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THE WEEK. Happy the country that has no history, and happy Brazil when from week to week the most exciting event to chronicle is the rise or fall of exchange! This week exchange has been shaky, not seeming to know its own mind, sometimes up and as often down again on the slightest provocation, the natural reaction of too reckless bulling. At present the rate is a tussle between "bulls" and "bears", which can pull hardest. The "Bulls" have a splendid auxiliary in Dr. Campos Salles, who will take up the reins of power on 15th November, whilst the "Bears" are equally hopeful of assistance from Fashoda, In fact the rate slumped a bit on Saturday evening on the strength of bellicose Telegrams.

The coming Government is at present the absorbing topic. Reports were current that Dr. Murtinho had declined the porttolio of finance, which appear, however, not to be confirmed. It would be a great pity were the Government to be deprived of Dr. Murtinho's clear and comprehensive grasp of the financial problem and its treatment. The problem to be treated is serious and complicated and must absorb the attention of Government for years to come. In a conversation with the Editor of this paper, Dr. Campos Salles reiterated his determination to give paramount attention to finance; but, however good the intention may be, unless thoroughly well backed up by an efficient and energetic Minister, it is likely to bear little fruit. A President has far too much to attend to, to be able to look after every little detail of administration, and, though he will of course draw up the general lines of policy to be followed, he must necessarily depend chiefly on his Minister for its execution. Extraordinary circumstances demand extraordinary measures. It is not with platitudes or financial banalities, such as we are usually treated to, that such a situation will be mended, but by radical and vigorous treatment that will reach the root of the evil. Dr. Murtinho has evidenced this ability and energy whilst in charge of the portfolio of Agriculture last year, and tho' he may have as yet but little actual experience of finance, will, we believe, prove the right man in the right place. It is also settled that Dr. Severino Vieira will be Minister of Agriculture and Public Works. With these two Ministries, which depend and react so largely on one another, in good hands, we look forward confidently to a rapid and above all a solid improvement. Improvement does not consist, as we have repeatedly pointed out, in merely a rise of exchange; but in so adjusting our burdens to our capacities as to make the punctual performance of all our obligations as little burdensome as possible. That is the problem that the coming Minister of Finance, Dr. Murtinho, will have to solve, on which the happiness and prosperity and good name of the country depend.

About the Gold Duties nothing is yet decided, but that gold duties of some kind will be accepted in Congress may be regarded as certain. The question is now merely the quantum; will they be only 10% or more?

Politically the week has not been prolific. The only incident, the Telles affair in Rio Grande, having proved but a storm in a tea cup. It seems probable that the new Presidential period will be inaugurated in a dead calm, as far as home affairs are concerned. How long it will last is another thing!

Abroad matters are getting serious. No sooner is the Chile-Argentine embroglio settled, than Fashoda turns up to disturb the even tenour of our way. The latest telegrams are of the most alarming description and remind us of the Russian war-scare in 1885, when the Atlantic liners were positively taken and armed by Government at great expense, and yet nothing came of it. Nor do we believe anything will come of this either. That France will embark alone in such an adventure is scarcely likely; whilst it seems even less likely that Russia is going to pull her African chestnuts out of the fire. Russia is busy at present trying to build up in China a colonial Empire similar to ours in India. A war with Great Britain at this moment with the railway communication incomplete would be fatal to Russian pretensions, and probably end for ever the dream of a colonial empire. In a few years the situation may be altered. Anyhow, it cannot suit Russia to risk all for the sake of supporting France in Egypt. Even should the worst come to the worst, we can scarcely believe that there will be war, or that diplomacy is not capable of getting over this difficulty as it did over the much more serious matters of Venezuela and Crete. Lord Salisbury is too old a hand to let the ship of the State strand on such a shoal; like Brer Rabbit he is "lyin low and sayin nuffin ", whilst he lets his lieutenants blow off the national steam, to take the course he probably always intended when the right moment arrive, which we do not believe will be for war.

In Argentina Dr. Uriburú has completed his term of office and Rcca now rules in his stead. Roca was previously president, eighteen years ago, and indeed was the inaugurator of the "largo shorizonte" principle that ended there, as here, in the wildest speculation. After Roca came his brother-in-law Juarez Celman, driven from Government by a revolution and Roca; then Saenz Peña, who was also upset by Roca; and Uriburu his locum tenens. And so the cycle is complete. Roca rules again and promises to observe a strict economy and put the Argentine house in order. Campos Salles here makes the same promises. It will be interesting to see which spends the most money! We for our part will back Roca and give edds to any sporting subscriber, any day.

In Montevideo a new revolution is being incubated. The Orienta's, as the inhabitants of that unhappy country term themselves, like the early Christians, live only "in the happy hope of an early rising." Whoever bosses the show seems, however, to

make but little difference. Every one is too busy in feathering his nest and laying by nest eggs against a rainy day and new Revolution as to have time to think of anything else, and so the tax-payer and ordinary work-a-day citizan gets more kicks than halfpence and feels ready to welcome anybody,— British, German, or even Argentine, who would relieve him of tyranny worse than the Turks'! What a blessing it would be if someone would annex the Banda Oriental del Uruguay!

The Strangers' Hospital. A general meeting of subscribers to this meritorious institution was held at the City Club on the 21st inst including representatives of all the principal English and American firms, of the Banks and foreign railways and other Companies, as well as a large number of private subscribers. We regret that absence in S. Paulo prevented us from attending personally, but from what we can gather, what was expected to prove a most exciting meeting passed off in the tamest manner and to the complete discomfiture of the would-be mischief-makers.

The chair was taken by Mr Crummack, the manager of the London & River Plate Bank, who put to the vote the advisability of admitting strangers. This being negatived, Mr Barry, the representative of the *Rio News*, was requested to withdraw, and, on his protesting the privilege of the press, was given to understand that the objection of the meeting to his presence was not to be construed as hostility to the press, but as disapproval of the methods employed by the journal he represented in its attack on the management and administration of the Hospital.

Mr Kennedy, the acting President of the Hospital, then read his report, which, with the Treasurer's report and the sub-reports, was submitted to the Meeting and almost unanimously approved, the only dissentients being two or three who supported Mr. Lamoureux's amendment rejecting the part in which reference was made to the behaviour of the nurses.

That and an appeal by Mr. Lamoureux for the reimbursement of caution money to one of the nurses who had broken her contract were in fact the only incidents of the day. In regard to this subject the Directors refrained from making any statement. In fact, in view of the circumstances of the case, with which the Editor of the Rio News is perfectly an contrant, it is difficult to understand how such a proposal could be entertained.

It is to be supposed that now the Directors have thoroughly revindicated their authority and have been assured of the entire support of the subscribers to the Institution, they will be ready to satisfy anyone whose confidence in the Hospital administration has been upset by unwise anonymous correspondence on the subject.

