

COTTON PRICES WERE STEADY

ADVANCE AND DECLINE ABOUT EVENED UP AT END OF SESSION.

PORT RECEIPTS EXCEEDED SALES

Support of Bulls and a Flurry of Shorts Trying to Cover for September Helped the Market to Remain Steady.

New York, Sept. 18.—Cotton was quiet today, with fluctuations showing irregularity, but a generally steady undertone.

There was selling by prominent floor brokers at the advance, however, and when the estimates for receipts tomorrow at leading points came in, and it was found that the day's port receipts greatly exceeded the market sold off to a net loss of about 2 to 5 points.

From this level it recovered to about the closing prices of Saturday, and during the middle of the day prices ruled within a few points of that level.

Exports for the day were fair, but well behind port receipts, and stocks at all United States ports are slowly accumulating, being now about 215,116 bales, against 194,430 bales a year ago.

The estimates for the leading points are full, particularly at Galveston. The trade is expected to reach between 65,000 and 75,000 tomorrow.

Owing to the private report of the port's deterioration, and the idea that it was to cold in the western belt, a bullish report is expected at noon tomorrow, and part of the covering was based on this contingency.

Receipts of cotton at the ports today 45,425 bales, against 27,929 last week and 24,881 last year.

For the week, 269,000, against 186,797 last week, and 199,210 last year.

Today's receipts at New Orleans, 4,155, against 4,488 last year, and at Houston 11,091 bales, against 6,223 last year.

New York Statement.—New York, Sept. 19.—Cotton, gross receipts 16,142; exports, to Continent 1,159.

Total today, net receipts 45,625; exports, Great Britain, 1,988, France 13,240, Continent 1,559; stock 235,495.

Consolidated net receipts 176,943; exports, Great Britain 4,485, France 13,240, Continent 1,559.

Total since September 1, net receipts 415,747; exports, Great Britain 149,874, France 22,957, Continent 66,557, Japan 1,109, Mexico 1,000.

Galveston, Sept. 19.—Cotton firm; middling 10 1/2c; sales 461 bales; receipts 184; stock 75,550.

Liverpool, Sept. 19.—Cotton, spot moderate business, prices 8 points lower; American middling fair 7d.

New York Futures.—New York, Sept. 19.—Cotton futures closed very steady; September 10.62c, October 10.61c, November 10.62c, December 10.60c, January 10.71c, February 10.75c, March 10.65c, April 10.65c, May 10.60c.

New Orleans Futures.—New Orleans, Sept. 19.—Cotton futures quiet; September 10.48c, October 10.29c, November 10.28c, December 10.29c, January 10.17c, February 10.25c, March 10.60c, April 10.60c.

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