THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Scalpers Banked on a Break That Never Came

THEN MADE A RUN FOR COVER.

A Little Fairy Tale About Hutchinson Retiring—Gossip About Bull Leaders Combining—"Short" Scalpers Frightened.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was dull to-day. The scalping crowd was disposed to play for the usual Saturday slump, but they did not go too far. The market did not act to suit them. In short, the slump did not come as per programme, prices at the close being ⅝c higher than the opening; resting in fact, at the outside. There was nothing in the general situation to induce any further speculative short selling to-day. That sort of news, which was plentiful yesterday, was not fed by fresh fuel. On the contrary the feeling favored the steadying up of values. Trading was most active early and late, the central part of the session being very quiet. The market opened at $1.10¼ for May, ranged to $1.10⅛, off to $1.09⅞, up ¼c, back to $1.09⅝@1.09¾, up to $1.10⅜, off to $1.09⅞, and up sharply to above $1.11. As before stated scalpers were banking on a break, and when the session drew towards its close and the break did not materialize, they ran for cover, hoisting the market as indicated. The highest price touched for May was $1.11⅛, and the close was $1.10⅞@1.11. December opened at $1.04⅞, ranged to $1.05¼@1.06⅛, and closed at the outside. January opened at $1.05⅛@1.06¼, and closed at $1.06⅛. The early feature was the heavy buying by Baxter. Poole, Mitchell and others were also good buyers on the initial decline, and Hutchinson's brokers picked up what they could without disturbing values. Hutchinson has been a steady buyer of wheat all the week, which has given rise to a story that the bull leaders have kept out of the market to let him cover his line of wheat, on the assumption that he is clearing up his trade preparatory to quiting the board for a time. Gossips bolster up this story by the further statement that Hutchinson is the only man the bull leaders are afraid of, and that they are very willing to get rid of him by letting him out without loss. This story is given for what it is worth. No affidavits go with it, and our readers are at liberty to believe as much or as little of it as they may elect. The 1c rally that distinguished the last half hour of business was helped along by the report that the bull leaders had at length combined and put their deal in the hands of Ream. This is another story that is deficient in "body," and ranks under the head of "fairy tales." It frightened the scalpers who were short, just the same and accelerated their movement into camp. Cables were rather easier in tone and there has been a halt in the falling off in the movement of wheat in the northwest. Estimates for Monday (two days) at Minneapolis are 500 cars. Nevertheless, with the total stocks of contract wheat in the west, but 10,000,000 bushels and the receipts merely nominal everywhere, except in Minneapolis, the bulls do not feel that they have any occasion for alarm. They are not alarmed in point of fact.

The receipts of corn were as heavy, as yesterday's estimate had foreshadowed, and that of itself was an argument on the bear side. The weather being mild and wet, would under ordinary circumstances, and in view of the small quantity of No. 2 now coming forward, be used as a lever by the bulls, but the speculative sentiment appeared to be strongest on the bear side. The early weakness in wheat kept down speculation for a rise in corn. The principal buyers were again said to be the shorts. The receipts for Monday were estimated at 620 cars, which are, however, inclusive of Sunday's inspection. In to-day's inspection there were only 23 cars of No. 2. From four ports yesterday there were exports of 318,000 bushels, but Liverpool was quoted lower in to-day's dispatches. There were considerable sales of May corn at 37⅛c by prominent operators, but the price did not go below that figure. Speculators begin to express the opinion quite generally, that prices are low. Fluctuations were very narrow, but a slight reduction in price was again the result of the day's business, January closing at 34⅛c, February at 34¼@34⅜c, and May at 37⅛c—all showing fractional declines from yesterday's closing figures.