The meeting, from a sporting point of view was a failure; and those that went there with the expectation of seeing fun were grievously disappointed. From the style of the *Rio News*, a pitched battle in which there would be no survivors was what was confidently looked for, but the enemy did not come up to the scratch, in fact, it funked the gallant fray and retired without honour or glory after having disappointed the largest meeting of subscribers on record.

In view of such a failure it may be enquired, what has become of the crowd of indignant anonymous subscribers who were going to play such "Old Harry" at the meeting? The meeting has come and gone, and no sign has been made. Such phenomena may well raise doubts in mens' minds whether, indeed, things are what they seem! whether dreams and visions are about; or whether, finally those indignant subscribers have any existence in real-life or are but the product of a heated imagination evoked from the inner consciousness of some Smallwyt, to whose style some of their letters bear a suspicious resemblance!

The Buenos Aires Standard of the 17th inst. writes as follows: "The Rio rate has soared up to 8 15/16d, which marks a really marvellous recovery, and it is quite manifest that confidence must be very bright to have warranted such a steady and brilliant rally. It is the general opinion that the rate will soon be the right side of 9d., and we remember that our colleague the Brazilian Review in discussing prospects hoped to see 9d., quoted before end of year, the rate being then the wrong side of &d. If things go on as at present, the reality may improve upon the hope. Brazil is such a naturally rich country that it only requires peace and order to

thrive and push ahead. The Republic has proved a very costly business truly."

If in place of stating that the Brazilian Review "hoped" to see exchange at 9d. before the end of the year, the Standard had said "expected" it would be nearer the mark. As a matter of fact we believe that the rapid rise in exchange and the value of the currency is by no means a matter of entire congratulation, ruinous as it is to staple industries such as coffee, already sufficiently embarassed by the fall of prices.

The Export of Rubber from the State of S. Paulo for the current year amounts to about 100 tons of the approximate value of £20,000. The condition in which the rubber is sent to market leaves much to be desired, owing, we believe, to the defective system of coagulating with the use of chemicals, mostly alum, instead of by boiling. Consequently people at home are very shy of the article, which realizes only 2/- to 2/5 per lb., whilst Central American descriptions fetch 3/- to 4/-. A good deal of experimental planting is going on, but it is not well to build too great hopes upon it, as rubber-planting, so far, has scarcely proved successful anywhere.

A FLOURISHING STATE

(RIO GRANDE DO SUL)

We are so accustomed to deficits and default that a surplus in the Exchequer of any State Government comes as a surprise and relief scarcely to be credited.

Rio Grande do Sul for a long time past has been in the enviable position of showing an annual surplus in face of wars and rumours of wars with their costly preparations. Whether Julio de Castilho was or was not in other ways a model ruler and whether his little ways were not somewhat peremptory and even arbitrary, and his method of treating revolutionists particularly summary, we won't discuss; but one thing is certain, that never, neither in the time of the "prosperous monarchy," in that of the "legitimidade" or any other, were Rio Grande affairs so prosperous, or managed with greater honesty or discretion. In Rio Grande the Government is not only honest itself, a not uncommon feature of Brazilian institutions, but it insists on all its surroundings and its employees of all estates being so too. Julio de Castilho completed his term of office and another now rules in his place, but the same honourable traditions that he planted seem to rule now as then and to have now become a tradition of Government.

The material progress of the State during the past year has been considerable. A new Government house has been commenced as well as the barracks for the police force, and the renewing of the S. Pedro hospital at Porto Alegre. More than 40:000\$ have been recovered on account of Public lands held without titles, the sale of public lands being now properly regulated and fiscalised. Immigration which stopped entirely on the suspension of the Federal subvention has commenced again spontaneously, the class of immigrants being much superior now than under the old official system. Attention has been paid to the repair of public roads and construction of new ones in the cultivated districts; whilst surveys are being actively prosecuted for the dredging and disobstruction of the Jacuhy, Taquary, Jaguary and Sinos rivers. The material for dredging the channel between Porto Alegre and Rio Grande has been purchased and the works will be shortly commenced.

The Government has received no proposals in answer to its calls for tenders for the construction of the proposed extension of the Porto Alegre & Nova Hamburgo railway to the Caxias colony, and proposes, unless some tender be presented before the end of December, to raise a foreign loan, for which it has already received authorization from the Legislature, with interest at the rate of 5 p. c. and amortisation of 2 p. c. per annum. The Government recognizes, however, the difficulties of such an operation, and proposes only to utilize such a resource if all other means fail. The Caxias district to which it is proposed to extend the line is a very productive Italian "colony," which supplies Porto Alegre with the greater part of local food supplies, besides exporting large quantities of cereals to other States. It is expected that the line would not only give a good return on the capital invested but

would be an important feeder to the Porto Alegre & Nova Hamburgo line, and thus free the State from the burden of guarantee, which amounts to more than 6,000 contos, since its commencement.

The finances of the State are particularly prosperous. The revenue recovered in 1897 amounted to 9.635:516\$341 or 1.598:816\$341 more than the estimates and 1.333:290\$788 greater than that of the previous year, 1896.

Ordinary expenditure estimated at 8.012:859\$530 only reached 7.971:695\$845 and extraordinary expenditure to 4.111:454\$754 including 3.035:529\$588 for the police and frontier force. With the assistance of the large balance carried forward from 1896, the accounts of the year were closed in spite of extraordinary expenditure with a balance of 3.535:757\$386 in cash and securities. The debt of the State was reduced to 4.999:200\$ on Dec. 1896, having undergone a reduction of 499:200\$ by amortisation during the year 1897, its value being on 31st Dec., 1897, 4.504:000\$, comprising:—

Apolices (bo:	nds) of 6% for the construction	•
of the Cit	y of Rio Grande Quays	739:000\\$000
Ditto ditto	for the exhibition	349:000\$000
Ditto ditto	dredging of S. Gonçalo River.	32 2 :700\$000
Ditto ditto	1880 loan	823:000\$000
Ditto ditto	Conversion lain of 1893	1.268:000\$000
	5% loan (Revolution ex-	
		937:000\$000
•	t without interest	63:300\$000
	Total	4.502:000\$000

The amortisation determined by law of 20th November, 1897, has been already commenced; when completed, the debt will be reduced to 4.166:000\$ with a population of nearly 1 million.

Next year's revenue is estimated at	9.248:716\$664
And the Expenditure at	9.197:596\$078
Surplus at	51:120\$586

being the effect partly of natural increase in quantity, but chiefly of the fall of exchange and rise of prices.

