 12½c. a 13½c.

TICKS.—36 inch Middlesex, 35c.; Lewiston, 30c.; 35 inch Conestoga, ex gold metal, 30c.; 32 inch Amoskeag ACA, 36c.; Pearl River, 32c.; Amoskeag A, 28c.; Lewiston, Cordis AAA and Everett A, 27½c.; 30 inch Willow Brook, 30c.; Amoskeag B, 25c.; Hamilton and York, 25c.; Amoskeag C, 22c.; Amoskeag D, 19c.; Pemberton X, 16½c.; 27 inch Kellyville, 12½c.; Pittsfield, 9½c.; Albany, 9½c.

KENTUCKY JEANS.—Rodman, 35c.; Laurel Glen, 32½c.; Tiverton plaid, 20c.; Rose Valley, 13½c.

COTTONADES.—New York Mills D and T, 52½c.; Pemberton D and F, best, and Farmers' and Mechanics', 40c.; Uncle Sam, 36c.; Great Western, 33c.

CANTON FLANNELS, BROWN.—Ellerton H, 35c.; do. N, 27c.; do. O, 24c.; Amoskeag A, 25c.; Hamilton, 20c.; Laconia, 18½c.; Pemberton C, 16½c.; Ellerton U, 17c.; Staterville, 16½c.; Rockland, 14½c.; Augusta, 14½c.; Montville, 13½c.; Massachusetts H, 12½c.

CANTON FLANNELS, WHITE.—Chicopee WH, 42½c.; do. N, 28c.; Pemberton A, 25c.; Laconia and Pemberton Y, 21½c.; Salmon Falls, 20c.; Globe A, 18c.; Suffolk, 16½c.

WOOL FLANNELS.—4 4 Gilbert's white, No. 1, 97½c.; do. No. 2, 85c.; do. No. 3, 60c.; do. No. 4, 52½c.; do. 7-8, No. 1, 90c.; No. 2, 67½c.; No. 3, 52½c.; No. 4, 50c.; 6-4, No. 1, 85c.; No. 2, 65c.; No. 3, 50c.; No. 4, 45.; 4 4, CAS, No. 1, 95c.; No. 2, 85c.; No. 3, 62½c.; No. 4, 52½c.; 3-4, twilled F and C, best red, blue and gray, 45c.; 3-4, medium twilled, 27½c. a 37½c.; 22 inch plain colored, 24c.; 26 inch do., 27½c. a 35c.; 30 inch do., 35c. a 55c.; Belknap, all wool, 42½c.; do., cotton and wool, 28c.

LINSEYS.—White Rock, 20½c.; James Nolan, 25c.

DELAINES.—Pacific, 18c.; plain, 24c.; Sprague's plain, 20c.; Pekin lustre, 24c.; alpaca lustre, 28c.; amlin colors, 23c.; Tycoon reps, 27½c.; merinos, printed, 25c.; merinos, plain A, 35c.

CARPETS.—Velvet, Cressley's best, $3 10; do. do. A, $2 90; Brussel 5 frame, $2 60; do. 4 do., $2 50; do. 3 do., $2 30; tapestry, Cressley's, $1 65; 3 ply Hartford X, $1 85; do. imperial, $1 75; do. ex. super., $1 30; superfine, $1 15; ingrain, 80c. a $1 15; hemp, 23c. a 45c; stair, 70c. a $1 10 per square yard.

HATS.—At the regular trade sale of James H. Prentice the following prices prevailed:—

WOOL HATS.—Men's plain, $7 a $10 25; men's fancy, $7 a $11 25; youth's fancy, $5 25 a $7; children's plain, $5 50 a $6; cassimere, men's plain, $13 50 a $20 25; men's fancy, $16 50 a $22; black beaver and belly nutria, $18 25 a $25 25; black beaver brush, $25 25 a $38 75. At an auction sale of Henry Molton & Co. last week the following prices were obtained:—Boys' black wool, $4 25 a $7; boys' fancy wool, $5 a $8 50; boys' nutria wool, $4 25 a $6 50; men's wool, $4 50 a $10 50; men's fur, black, common, $9 50 a $18; men's fur, black, fine, $19 25 a $26; men's fur hats, colored, $23 50 a $28; men's black brush, $30 a $39. An improvement is expected in February. The following are manufacturers' prices for silk hats:—X, $54 a $66; do. XX, $66 a $72; do. XXX, $72 a $84.

THE PROVISIONS MARKET.