In provisions, yesterday, the bearish movement was continued. Unexpectedly large arrivals of hogs, coupled with the anticipated increased receipts this coming week, made the element favoring lower prices unusually independent. The market for a considerable portion of the morning was overloaded with speculative offerings, and before any recovery occurred pork showed a break from yesterday's closings of 27½@30c, lard of 12½@15c and short ribs of 10c. During the last hour the bears, however, became more conservative and some of the ground lost was regained. Still the depression suffered for the day was quite liberal, amounting in pork to 20@22½c, in lard for January and later deliveries to 7½@10c and in short ribs to 5@7½c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—The business for the week just closed may be reported as an improvement over last week. The demand, especially for good sorts, has been stronger, and while no very considerable advance has been gained, the feeling is better. The market for common to fair grades has slightly improved in tone, the supply of that class having fallen off, but not until prices touched the lowest point on record. Nothing like so many common cattle were ever before shoved upon the market at this season of the year. There was less Christmas stock here than for many years. Yet there was all that was wanted. The big, fat, old-fashioned ox has had his day. The weights sold this week did not come up to those of former years. However, fair prices were obtained. The outlook for next week is not encouraging; in fact satisfactory markets need not be looked for until after Christmas, and perhaps not until late in January. Thus far the prevalence of mild weather has checked shipments of poultry, and the first cold snap, therefore, will probably see the market largely overstocked and prices low. When chickens sell at 5@6c, and turkeys at 7@8c per lb, beef and mutton at 12@15c per lb look dear. Keep back your common stock until the holidays. You will save money and shut out many vexations thereby. To-day trade was quiet with little or no change as compared with yesterday. The bulk of the stock consisted of cheap Texans. Choice to extra beeves, 5.40@6.00; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $4.25@5.00; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.50@4.00; 950 to 1200 lbs, $3.00@3.40; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.50; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.35; bulk, $2.00@2.35; Texas cattle, $1.85@3.10.

HOGS—During the week business has been active, but the heavy increase in the run and the persistent "bearish" tactics of buyers sent prices down 15@25c. A big run is looked for next week; some placing the number as high as 150,000. If such a number is sent to the market good hogs will go to $4.80@5.00, and best to $5.10, and thereabout. Country shippers should take warning and buy for the downturn the coming week. To-day's business ruled active, with a strong downturn of 10@15c, common and rough packers selling down to $5.00@5.05, and best mixed at $5.10@5.15, with prime heavy at $5.20@5.25. A few fancy heavy sold early at $5.30, against $5.40@5.45 yesterday. Light sorts were extremely scarce, there being hardly sufficient numbers in sight to get the buyers out; hence there were only a few sales at $5.00@5.10. Fancy butchers' weights, 225 to 230 lbs averages, and all barrows sold at $5.15@5.20.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The stock market was quiet at the opening this morning, with a stronger tone, although the movement in prices was confined to narrow limits. Chicago dispatches announcing the signing of the western agreement by the Alton road, had a stimulating effect on prices. Bears who were foremost in selling granger stocks yesterday afternoon, were the most active traders to-day. They were closing out their short contracts for the week, and the result was a slight improvement all around, but the market in general presented an unusually quiet appearance. There was some little reaction after the issue of the bank statement, and the market finally closed dull and about steady, at insignificant changes from the opening prices. The total sales amounted to 56,893 shares, including St. Paul, 5,060; Union Pacific, 3,000; Lackawanna, 5,000; New England, 4,000; Richmond Terminal, 37,000; Reading, 6,500; Lake Shore, 3,500, and Northwestern, 4,700.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	127	Northern Pacific	24
U. S. 4s coupons	128	do preferred	57⅜
U. S. 4½s regular	108¼	C. & N. W	104⅛
U. S. 4½s coupons	108¼	do preferred	137½
Pacific 6s of '95	119	N. Y. Central	106⅜
Central Pacific	34	P., D. & E	23⅜
Chicago & Alton	134	Rock Island	97⅛
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	105¼	C., M. & St. P	60¾
		do preferred	101⅛
D., L. & W	137⅝	St. Paul & Omaha	32¾
Illinois Central	113½	do preferred	93¾
I., B. & W	13	Union Pacific	61⅜
Kansas & Texas	13¼	W., St. L. & P	12
Lake Shore	99⅛	do preferred	23⅝
Michigan Central	84	Western Union	82⅝
Missouri Pacific	70		

MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing offered at 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull but steady at $4.84⅛ for sixty-day bills, and $4.88⅜ for demand.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Dec 15.—Wheat—Stronger; cash, $1.05¼; January, $1.06¼; May, $1.10 15-16c.

Corn—Steady; cash, 33⅝c; January, 34⅛c; May, 37⅛c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 26; January, 26⅛c; May, 29⅛c.

Rye—52c.

Barley—Nothing doing.

Prime Timothy—Nothing doing.

Flax—$1.55.

Whisky—$1.20.

Pork—Firm; cash, $13.10; January, $13.17½; May, $13.12½.