The Expenditure estimated for the coming year shows an increase of 678:579\$516, principally for public schools, for which 507:565\$ more are asked now than previously, in consequence of the large increase in the number of schools. The police force on the contrary, shows a reduction of 10:314\$000.

FINANCE AND CURRENCY

The following interesting letter, the main arguments of which are entirely in agreement with our opinions, has been sent us by the Birmingham firm to whom it was addressed. Press of time and space obliges us to hold over criticism for another occasion.

"Dear Sirs: — Until I received yours of the 24th ulto. I did not know that you took the same interest in the financial problem as I take.

"It seems to me that the scheme to put off payments would be, of itself, only a temporary relief; but taken together with the withdrawal of the respective currency, the whole scheme points to a permanent improvement.

"To my mind the financial muddle in Brazil must, in great part, be put down to pure and simple ignorance of the nature of the problem involved. Yet the problem seems to be an extremely simple one.

"It consists in knowing how to lay out the yearly income in **Products** to the best advantage.

"This yearly income in Products amounts to some 30 million pounds Sterling of Exports, and this gives the limit of the spen-

ding power of the nation abroad in any one year, — within this limit must come all, — Government, Commerce, Industrial and Private requirements.

"Now it is not generally known here that the Nation — as a Nation — has such a thing as a *limited* yearly income and this is the main source of the mischief.

"All here seem to think that, because Brazil is a large and undeveloped country, that it can stand any extravagance of spending in the present, leaving to the future the task of making this good.

"Taking, however, a concrete example it becomes easy to see where this must lead to.

"Let us suppose the case of a Planter, with a large but undeveloped estate, who takes it into his head, trusting to his limited and already apportioned yearly income in Products, to start a Foundry and Workshop, Carpenter and Blacksmith's Shops, Cotton Mills, etc., etc., and it is easy to see where he will scon find himself when called upon to pay for all this out of his yearly income.

"Take the contrary case of a Planter with an estate having natural advantages. He may allow outside Capital to start Foundries, etc., etc., with the result to him that his yearly income must increase and his power of spending must increase, — not diminish to a vanishing point.

"All Brazil, — not the Government only, — went simply mad over its native Industries, — as mid would be the planter in the first case. Brazil still refuses to act wisely, — as wise would be the Planter in the second case, — because it would not be patriotic to do so.

"To restrain the nation, — i. e. the Government, Commerce, Industry and Private individuals, — from spending more in any one year than the yearly income will allow of; there is only one way, viz.: the Government must burn this surplus until it has brought Exchange to par.

"Even then it must still have a yearly surplus available for burning every time Exchange may show a tendency to fall below par, or available for use to advance the material progress of the country should Exchange show any tendency to go above par.

"This is a good and effective substitute for the action of the Directors of the Bank of England in raising and lowering the rate of interest according to the influx or efflux of Gold; but this, after all, only means an increase or decrease of the amount of legal tender money in circulation.

"England's circulation, being thus kept normal, prevents her, as a nation, from contracting current liabilities abroad for more than she has to receive from abroad; for then gold goes out, — the circulation is diminished and, consequently, up goes the rate of interest for legal tender money; vice versa, — having to receive from abroad more than she has to pay, — gold pours in, the circulation increases, and the rate of interest goes to 1% per annum.

"Altho' the legal tender money of England depends on the amount of Gold held, it does not follow that every other country must also hold gold.

"It seems necessary for some one country to do so, so as to preserve a standard of values; but gold in every country is no more necessary than would be a Greenwich Observatory in every country for the purposes of navigation.

"It does not seem to matter much what the nature of the legal tender money of any country may be so long as it is kept at par. The proper and normal amount of legal tender money in circulation in any one country is that amount which keeps Exchange at par.

"Incidentally this seems to settle the question of Bimetal; for Exchange at par gives Bimetallists all they claim to arrive at; viz.: an equality of value of the respective legal tender money of all countries.

"Now Exchange at par is within the power of all Governments through a surplus, and any nation that has a yearly balance of trade in its favour does not require to bother itself about legal tender money in gold; whilst on the other hand any nation with a balance of trade against it, can never have gold currency as its legal tender.

"In this connection there is one other point deserving of mention; viz.: the enormous amount of Sterling which appears in the London Clearing House returns.

"Looking at this from here, I see that this is only the final stage of clearing off the duily Fair for the barter of commodities, which is going on all the world over; in other words Sterling or gold only enters in name towards forming the bulk of the amount there seen.

"For example, Brazil will there appear for, say, £60,000,000 yearly, £30,000,000 for Produce Drafts and £30,000,000 of remittance Drafts; but this, after all, only means that so much Birmingham or Manchester goods have been exchanged against so many bags of Coffee.

" The coin of Commerce is neither gold nor silver but Commodities."

A TRIP TO S. PAULO

(Continued from No 31)

S. Paulo just now is particularly interesting, being, like Mecca to Mahometans, the point to which the thoughts of all good Brazilians turn.

At present Dr. Campos Salles the future President is, perhaps, the most important individuality in South America, the one who is likely to exercise a more lasting and decisive influence on the destinies of his country than any other, not even excepting Gen. Roca, in whose hands lies the cast for peace or war! The issue of the coming presidency must be morally and materially so tremendous that the moment seems almost solemn and the responsibility overwhelming.

Will Dr. Campos Salles answer to the high hopes he has inspired, and be able to execute faithfully the promises and responsibilities he has assumed?

Such were our reflexions when on a late visit to S. Paulo we had the honour of being presented to H. E.

Dr. Campos Salles' personality is so well known as to make it scarcely necessary to describe his appearance. The impression he produces on the stranger is decidedly favourable. With a good presence he combines an affable and unassuming manner, which predisposes strangers favourably at once.

The journey of the future President to Europe, it must be acknowledged, was little less than an inspiration! Not only did the European governing and commercial classes interested in Brazil for the first time come into personal contact with the Executive of the Brazilian Republic, but the future President himself was enabled to see with his own eyes and judge by his own observation the policy and aspirations that have been here so frequently and perversely misinterpreted.

Dr. Campos Salles' visit was, therefore, particularly advantageous, clearing away a host of prejudices from one side and the other. In Europe it was comprehended that the Republic cannot be so barbarous, nor its public men so savage or self-seeking as they have been represented, but comprises, like all other Peoples, good, bad and indifferent.

To Dr. Campos Salles, the future President, the lesson was no less prolific. Coming into direct contact with the ruling powers, hobbing with Salisbury and nobbing with Hanoteaux or Faure, he was convinced that all that Europe desires is the happiness and prosperity of Brazil, that cun only be attained by good and faithful Government. To Europeans it is a matter of supreme indifference whether the form of Government be Monarchical or Republican; whether an Emperor or a President sway the destinies of the country, all the foolish mischievous inventions of a childish or malicious policy notwithstanding.