The changes made in this market last week are scarcely noticeable. We repeat the quotations of last week with a few changes:—

BUTTER.—State, firkins, prime yellow, lots, 44c. a 45c.; do. fair to good, 39c. a 43c.; do. single dairies, prime, 44c. a 46c.; do. do. fair to good, 40c. a 44c.; do. half tubs, good to prime, 45c. a 47c.; do. do. fair to good, 40c. a 45c.; do. do. poor to fair, 35c. a 40c.; do. Welsh tubs, good to prime, 40c. a 43c.; do. do., poor to good, 36c. a 40c.; do. store packed, 30c. a 37c.; Orange county creamery pails, 45c. a 48c.; do. do. dairy pails, 40c. a 45c.; Chenango, Broome and Delaware county pails, prime, 40c. a 43c.; do. do. poor to good, 30c. a 40c.; heads by county pails, new, good to prime, 40c. a 45c.; do. do. poor to good, 30c. a 40c.; Pennsylvania dairy, good to prime, 40c. a 42c.; do. do. fair to good, 35c. a 40c.; do. store packed, good to prime, 30c. a 36c.; do. do. poor to good, 25c. a 30c.; Western Reserve, firkins, poor to good, 25c. a 33c.; Michigan, firkins, fair to good, 25c. a 33c.; Western, firkins, poor to good, 20c. a 30c.; Canada, dairy, good to prime, 34c. a 36c.; do. store, fair to good, 25c. a 30c.; baking butter, 15c. a 20c.; rolls, good to prime, 34c. a 36c.; do. fair to good, 31c. a 33c.

CHEESE.—State, factory, good to prime, 14c. a 15c.; do. do. fair to good, 13c. a 14c.; do. do. poor to fair, 12c. a 13c.; do. Herkimer farm, fine, 14c. a 14½c.; do. farm, good to prime, 13c. a 14c.; do. do. poor to good, 10c. a 13c.; do. do. skimmed, 3c. a 9c.; do. Orange county, skimmed, 3c. a 10c.; Vermont, dairy, good to prime, 11c. a 13c.; do. do., poor to good, 5c. a 11c.; Ohio, factory, good to prime, 13c. a 14½c.; do. do. fair to good, 11c. a 13c.; do. farm dairy, good to prime, 10c. a 12c.; do. do. poor to good, 6c. a 10c.; do. do., skimmed, common, 3c. a 8c.; English dairy, Goshen, Ct., good to prime, 15c. a 16c.; poor to good, 13c. a 15c.; pineapple, good to prime, 13c. a 21c.; do., poor to good, 14c. a 17c.

FLOUR.—State, superfine, $8 60 a $9; do., extra, $10 a $10 75; Ohio, round hoop, shipping, $10 40 a $11 10; do. trade brands, $10 60 a $13 75; St. Louis, extra, $12 a $16; Western, superfine, $8 50 a $9; do., extra, $9 75 a $11; California, in bags, per 196 lbs., $12 25 a $13 50; Southern extra, new, $9 50 a $15; Canada, white wheat, extra, $14 a $14 25; do. clubs, $11 50 a $12; do. midge proof, $13 25 a $13 50; buckwheat flour, per 100 lbs., $4 a $4 40; rye flour, $7 75 a $9 25; rye bran, per 100 lbs., $2 25 a $2 40; wheat bran, do., $2 10 a $2 25.

MEAL.—Corn meal, Jersey, bbl., $5 80 a $6; corn meal, Brandywine, $6 30 a $6 40; corn meal, Western, per bbl., $6; do. fine yellow, per 100 pounds, $2 40 a $2 50; do. fine white, do., $2 50 a $2 60; do. Jersey, coarse, do., $2 30 a $2 40; ground feed, pure, do., $2 30 a $2 40; oat meal, Canada, extra, $11 a $11 50; do., do., fair, $10 a 10 50; oil meal, per cwt., $2 45 a $2 55.

EGGS.—Jersey, extra brands, 43c. a 45c.; State and Pennsylvania, at mark, 40c. a 42c.; Canada, best, loss off, 41c. a 43c.; Western eggs, express, loss off, 40c. a 42c.; do. at mark, 39c. a 40c.; do., ordinary, loss off, 40c. a 42c.; do., at mark, 38c. a 40c.; limed, State, loss off, 31c. a 33c.; do., Western, loss off, 28c. a 31c.; egg oats, per bushel, 60c. a 65c.

POULTRY.—Dressed—Chickens, Jersey and Bucks county, 16c. a 18c.; do. State, prime, 14c. a 16c.; do. do. fair to good, 11c. a 13c.; do. Western, good to prime,