Lard—Firm; cash, $8.00; January, $7.70; May, $7.82½.

Flour—Quiet and unchanged; winter wheat, $3.75@5.75; spring wheat, $4.25@6.75; rye, $3.50@3.75.

Bulk Meats — Shoulders, $6.75@6.87½; short clear, $7.25@7.37½; short ribs, $6.95@7.00.

Butter—Easy; creamery, 21@29c; dairy, 18@25c.

Cheese—Steady and firm; full cream cheddars, 10½@11c; flats, 10¾@11c; Young Americas, 11@11½c.

Eggs—Easier; fresh, 20@21c.

Hides — Unchanged; heavy green salted, 6½c; light green salted, 6⅝c; green, 5c; salted bull, 5½c; green bull, 4¼c; green dry flint, 7½@8c; dry calf, 7@8c; branded hides, 15 per cent off; deacons, 25@30c each; dry salted, 10@15c.

Tallow—Fair demand; No. 1, solid 5⅛c; No. 2, 4½c; cake, 5½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	5,000
Wheat bu	23,000	6,000
Corn, bu	234,000	314,000
Oats, bu	201,000	128,000
Rye, bu	.....	....

St. Louis, Dec. 15. — Wheat—Higher; cash, $1.01; May, $1.08⅜.

Corn—Lower; cash, 30½c; May, 24¼@24⅝c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 25c; May, 28⅞@29c.

Pork—Lower at $13.75.

Lard—Lower at $7.80.

Whisky—$1.14.

Butter—Quiet and dull; creamery, 28@38c; dairy, 24@25c.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red, cash, 95c bid; January, 95½c bid; May, $1.01⅝@1.05 asked; No. 3 red cash, 84½c bid; No. 2 soft, cash, 97c bid; January, 98½c bid; May, $1.06 asked.

Corn—Steady; No. 2, cash, 26½c asked; January, 26½c bid; May, 29⅝c; No. 2 white, May, 30½c bid.

Oats—No. 2, cash, 23½c asked; May, 24⅝c bid.

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—Prices started in fully 1 cent lower, and on low grade wheat almost any bids were accepted before close to save grain from going to elevator. Receipts were 104 cars, and 75 cars were shipped out. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, December, $1.20; January, $1.21; May, $1.27¼; on track, $1.21; No. 1 northern, December, $1.10; January, $1.11; May, $1.16¼; on track, $1.13@1.14; No. 2 northern, December, $1.01; January, $1.02; May, $1.09¼; on track, $1.00@1.01.

Milwaukee, Dec. 15. — Wheat — Firm; cash, 96⅜c; January, 98c; May, $1.04⅜.

Corn—Quiet; No. 3, 32@33c.

Oats—Dull; No. 2 white, 29@29½c.

Rye—Firm; No. 1, 52½c.

Barley—Dull; No. 2, 66c.

Provisions—Easy; pork, $13.20.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15. — Wheat — Barely steady; No. 2 red, $1.04.

Corn—Lower; No. 2 mixed 35c.

Oats—Quiet and easier; No. 2 mixed 27c.

Rye—Dull; No. 2, 53c.

Whisky—Quiet at $1.14.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—[Special Cablegram to THE BEE.]—3:30 p. m. Close.-Pork—Holders offer freely; prime mess, eastern, 81s 3d, firm.

Lard—Holders offer freely; spot moderately and futures freely; spot 46s, steady; December, 44s 6 d, dull; January and February, 42s 9d, dull.

Wheat—Holders offer freely; new No. 2, winter, 8s, steady; do, spring, 8s 1d, steady.

Flour — Holders offer moderately; 12s, firm.

Corn—Holders offer futures freely, with the supply of spot in excess of the demand; spot, 4s 7d, easy; December, 4s 6¾d, dull; January, 4s 3d, dull; February, 4s 3d, steady.

New York, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Receipts, 44,000; exports, none; spot dull and ½c lower; No. 2 red, $1.04⅞@1.05 in elevator, $1.06⅛@1.06⅞ afloat, $1.05⅞@1.07⅝ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 97½c.; options less active, heavy and ⅜@½c lower; No. 2 red, January, closing at $1.05⅞.