If Dr. Campos Salles' visit had no other effect than to break down the barrier deliberately erected between the foreign and native element it would be still prolific; but it has done more, it has impressed on the mind of the future Governor of the State, on whose initiative the direction of affairs must depend, the absolute solidarity of foreign with native interests and the impossibility of injuring one without the other suffering also. The disposition on the part of Brazil's foreign Creditors to smooth the way over difficulties was the result of their conviction that such difficulties are but transitory and their confidence in the ability

of the country to overcome them. The good will evidenced towards the country irrespective of prejudice of every kind, by all kinds and conditions of men, from the Prince of Wales to the Merchant, could not fail to impress an acute observer like Dr. Campos Salles, or to inspire him with the determination to do all in his power to conciliate and satisfy aspirations and expectations so legitimate and so indissolubly identified with the best interests of the country.

No new country can dispense with the powerful aid and assistance of foreign capital in the race of life unless it lag behind.

It is to capital, and foreign capital principally, intelligently applied, as much as to labour itself that the United States and British Colonies owe their rapid and astonishing development; and it is to capital that Brazil, Argentina and other South American countries must look for similar progress.

Capital exacts compensation and this can only be the product of labour, which in its turn requires security and order. Without these guarantees it will not come; the country will be stationary or go backwards.

All this Dr. Campos Salles has grasped and has returned, as he repeated, determined to give the economical and financial problems paramount attention, to spare no effort or sacrifice to not merely carry out the promises made in London, but to establish on a firm and lasting basis the prosperity and happiness of the country.

That the problem is solvable, tho' complicated, we have no doubt whatever. All depends on the policy adopted and the tenacity of purpose in carrying it out. Of this Dr. Campos Salles has so far inspired great hopes. His firm declaration at the Republican banquet not to allow party or considerations of any character to interfere with his programme of economy and reform; his intention to govern in reality and not by deputy through his Secretaries as has been hitherto the rule, his choice of Ministers, particularly of the Finance portfolio, amongst the most able men and not amongst his personal friends or most ardent backers, his repeated determination to subordinate everything to the determination of the financial problem: all point the moral of the sincerity of his promises, and inspire lively anticipations of success.

The problem, however, is tremendous and even should performance come short somewhat of promises, allowances will be made so long as the intention were unmistakeable and the performance honest.

Dr. Campos Salles approaches the period of his responsibilities full of hope and confidence in the future, of ability to grapple with corruption and indolence, and trust in the resources and recuperative forces of the country to repair the errors of the past.

Government, he comprehends, is not the force that animates, but the intelligence that communicates uniformity and direction to the vast social machine, an intelligence that must be firmly and often sternly exercised. This he himself has enunciated in a phrase that has since become historical "Governar é querer" (Gouverner, c'est vouloir).

In regard to our financial problem, Dr. Campos Salles evidenced a thorough perception of its origin and causes.

The tempestuous rise of exchange he clearly sees is injurious in many respects to National Economy, and ruinous to its most important productive industries. At the same time, as the future Administrator of the country's finances, it is impossible for him to be indifferent to a movement that raises the value of the currency and facilitates payments and increases credit abroad.

The Administrator, in fact, is placed between two stools, the desire to see Production increase and prosper, which is favoured by low exchange, and a hankering after high exchange and consequent financial ease. Either extreme, however, must be avoided, if real prosperity, that can only be founded on the firm basis of National Production, is to be a reality and a policy adopted and adhered to through thick and thin, through good and evil report and opposition, that shall conciliate economical and financial aspirations nor favour one at the expense of the other.

Dr. Campos Salles believes that, however obscure the immediate present of the Coffee interests may be, the future will assert itself and the increase of consumption and possible falling-off of production work their logical effects. The current crop is, he

believes, certainly largely inferior to last year's, and the coming one not likely to be much better. During the coming year he anticipates, consequently, a considerable improvement in prices. However that may be, it is impossible to trust to eventualities. Policy must be founded on facts, not on theories nor on possibilities, and facts point, at present at all events, to low prices of coffee for some time to come.

No one can help being impressed by Dr. Campos Salles evident sincerity and by his determination at all risks to carry out his programme of reform, whilst his high hopes and almost presumptuous certainty of success seems to us the best promise of realization. We have had enough and to spare of hopeless despondency and inaction, however well intended. It did, no doubt, serve its useful turn in social and political reorganization. But the moment has now arrived when Statical must give way to Dynamical conditions and an apparent equilibrium be made a reality by a molecular reorganization. That will be Dr. Campos Salles' arduous task, in which we ardently desire he may succeed.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,

- "That, taken at the flood leads on to Fortune.
- " Omitted, all the voyage of their lives
- "Is bound in shallows and in miseries
- "On such a full sea are we now affort
- " And we must take the current when it serves
- "Or lose our ventures."

The words put by the Immertal Bard into the mouth of Caesar seem written for us to-day. Will our Government see their opportunity and use it? We trust and believe they will!

(to be convinued).

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Rio de Janeiro, 22nd. October 1898.

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Money and Share Market

QUOTATIONS DURING THE WEEK, ENDING OCTOBER 21st, 1878 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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Extremes during the week ending Oct 21st were 8 1/4 — 8 3/4 for 90 d/s Bank paper and 8 5/16 — 8 13/16 for private.

The average Bank-counter 90 d/s drawing rate for the week comes out at 8 7/16, the corresponding sight rate being 8 3/8 against 8 29/64 d. the average sight rate of the Camara Syndical.

The average depreciation for the week calculated on the basis of the Banks sight rate is 63.98 % and the premium on gold 222.38 % against 68.05 % o/o and 213.04 % last week. At these rates.

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	Mark			1.77	1\$406	11	1\$365	"	**
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1	Rs. 20\$000 coin	•	"	,,	64\$478	**	62\$ 609	11	"

Monday, Oct. 17th. The Banco Nacional maintained the rate of 8 11/16 throughout the day, the British opening with 8 21/32 which it reduced to 8 9/16 the other banks posting 8 5/8. The German Bank reduced its rate to 8 1/2 in the course of the day, and the French, London & Brazilian and London & River Plate Banks to 8 9/16.

The rate opened at 8 11/16 for banks and 8 23/32 to 8 3/4 for private without sellers at last price. After midday rates gave way to 8 9/16 for "private," but rose shortly after to 8 5/8 for bank and 8 11/16 private, and finally closing with bank paper quoted at 8 9/16 and private at 8 5/8.

and private at 8 5/8.

Tuesday, Oct. 18th. The Banco Nacional maintained the rate of 8 21/32 during the whole day, the German and London & Brazilian Banks opening with * 1/2 and quickly reduced the rate to 8 7/16, which was also the rate that ruled in the British and French Banks up to the closing hours, the London & River Plate Bank posting 8 3/8, which it also reduced to 8 7/16.