Corn — Receipts, 79,000; exports, 172,000; spot market moderately active, new a shade easier; No. 2, 46½c in elevator, 47⅜@48c afloat; ungraded mixed, 37@48c; options moderately active and higher, January closing at 46⅞c.

Oats—Receipts, 92,000; exports, 631; spot dull and a trifle lower; options moderately active but lower; January closing at 30⅞c; spot, No. 2 white, 34⅛@34⅝c; mixed western, 29@32c; white western, 33@40c.

Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 10@20 points lower, and closed steady at 5@10 points below yesterday. Sales, 41,500 bags, including December, $15.00; January, $15.05@15.20; February, $15.10@15.25; March, $15.15@15.35; April, $15.20@15.30. Spot Rio quiet and easy; fair cargoes, $17.00.

Petroleum—Steady; united closed at 92¼c.

Eggs—Firm and in good demand; western, 23@23½c.

Pork—Weak; mess, $14.50@15.00.

Lard—Weak and dull; western steam, $8.25; sales, January closing at $8.06.

Butter—Choice firmer and better demand; western dairy, 14@25c; western creamery, 19@31c; Elgins, 31@35c.

Cheese—Firm; western, 10@11⅝c.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 3,400; market slow; beeves, $5.40@6.00; steers, $3.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.50; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.35; Texas cattle, $1.50@3.35.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market fairly active at a 10@20c decline; mixed and light, $4.95@5.20; heavy, $5.00@5.30; skips, $3.00@4.90.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; shipments, none; market about steady; good to choice corn-fed, $4.50@5.00; common to medium, $3.20@4.40; stockers and feeding steers, $2.00@3.40; grass range steers, $1.80@2.80; cows, $1.00@2.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,524; shipments, none; market 5@10c lower; good to choice, $5.02½@5.07½; common to medium, $4.90@5.00.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Cattle — Receipts, 700; shipments, 400; market strong; choice heavy native steers, $5.00@5.60; fair to good native steers, $4.20@5.10; butchers' steers, medium to choice, $3.40@4.35; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $2.00@3.20; rangers, corn-fed, $3.00@4.10; grass-fed, $2.10@3.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 900; market lower; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $5.20@5.30; packing, medium to prime, $5.00@5.20; light grades, ordinary to best, $4.90@5.05.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1888.

There was a somewhat better feeling prevalent in the market for the most desirable kinds of beef cattle, but the market for common and half fat stuff is still in a very unsatisfactory condition. The general market, however, was very little different from yesterday; $3.30@3.65 bought some half fat natives, while the bulk of the fair to good cattle went at $3.80@4.05. One choice bunch of cattle sold at $4.40, and some Christmas steers went at $5.25. Cows sold mostly from $2.25@2.50, but there were not many here and nothing very choice. There were no feeders here to make a market, even if there had been a demand, which there is not as a rule on Saturday, and to-day was no exception to the rule.

Hogs.

Considerably over 5,000 hogs were on sale to-day, including those in the hands of speculators. The market on an average was 10c lower, and although salesmen were a little slow to part with their holdings, the trade was fairly active and the pens cleared by midday. All the hogs in first hands were sold before the close.

Two very choice loads of heavy hogs sold at $5.15, but aside from that $5.05 was the top, and only a load or two even at that price. The bulk of the hogs sold at $4.90 and $4.95, while the bulk of the sales yesterday was at $5.00@5.05.

Sheep.

There were plenty of sheep, but the demand was light and nothing of any account was done on the market.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,000
Hogs	4,600
Sheep	1,000

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned.

Prime steers, 1300 to 1500 lbs	$3.75	@4.50
Prime steers, 1100 to 1300 lbs	3.25	@4.00
Native feeders	2.75	@3.00
Western feeders	2.60	@2.90
Common to good cows	1.50	@2.25
Choice to fancy cows	2.50	@3.35
Common to choice bulls	1.25	@2.00
Fair to choice light hogs	4.80	@4.90
Fair to choice heavy hogs	5.00	@5.15
Fair to choice mixed hogs	4.85	@4.95

Representative Sales.

CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1 bull	1450	$1.25
1 bull	1510	1.75
1 bull	1600	1.85
11 bull	1420	1.85
9 cows, bulls and stags	1113	2.15
22 cows	955	2.25
4 cows	1025	2.25
1 cow	1390	2.30
18 cows	1046	2.30
20 cows	1048	2.35
2 oxen	1780	2.40
6 cows	1093	2.50
2 stockers	885	2.65
3 steers	1023	3.00
10 steers, natives	1056	3.30
1 steer	900	3.35
22 steers, natives	1259	3.65
27 steers	894	3.65
19 steers, natives	1221	3.80
1 steer	1360	3.85
40 steers, natives	1333	3.90
2 calves	170	4.00
79 steers, corn-fed	1250	4.00
20 steers, corn-fed	1292	4.00
18 steers, corn-fed	1370	4.05
24 steers, corn-fed	1272	4.05
54 steers, corn-fed	1423	4.40
39 steers, corn-fed natives	1667	5.25

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Shk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Shk.	Pr.
20	302	80	$4.80	53	308	240	$4.92½
30	161	120	4.80	71	286	160	4.95
76	248	280	4.80	66	277	80	4.95
68	216	160	4.82½	48	251	120	4.95
73	240	120	4.85	58	332	80	4.95
60	264	240	4.85	63	270	280	4.95
76	200	40	4.85	57	275	200	4.95
79	212	320	4.85	64	287	160	4.95
70	243	280	4.85	59	290	120	4.95
65	254	240	4.87½	55	283	120	4.95
67	261	200	4.87½	67	292	240	4.95
63	272	240	4.90	59	295	120	4.95
64	281	160	4.90	63	283	160	4.95
68	297	240	4.90	70	260	120	4.95
65	253	400	4.90	51	300	120	4.95
66	266	80	4.90	62	301	400	4.95
63	279	120	4.90	61	302	80	4.95
64	264	160	4.90	63	288	200	4.95
56	310	200	4.90	65	278	80	4.95
64	249	160	4.90	44	307	160	4.95
57	300	280	4.90	68	304	320	4.97½
64	246	200	4.90	59	325	240	5.00
69	270	200	4.90	65	308	120	5.00
67	239	240	4.90	56	318	120	5.00
74	255	200	4.90	58	265	80	5.00
51	297	120	4.90	60	317	160	5.00
59	300	—	4.90	53	323	400	5.00
53	260	120	4.90	56	311	—	5.00
59	290	80	4.92½	57	318	—	5.00
64	281	160	4.92½	61	315	120	5.00
60	287	80	4.92½	67	294	280	5.00
65	261	40	4.92½	60	309	—	5.05
61	277	40	4.92½	102	383	80	5.15

Live Stock Notes.

No sheep market.

Cattle unchanged.

Hogs on the down grade.

Keep your half fat cattle home.

J. Morrell & Co., the pork packers of Ottumwa, Ia., were buying light hogs on this market.

Sioux City received 4,200 hogs to-day; the market was 10c lower and very slow, no trading of any account before noon.

Joe Anderson, a commission merchant of Chicago, was at the yards. He says the market on cattle, especially common kinds, has been the worst on record in Chicago.

J. Cox, a well known stockman of Hampton, Neb., came in with a bunch of choice 1,667-lb cattle which sold for Christmas beef at $5.25, the finest cattle seen here and the best price paid here in a good many weeks.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Produce, Fruits, Etc.

BUTTER—Fancy, solid-packed creamery, 26@30c; choice country, 22@25c; medium grades, 18@21c; common grades, 10@14c.

FLOUR—Nebraska patents, $6.00@7.50; Minnesota patents, $6.25@7.75; straight grades, $5.00@5.50; bakers' flour, $5.25@5.75 per bbl.

POTATOES—Nebraska, 25@40c per bu; Colorado, 75@80c.

SWEET POTATOES—3@3½c per lb.

POULTRY—Live chickens, $2.50@2.75 per doz; spring chickens, $2.50@3.00; dressed chickens, 7@8c per lb; turkeys, 8@10c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 23@24c candled.

MALAGA GRAPES—In kegs, 12c per lb.

BANANAS—Common, $1.50@2.25 per bunch; choice, $2.50@3.50.

LEMONS—$5.00 per case.

ORANGES—Florida, $3.20@3.75 per box.

GAME—Per dozen: Mallards, $2.50@2.75; teal, $1.00@1.25; quail, $2.50; prairie chickens, $3.75@4.00; rabbits, $1.00; squirrels, $1.00; venison, 6@10c per lb.

CRANBERRIES—$8.00@9.00 per bbl.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 11½c; No. 2, 11c; shoulders, 7½c; rib bacon, 11c; clear bacon, 11½c; picnic hams, 10c; dried beef hams, 10½c; dry salted clears, short, 8½c; extra short, 8½c; short ribs, 8½c; pickeled pigs' feet, 15-lb kits, 80c; lard, 8@9c; smoked sausage, 6@8c per lb; hog casings, 17@18c.

CELERY—25@30c per doz; fancy, 40c.

ONIONS—30@40c per bu.

CABBAGE—$3.00 per 100.

BEETS—40c per bu.

TURNIPS—25c per bu.

SAUER KRAUT—Bbls, $4.75; half-bbls, $2.75.

APPLES—Choice, 2.50@2.75 per bbl; fancy, $3.00 per bbl; common, $1.50@1.75 per bbl.

CIDER—Michigan, $3.00@6.50 per bbl of 32 gals; California pear cider, $15.00 per bbl.

POP CORN—Rice, 3c; common, 2½c.

CARROTS—40c per bu.

BEANS—Choice eastern hand picked navies, $2.00 per bushel; western handpicked navies, $1.75@1.80; mediums, $1.30@1.50; Lima beans, 5c per lb.

HAY—F. o. b. cars, No. 1 upland $6.00; No. 2 upland, $5.00.

BRAN—$15.00@16.00.

CHOPPED FEED—$14.00@15.00 per ton.

CORN—26@27c.

OATS—22@23c.

VINEGAR—Cider, 10@18c per gal.; white wine, 10@20c per gal.

HONEY—1-lb frames, 15@18c.

Grocers' List.

Revised prices are as follows:

BAGGING—Stark A, seamless, 22c; Amoskeag, seamless, 17½c; Lewistown, A, seamless, 19c; American, seamless, 17c; burlaps, 4 to 5 bu., 11@14c; gunnies, single, 13c; gunnies, double, 20c; wool sack, 35c.

TWINES—Flax, 38c; extra sail, 20@21c; sail B, 20@21c; cotton, 22c; jute, 9c.

DRIED FRUIT—Figs, in boxes, per lb, 13@16c; dates, in boxes, 7@10c; London Malaga layer raisins, per box, $2.50@3.75; Malaga loose raisins $2.30@2.50; new Valencia raisins, per lb, 8⅛c; California loose muscatels, per box, 2.00@2.10; California Londons, 1888, $2.40; pitted cherries, per lb, 18c; California pitted plums, per lb, 12@13c; dried blackberries, per lb, 7½@8c; dried raspberries, per lb, 24@25c; evaporated apples, 7½@18c; California sun-dried peaches, 13c; California unpared evaporated peaches, 15@18c; evaporated California apricots, 18c; Zantee currants, 6½@7c; Turkish prunes, 4¼@4½c; citron, 22@24c; orange peel, 15c; lemon peel, 16c; California French prunes, 11@16c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 25@26c; Rio, good, 16@17c; Mandahling, 27@28c; roasting Rio, 15@16c; O. G. Java, 24@26c; Java, interior, 22@25c; Rio, fancy, 18@19c; Santos and Maracaibo, 17@19c; Arbuckles, 21¼c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 23½c.

SUGAR—Granulated, 7½c; conf. A, 7⅜c; white extra C, 7¼c; extra C, 7⅛c; yellow C, 6½c; powdered, 8½c; cubes, 8½c.

BEESWAX—Choice yellow, 20@22½c; dark colored, 13@14c.

CHEESE—Young America, full cream, 12@12½c; full cream chedders, 11@12c; full cream flats, 12½c.

PICKLES—Medium, in bbls, $5.00; do, in half bbls, $3.00; small, in bbls, $6.00; do, in half bbls, $3.50; gherkins, in bbls, $7.00; do, in half bbls, $4.00.

TOBACCO—Plug, 26@65c; smoking, 16@90c.

JELLIES—$1.25 per 30-lb pail.

SALT—$1.30@1.35 per bbl.

ROPE—7-16, 11c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Bricks, 11@12c per lb; penny cakes, 12@13c per lb; pure maple syrup, $1.00 per gal.