Oscillations during the day were incessant. During the morning bank paper which was quoted at 8 1/2, fell to 8 7/16, business having been done at 8 3/8 and private paper was quoted at 8 7/16 and 8 15/32. In the afternoon there was a slight reaction, the market closing finally with bank paper at 8 7/16 and private at 8 1/2 to 8 17/32.

Wadnesday Oct. 19th. The National and Driving Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 19th. The National and British Banks opened with the rate of 8 7/16, the other banks posting 8 3/8. The German Bank did not alter its rate during the day, but the French and London & Brazilian and London & River Plate Banks raised theirs to 8 7/16, which the first and the second substituted later on for 8 3/8, which was also posted by the British Bank in the course of the day.

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Oscillations continued as yesterday. The market opened firm with Bank paper at 8 7/16 and private 8 1/2, rising to 8 1/2 for bank and 8 9/16 private. Later on rates weakened to 8 3/8 for bank and 8 15/32 for private. They firmed up again, business having been done in Bank paper at 8 7/16 and private at 8 1/2, the market closing finally with bank at 8 13/32 to 8 7/16 and private at 8 15/32 to 8 1/2.

finally with bank at \$ 13/32 to \$ 7/16 and private at \$ 15/32 to \$ 1/2.

Thursday, Oct 20th. The banks opened with the rate of \$ 5/16, which the London & Brazilian and National Banks reduced to \$ 1/4 in the course of the day, the other banks nominally sustaining the original rate up to the closing hour.

In the morning there was bank paper offered at \$ 11/16 and private was quote 1 at \$ 3/8 to \$ 13/32, but with money in the banks at \$ 3/8, rates weakened to \$ 1/4 for bank and \$ 15/16 for private. In the afternoon the rates rose again to \$ 3/8 for Bank and private \$ 13/32 to \$ 7/16 and weakened off almost immediately to \$ 1/4 - \$ 5/16 for bank paper and private. The market closed undecided with the banks drawing small amounts at \$ 5/16 and private paper quoted at \$ 11/32 to \$ 3/8.

Friday, Oct. 21st. The London & Bina and Private Private.

at 8 11/32 to 8 3/8.

Friday, Oct. 21st. The Lond of & River Plate Bank maintained the rate at 8 45/16 throughout the day, and the other banks opening with 8 1/4; reduced it to 8 3/8 with exception of the National Bank which posted 8 11/32.

In the early hours the banks were drawing at 8 9/32 to 8 5/16, private paper having opened at 8 3/8 to 8 11/32 outside the banks. Rates rose, however, to 8 7/16 for bank with business done in private at 8 15/32 for prempt delivery and 8 1/2 on time, money appearing at these rates, which weakened to 8 3/8 for bank and 8 7/16 for private, the market closing finally with bank paper quoted at 8 5/8 and private at 8 1/2.

Saturday Oct. 22nd. The National Bank preserved the rate

at 8 5/8 and private at 8 1/2,

Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The National Bank preserved the rate of 8 4/2 and the British Bank opened and closed with 8 15/32, the German, London & Brazilian and London & River Plate maintaining 8 7/16. The French Bank posted the rate of 8 7/16, which it raised to 8 4/2 later on; but afterwards reduced it again to 8 7/16. In the morning the banks drew freely at 8 15/32 with business in private paper at 8 17/32 to 8 9/16, whilst bank paper was done as high as 8 1/2. Later on the banks furnished bills at 8 1/2 to 8 17/32 and private was quoted at 8 9/16. After midday the rates weakened and the London & River Plate Bunk drew only at 8 15/32, business being done in other paper outside the banks at 8 1/2. The market closed with bank paper at 8 15/32 to 8 1/2 and private 8 17/32 — 8 9/16. After hours the rate, in consequence of an alarming telegram from Europe in regard to the Anglo-French incident, slumped to 8 11/32 and 8 13/32 for bank and 8 13/32 for private paper.

Comparative quotations of Brazilian Bonds in London, as per telegrams received by the Banco da Republica from Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons. Oat 20th Oct 17th Oct. 14th, Oct. 10th

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The Bank of England rate remained at 4%. The open market rate continued at 3 5/3% same as last week.

Cheques on Paris are quoted at 25 32 1/2 same as last week.

The Statist of 1 Oct. states that. "A rise in the Brazilian exchange to 8 5/32d. has caused an improvement in Brazilian bonds. The Four per Cents. of 1889 have now recovered to 55 3/4, as against 41 1/2 touched in April".

THE BRAZILIAN REVIEW

Rio, 22nd October, 1898.

The rate opened on Monday 17th at 8 11/16, oscillated between 3/8 and 8 1/2 during the week, finally closing at $8\ 13/33$ to $8\ 3/8$

8 3/8 and 8 1/2 during the week, finally closing at 8 13/32 to 8 3/8 this evening.

The week has been one of indicision, the effect chiefly of liquidation, which has been got over so far without mishap. The effect, however, is evident on the weakness of the market, whilst the sales for next month have yet to be liquidated.

Coffee has been dealt in freely, total sales here and in Santos amounting to 150,000 against 240,000 bags last week, and have, consequently, materially assisted the market; yet it is probable that, in spite of the general feeling of confidence, a panic may seize the market at any moment and send rates slumping. How easily a panic may be started was illustrated this afternoon when on the strength of a Havas message stating war between Great Britain and France to be imminent, the rate which stood at 8 15/32 at 3 p. m. fell to 8 18/32 and even 8 3/8 after business hours. Fortunately tomorrow is Sunday, giving time for reflexion and prudence. That the Fashoda incident will get beyond a war of words we do not believe; nor imagine that diplomacy is of so little account as not to be able to

settle so paltry a matter. If every dispute is to be settled vi et armis, it is difficult to see what use diplomats are at all in the world. That the old cry of «perfidious Albiou» may prove extremely useful in France just at present to detract attention from Dreyfus and other disagreable local troubles we do not doubt, but that sober-minded Englishmen are going to light the torch of universal war over such a paltry matter is incredible! The matter, like that of Venezuela, is one for diplomacy to settle not the newspapers.

After a visit to S. Paulo and Santos we are more convinced than ever of the ruin and misery that high rates of exchange must inflict first on the planter and after him on the whole community. In Minas, where the estates are worked by colonists on halves, these are dissatisfied and said to be exacting 2/3 instead of half, whilst in S. Paulo the planters are at their wit's ends to obtain money for payment of their labourers, not to mention their other debts. No doubt, gradually this will result in the abandonment of many estates and the reduction of supply in this manner. It appears probable that should low prices continue for some years, as is not impossible, plantations will be gradually abandoned, first in the poorer districts of Rio and Minas and in the less productive foreign countries such as Venezzela and Guatemala, then in the less and almost exclusive monopoly. Whatever happens, it seems likely that S. Paulo will survive, and that others not so well adapted for the struggle will succumb. But in any case, the destruction and loss of explange facilitate the competition of the country in the struggle for supremacy cannot be questioned. To deliberately destroy this advantage seems to us but wanton suicide, an ungrateful kicking away of the ladder by which production climbed to supremacy.

COMPARATIVE VALUE OF COFFEE EXPORTED IN 1897 AND 1898

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	WHER	RNDING	OCTOBE	R 21st	CF	CROP TO OCTOBER 21sT					
	N. of bags		Va	tue	N. 0	f bags	Value				
	1897	1898	1897	1898	1897	1898	1897	1898			
Danius	130,007	183.019	275.902	298.578	2.215.517	1.998.15)	£ 2.773.065 4.187.851 6.960.916	3.291,233			

From our own correspondent.

Santos, October 20th 1898.

The rate of exchange was oscillating a good deal during the week under review, but the tendency was decidedly weak and downwards. To-day we reached 8 5/16 for private against 8 5/8 to 8 3/4 a week ago.

a week ago.

Our apprehensions of large speculative transactions for the rise both in S. Paulo and Rio are only too justified; the existence of, such contracts are proved by the large amounts of money daily offeed here, which although our market is rather short than long, if anything square, could only be placed by making heavy concessions, expressed by a drop of about 5 %.

If these offers of money continue, a further fall is inevitable, as coffee prices in gold could not advance and are likely to go down with exchange, unless receipts fall off or strong resistance is offered by holders.

The outlook is certainly not bright as our agricultural class.

The outlook is certainly not bright, as our agricultural class will have to pay for "les pots cassés" as always of late.

From our own correspondent.

Pernambuco, October 13th 1898.

Exchange opened on 29th ulto. at 8 3/16 Bank and movement up to 10th inst. was, with one or two slight checks, constantly upward the rate touching 8 29/32 on that day, opening next day at 8 7/8 but later on when Rio news came to hand Banks put rate down to 8 3/4—8 13/16, at which, however, they found no money, and as they refused to buy bills at 8 7/8, it showed that they had little confidence in the decline. Yesterday was a holiday and pending news from Rio Banks opening rate is 8 3/4. In private and repassed bills the business here has been upon quite an insignificant scale, as our crops are not yet to hand, and of speculation for a rise there seems to be little or none; but if rates should advance beyond 9d. we shall probably see a good many takers here, as importers generally seem to have little faith that these high rates can be maintained much longer.

Custom House Receipts in September.

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Bank Balances 30 th. September 1898.

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Banco de Pernambuco. London & Brazilian Bank	4,495:657\$580 3,147:56 7 \$630 3,624:931 \$ 310	1,633:150\$700 1,200:032\$990 46:856\$350
Total	11,268:156\$520	2,880:040\$040

Cash Balances show a decrease of 1.958,327\$720 compared with August when they shood at 13.226;484\$3240.

The Banco de Pernambuco has opened a branch at Jaraguá Maceió of which Sr. Juvenal da Vunha Antunes has been given the

BUSINESS DONE ON THE RIO DE JANEIRO STOCK EXCHANGE

DURING WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21st 1898

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DESCRIPTION					CLOSING			
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Sorocabana e Ituana MORTGAGE BONDS	576	623000	60\$000	608000		1 Oct.		
Banco de Credito Real de S. Paulo.	400	68\$000	69\$000	68\$000	68\$000 2	7 Aug.		

Business on the Rio Stock Exchange amounted to 2.096:688\$ against 2.481:571\$ last week and was distributed as follows:

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Stocks and Bonds	
Did Charles	· · · · · 352:8843000
Kallway and Tramway do.	79:391\$000
Insurance do	9:6603000
Cotton Mill Ja	
Cotton Mill do	· · · · 88:878 \$ 000
Miscellaneous do	67.4002000
Debentures	
Mortgage Bonds	26:800\$000
	2.096:688\$000

Government Stocks and Bonds absorbed more than 60% of the whole movement, all descriptions showing a rising tendency except 4% gold converted bonds, of which a single sale was effected at 1:900\$; this, however, cannot be regarded as a quotation, no quantity being obtainable under 1:030\$; 5% Apolices rose 22\$ to 850\$.

Bank Shares were all firm or rising except 'Republica's' which fell 5\$ to 165\$, and 'Constructor' which likewise fell \$500.

Railway and Tramway Shares. Business done was very small, a few Sorocabana's being sold 23, lower than last week. Tramways improved with expectation of new contracts being carried through.

Cotton Mills. A little more movement was noticeable in this description, prices being well maintained or rising. 'Confiança' improved 10\$ as also 'Corcovado'; 'Carioca' rising 20\$000.

Miscellaneous. 'Melhoramentos de S. Paulo' fell 123)00.

Debantures. There we e scarcely any alterations in the kinds dealt in 'Leopoldina's' rose 38, to 818, and Sorocabana's fell 28 to

Sales by Judicial Order, on 17th October 6 Apolices Geraes 5% at 835\$, 3 ditto (200\$) at 8:5\$. on the 18th, 800 Banco Agricola do Brazil at 14;050,

QUOTATIONS ON THE S. PAULO STOCK LATEST EXCHANGE. October 21st/98.

	Seilers	Buyers
Paulista Railway Mogyana. do. 40 % paid. Cia. Mcha. & Imp. de S. Paulo Cia. Lupton. Viação Paulista Agua & Luz 60 % Gaz de S. Paulo Fabril Paulistano	2583 2403 1303	2535 2385 1165 1165 805 365 405 5505 2005
Bancos:		
Commercio & Industria	300}	296\$ 130\$
Credito Real	125\$	118\$ 18\$ 85\$
Bco. de Santos	140\$ 259\$	125\$ 235\$ 980\$

QUOTATIONS ON THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(Mail advices of 30th September)

Government Securities. 1883 and 1888 4 1/2 °/ $_{o}$ rose 2 as also West Minas 5°/ $_{o}$; 1889 4°/ $_{o}$, 1 1/2 and 1879 4 1/2 °/ $_{o}$ one point; the S. Paulo State, City of Rio 4°/ $_{o}$ and New Funding were unaltered, the last at 79—80.

Bank Shares. The only alteration was in London and River Plate which fell 1/2 to 53-54.