TEAS—Young Hyson, common to fair, 18@25c, Young Hyson, good to fancy, 30@55c; Gunpowder, common to good, 22@25c; Gunpowder, choice to fancy, 40@65c; Japan, common to medium, 15@20c; Japan, choice to fancy, 30@45c; Oolong, common to good, 25@35c; Oolong, choice to fancy, 50@70c; Imperial, common to medium, 25@35c; Imperial, good to fancy, 40@50c.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@18c; filberts, 12@15c; Brazil, 9@10c; walnuts, 12c; pecans, 10@11c; peanuts, 6@9c.

CRACKERS—6@10c per lb! assorted cakes, 8@25c per lb as per list.

CANDY—Mixed, 9¼@12½c; stick, 9½@11c; rock candy, 10½@13c; fancy candy, 7@28c.

HOLLAND HERRING—90c.

CODFISH—6½@7½c.

Dry Goods.

COTTON FLANNELS—10 per cent dis.; LL, 5½c; CC, 6⅝c, SS, 7⅜c, Nameless, 5c; RX, 18c, R, 20c; No. 10, 8⅝c; No. 40, 10⅝c; No. 60, 12½c; No. 80, 13½c; No. 30, colored, 9c; No. 56, colored, 12c; No. 70, colored, 12½c; Bristol, 12½c; Union Pacific, 17c.

CARPET WARP—Bid, white, 19c; colored, 22c.

BATTS—Standard, 8c; gem, 10c; beauty, 12½c; boone, 4c; B, cased $6.50.

PRINTS—Solid colors—Atlantic, 6c; Slater, 6c; Berlin oil, 6½c; Garner oil, 6@7c.

PRINTS—Pink and Robes—Allen, 6c; Riverpoint, 5¼c; Steel River, 6⅛c; Richmond, 6½c; Pacific, 7c.

PRINTS—Dress, Charter Oak, 5¼c; Ramapo, 4⅛c; Lodi, 5¼c; Allen, 6c; Richmond, 6c; Windsor, 6½c; Eddystone, 6½c; Pacific, 6½c.

BLEACHED SHEETING—Berkeley cambric, No. 60, 9½c; Best Yet, 4-4, 6⅝c; butter cloth, OO, 4⅝c; Cabot, 7⅛c; Farwell, half bleached, 8½c; Fruit of the Loom, 9¼c; Greene G, 6¼c; Hope, 7¾c; King Phillip cambric, 11c; Lonsdale cambric 11½c; Lonsdale, 9c; New York mills, 10½c; Pepperell, 42-in, 11c; Pepperell, 46-in, 12c; Pepperell, 6-4, 16c; Pepperell, 8-4, 21c; Pepperell, 9-4, 23c; Pepperell, 10-4, 25c; Canton, 4-4, 8⅛c; Triumph 6c; Wamsutta, 11c; Valley, 5c.

FLANNELS—Plaid—Raftsmen, 20c, Goshen, 32½c; Clear Lake, 36½c; Iron Mountain, 26½c.

FLANNELS—White—GH, No. 2 ⅜, 22½c; GH, No. 1, ¾, 26c; BH, No. 2, ¾, 22½c; BH, No. 1, ¾, 30c; Quebec, No. 1, ⅜, 42c.

CORSET JEANS—Androscoggin, 7⅜c; Kearsarge, 7⅜c; Rockport, 6⅝c; Conestoga, 6½c.

TICKS—York, 30-in, 12½c; York, 31-in, 13⅜c; Swift river, 7⅜c; Thorndike, OO, 8⅛c; Thorndike, EE, 8½c; Thorndike, 120, 9½c; Thorndike, XX, 15c; Cordis, No. 5, 9⅝c; Cordis, No. 4, 7½c.

DENISM—Amoskeag, 9 oz, 16½c; Everett, 7 oz, 13½c; York, 7 oz, 13½c; Haymaker, 8⅛c; Jaffrey XX, 11⅛c; Jaffrey XXX, 12½c; Beaver Creek AA, 12c; Beaver Creek BB, 11c; Beaver Creek CC, 10c.

KENTUCKY JEANS—Memorial, 15c; Dakota, 18c; Durham, 27½c; Hercules, 18c; Leamington, 22½c; Cottswood, 27½c.

CRASH — Stevens' B, 6½c; Stevens' B, bleached, 7c; Stevens' A, 7½c; Stevens' A, bleached, 8½c; Stevens' P, 8½c; Stevens' P, bleached, 9½c; Stevens' N, 9½c; Stevens' N, bleached, 10⅝c; Stevens' SRt, 12½c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Table on cloth, $2.50; plain Holland, 9½c; Dado Holland, 12½c.