Railway Stocks and Bonds. There has been considerable acti-Railway Stocks and Bonds. There has been considerable activity in these descriptions & generally improving prices. S. Paulo stock is up 1/2 (33-31) and New ord. 1/4 (15 1/2-16) whilst its debenture stock, both 5 & 5 1/2°/o has risen 3. Besides these Recife and S. Francisco stock is up 2 (68-70); S. Brazil 6°/o deb. stock, & Alagoas 59′o, deb. 1; & Alagoas shares 1/2 as also Minas & Rio shares. Leepoldina shares also displayed some activity having improved 3/4 to 4 1/8-4 3/8.

Obligations. There was a phenomenal rise of 10 points in Natal & Nova Cruz debentures to 78—83; Brazil G't Southern 6% deb. & Central Bahia 6% deb. are each up 2; and Conde d'Eu 5 1/2% deb. & even Donna Theresa Christina debs. rose 1 each. We observe that Western of S. Paulo (Paulista) 7% debs. continue to be quoted at 102—104 although all paid-off. There is no alteration in Mogyana debs. (37—39) nor Ituan (74—78). The only fall was in Campos & Carangola 5 1/2% debs. which lost 2 points & S. Brazil 6% deb.

Miscellaneous. Rio City Imp's 5% debs. rose 3 to 80-83, and shares 1/2; S. Paulo Gas & Dumont 7 1/2% pref having lost 1/2; Pacific S. S. Nav. Co. also rose 5/8; whilst W. & Brazilian Telegraph shares rose 1/4.

An Hypothecary Bank is almost to be started in the State of S. Paulo with a capital of 5 million france to begin with, to be supplied, it is said, by Brussels' Capitalists. The representative in S. Paulo is M. Albert du Barry.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Tuesday Morning, Oct. 25th 1898

Rio de Janeiro 90 d/s Bank rate on London,	- 8 13/32
opening rate. Oct. 25th.	- 8 13/32
No. 7 New York type of coffee. Spot closing price, on Oct. 24th, per 10 kilos	6\$580
	0,000
No. 7 ditto ditto ditto. Spot closing price	
at New York, on Oct. 24th., per lb.	
No. 7 New York type of coffee Dec. options	
price ditto ditto ditto	,, 5.40
1879 4 per cent. External bonds, London	Cct. 24th. 55%
1888 4 1/2 per cent external bonds	,, 55
1889 4 per cent ditto ditto	,, 54
1895 5 per cent ditto ditto	63
Funding	,, 81
	" = 0
W. Minas.	,, 58

Coffee Market

COMPARATIVE ENTRIES

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21ST 1898

		RAGE D ENTRIE		тот	AL ENT	RIES	ENTRIES TO DATE FOR CROP YEAR		
	This week	Last Week	Last year	This week	Last Week	Last year	This year	Last year	
Rio	11.039	10.973	12.176	77.272	76.813	85.231	1.259.363	1.792,305	
Santos Total									

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S. João	dā	Ba	rra.								.•		Ĭ.	11,650 bags
Macahé.										٠				561 »
Victoria					٠			٠			٠			5,171 *
•			То	ta]	١.									17,382 »

The coffee entered by the different S. Paulo Railways for the crop up to October 21st is as follows: —
Past Per Total at Total at Remaining Jundiahy Sorocabana S. Paulo Santos at S. Paulo 1898. . . 2.444.055 1897. . . 2.826.464 309.364 2.753.449 2.686.021 451.524 3.277.988 3.172.459 67.428 105.529

Aggregate entries at Rio and Santos for the week are 13,703 greater than last week and 63,211 less than for the corresponding week last year, of which they represent 79.9%. For the crop, entries now represent 70.2% of last year's entries at Rio, and 84.7% at Santos, giving 79.4% for both. On this basis the statistical estimate for the crop is for:

Santos																		
Rio	٠	•	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	3,023,053
Both .																		8.243,192

against 8,229,050 last week.

Entries at Santos continue very large being 13,344 greater than last week, but 35,248 less than the corresponding week last year. The difference between this year's crop entries is now almost the round million bags. The coffee retained in São Paulo shows a decrease of 5,551 bags compared with last week, and is 38,103 bags less than last year, seeming to point not only to a emaller crop, but that as is reported, planters are hurrying their goods down more than formerly.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EMBARQUES AND SHIPMENTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21st 1898

						тот	AL.	TOTAL CRO	FOR
	U. States	Europe	Brasil and Coast		Other Ports	This week	Same week last year	Th'is	Last year
Rio Santos.	71,390 31,683		3,815 135		136	104,705 183,614	104,561 136,667	1,064,333 1,998,159	1,591,222 2,215,517
Total	103,073	179,814	3,951	1,350	135	283,324	261,228	3,032,492	3,809,739
Daily average	14,725	25,688	561	433	19	41,189	37,318	27,102	33,714

Shipments during the week have evidenced great activity both at Rio and Santos, being 27,033 greater than for the corresponding week last year. Since 1st July 747,247 bags have now been shipped from Rio and Santos less than last year.

LOCAL STOCKS

(Exclusive of Rio and Santos Transit Coffee)

	Oct. 21st/98	Oct. 14th/98	Oct. 21st/97
Rio	468,217 475,599	495,650 983,666	435,267 1,174,861
Total.	1,443,816	1,479,316	1,610,128

Joint stocks at Rio and Santos are 35,500 bags or 2.4% less than on previous Friday and 166,312 bags or 10.3% less than on the same date last year.

date interferen	FOREIGN ST	OCKS	
•	Oct. 21st/98	Oct. 14th/98	Oct. 21st/97
United States Ports Havre	750,000 1,187,000	710,000 1,176,000	492,000 794,000
• <u>•</u> •	1,937,000	1,886,000	1,286,000
Visible supply in American Ports	1,000,000	903,000	947,000 81,000

Joint stocks at New York and Havre have increased 51,000 bags since the previous Friday and are 651,000 bags more than the corresponding date last year. At United States Ports the visible supply has risen 7,000 to the round million, whilst deliveries have fallen off to only 53,000.

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FROM	SANTOS

DATE	VESSEL	DESTINATION	SHIPPER	BAGS	TOTAL
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The coffee sailed during the week ending October 21st, was consigned to the following destinations.

	U. States	Europe	Coast	R. Plate	Саре	Other Ports	Total
Rio Santos Both	31,683	33,987 152,293 186,277	5,264 5,264	136	6,450 - 6.4 5 0	=	108,365 184,109 292,474

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Comfortable Boarding-house with excellent services at £1 11s. 6d. per week or 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per day for single rooms. Couble-bedded rooms at £3 3s. to £5 5s. per week, Pennywell Road, Earl's Court S. W. London.