BROWN SHEETING—Atlantic A, 4-4, 7⅜c; Atlantic H, 4-4, 7¼c; Atlantic D, 4-4, 6¾c; Atlantic P, 4-4, 6c; Aurora LL, 4-4, 6c; Aurora C, 4-4, 4⅝c; Crown XXX, 4-4, 6⅝c; Hoosier LL, 4-4, 6c; Indian Head, 4-4, 7½c; Lawrence LL, 4-4, 6c; Old Dominion, 4-4, 5½c; Pepperell R, 4-4, 7c; Pepperell O, 4-4, 6⅝c; Pepperell, 8-4, 18½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 21c; Pepperell, 10-4, 23c; Utica C, 4-4, 4⅝c; Wachusett, 4-4, 7½c; Aurora R, 4-4, 7c; Aurora B, 4-4, 6½c.

DUCK—West Point 29 in. 8 oz., 10½c; West Point 29 in. 10 oz., 12½c; West Point 29 in. 12 oz., 15c; West Point 40 in. 11 oz., 16c.

FLANNELS—Red, C, 24 in, 15½c; E, 24 in, 21¼c; GG, 24 in, 20c; HAF, ⅜, 25c; JRF, ⅜, 27c.

GINGHAM—Plunkett checks, 7½c; Whittenton, 7½c; York, 7½c; Normandi dress, 8½c; Calcutta dress, 8½c; Whittenton dress, 8½c; Renfrow dress, 8½@12½c.

CAMBRICS—Slater, 5¼c; Woods, 5¼c; Standard, 5¼c; Peacock, 5¼c.

PRINTS, INDIGO BLUE—Arnold, 6½c; American, 6¼c; Gloucester, 6¼c; Arnold C long cloth, 9c; Arnold B long cloth, 10½c; Arnold Gold Seal, 10½c; Steifel A, 12c; Windsor Gold Ticket, 10½c.

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B select, 1¼@1½ in	33 00
A stock boards, 12@16 ft, 12 in	46 00
B stock boards, 12@16 ft, 12 in	41 00
C stock boards, 12@16 ft, 12 in	36 00
D stock boards, 12@16 ft, 12 in	23 00
Flooring, first common, 6 in	34 00
Flooring, second common, 6 in	31 00
Select fencing flooring	19 00
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Common boards	16 00
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Fencing, No. 2, 12, 14@16 ft	15 50
Joist and scantling, 2x4, 14@16 ft	16 00
Timber, 4x4, 8x8, 12@16 ft	17 00
Pickets, D and H flat	22 00
Pickets, D and H square	22 00
Shingles, extra A	2 80
Shingles, standard A	2 60
Lath	2 40
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3-in well tubing, D and M bev	22 00

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Hemlock sole, 18@27c per lb; oak sole, 33@36c per lb; oak harness, 30@32c per lb; selected oak and trace, 35c per lb; oak and hemlock upper, 20@22c per foot. Hemlock calf skin, No. 1, 80@90c per lb, according to weight; oak calf skin, No. 1, 90c@$1.00 per lb; Philadelphia calf skin, extra, $1.00@1.10 per lb; hemlock kip skin, No. 1, 60@70c per lb; oak kip skin, No. 1, 70@80c per lb; Philadelphia kip skin, extra, 80@90c per lb. French calf skin (according to weight and quality), $1.15@1.75 per lb; French kip skin, do, 80c@$1.10 per lb. Cordovan russett, 18c; satin finish, 20c per foot; welt leather, $3.50@4.00 per side; moroccos (pebble goat), 20@30c per foot; moroccos, boot leg, 25@30c per foot; glove calf skins, 20@30c per foot; Douglas kid, 30@40c per foot; kangaroo skins, 40@50c per foot, according to quality. Toppings, $8.00@10.00 per dozen; linings, $5.00@9.00 per dozen; apron skins, $10.00@12.00 per dozen.

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Roofing, IX, 14x20, 112 sheets	7.50
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Roofing, IX, 20x28, 112 sheets	14.50
Sheet iron, No. 26	3.50
Sheet iron, No. 27	3.60
Solder	15½@17½
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IC, 10x14, 225 sheets	6.50
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