COFFEE PRICE CURRENT THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21st 1898

Description Oc	tober i5	17	18	19	20	21	Avera- ge
Rio N. 6. per 10 kilos min		6.915 7.081	7.031	7.081 7.217	7.081 7.217	7.081	7.108
• N. 7 ,, ,, mi:		6.533 3,672	6.672	6.672 6.809	6.672 6.809	6.672	6.699
» N. 8 ,, ,, ,, mi			6.400	6,400 6,536	6.400 6.536	6.400	6-427
. N. 9 ,, ,, ,, mi	n. 6.128 x. 6.264		6.128	6.128 6.264	6.123 6.264	6.128	6.155
Santos superior per 10kil.	n ax. 6.700	6.800	6.900	7.000	7.100	7.000	6 917
Good Average mi		6.390	6.490	6.590	6.690	6.590	6.507
N. York, per lb.							
Spot No. 7 cents , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	6 1/4 5 1/4 5 55 5 80 5 90	6 ½ 5 ¾ 5.55 5.75 5.90	5 % 5.50 5.75	5.70	5.70	5.6	5.42
Havre, per 50 kilos Options. Dec francs March	37.25 37.50 33.00	37.50 38.00 38.23	38.00	37 75	38.00	37.7	37.43
Hamburg per 1/2 kilo. Options. Dec. pfennigs March. " May. "	31.25 31.75 31.75	31.23 31.73 32.00	31.7	31.23	31,50	31.2	31.54
London per cwt. Options Dec shillings ,, March, ,, May,	30/3 31/- 31/6	30/0 31/3 31/3	3 31	31/	31/	- 31/	- 31/1

Rio Prices have been pretty steady throughout the week, the average being 6\$669 per 10 kilos against the average of 6\$657 last week. Reduced to gold, the former represent 2\$078 per 10 kilos against 2\$127 last week, a fall of over 2 per cent. in real value. Declared sales at Rio during the week were more animated, amounting to 82,000 bags against only 59,000 the previous week.

Santos Prices rose during the week from 6\$290 per 10 kilos good average to 6\$690 on Friday, giving the average of 6\$507 for the week, equivalent in gold to 2\$018 against 1\$937 last week, a rise of about 1 per cent. Sales amount to 169,000 bags against 150,000 the previous week.

New York Prices fell from 6 1/8 c. for New York No. 7 spot on Saturday 15th to 6c. on 20th and 21st, options following suit, those for December having fallen from 5.55 to 5.40 or 2.7 %.

Hamburg. Dec. options fell from 31.25 on 15th to 31.00 on 21st, equivalent to only 0.8%, other options falling proportionately.

Havre options showed least alterations, opening 15th they rose to 37.50 and closed on 21st at 37.25 again. opening at 37.25 on

London. December options were firm at 30/3, as also for March at 31/3; those for May gave way a little from 31/6 to 31/3.

SPECIAL MARKET REPORT

Rio de Janeiro, October 22nd 1898.

The market opened on Monday 17th at 9\$500 for No. 7 New York type, business being done during the course of the day as high as 10\$000, closing firm at this quotation. On Tuesday there was a fair demand on the part of exporters and business being done for about 18,000 bags on the basis of 10\$000 for type No. 7. On Wednesday and Thursday the market continued firm at the same quotation. On the Friday it was somewhat weaker, with but slight demand on the part of exporters, the business done being small at about 9\$700. On Saturday a fair demand was noticeable for café escotha de primeira at slightly lower prices than at the beginning of the week.

Sales during the week were estimated at about 90,000 bags, the market closing on Saturday weak with offers at 9\$400 — 9\$500 per arroba (15 kos.) for New York type No. 7, but without sellers at this quotation.

per arroba (10 Acat this quotation.

From our own correspondent.

Santos, October 21st, 1898

As the rate of exchange dropped by about 5 %. commissarios were able to raise the value of coffee at more or less the same ratio, with arge transactions every day.

We quote 6\$700 to 7\$100 for 'superior'. "Primes" command a premium of 300 to 500 reis and for some very fine qualities even more. "Goods" are more plentiful and so are "regulars" the discount being 500 reis and 4\$000 respectively.

Of washed coffee only very little is offered and this is of poor quality, which can only be sold at very little above "terreiro" of equivalent grade.

"Bourbons" are getting scarce. Peaberries of medium quality were in good demand from Europe, whilst fine qualities are neglected.

glected.

The quality of receipts is decidedly falling off now, as to the intrinsic value of the grade and as well as in grade also; there are medium and lower qualities for sale.

Receipts were heavy, but below last year's average. The Sorocabana and Ituana railways which were fined a short time ago by the Government for their defective service are making great efforts and are apparently sending down in a hurry all the goods accumulated in their stations, and S. Paulo commissarios do likewise for fear anything might happen on the S. Paulo Railway in the way of a landslip.

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The general opinion here is that receipts will fall off suddenly when these two factors are no more at work, as commissaries assert they receive but few bills of lading from up country.

Central mills in the interior state likewise a considerable reduction of coffee for classing. It remains to be seen now how far these predictions will prove exact; too often people have been deceived. Reports about the next crop are anything but reassuring, and as far as can be gathered from them there will be great irregularity in the yield in different districts. The weather remains unseasonably cold.

The following are the figures of the coffee received by the Paulista Railway from its branches and the Mogyana and Jundiahy Railway during the month of September compared with last year.

September	1898 Kilos	1 897 Kilos
PaulistaSecção Rio Claro	6,901,344 12,552,334 1,247,643 688,722 611,175	6,279,666 14,439,014 1,002,798 622,409 560,430
Total	21,939,218 375,740 700,824	22,904,320 512,930
Total da zona Paulistana	23,075,782 21,388,767	23,417,250 18,676,986
Total	44,463,549	42,094.236

So there were about 40.000 bags more sent down this year than last year, which is nothing to be wondered at in face of the rise in exchange and the statement of the Rothschild that a further rise to 13 or 16d. is likely: people in S. Paulo got simply frightened and rushed the goods down to their own detriment.

The European markets showed good disposition to buy in the beginning of the week, but demand slackened later on.

"Good average" was sold @ 29/— to 29/6; "regulars" @ 27/—; "primes" @ 31/3 to 31/9. The States bought type 3 and 4 undescribed at the former quotation. Shipments will be very large this month, between 800,000 to 900,000 bags.

The Reporter of Ribeirão Preto states that the prospects of the coming crop in that neighborhood are poor, the weather having been unfavourable and that there is every likelihood of poor crops (falha) for two years to come to judge from the appearance of the trees, and that unless something be done to alter the routinary methods employed by coffee planters, the shrinkage of production will be progressive and rapid.

From the Jahú and Banharão districts reports in regard to the coming crops are most favourable. The greater part of the current crop from these districts is already marketed.

From the Ribeirão Preto districts reports are not encouraging so far, the secca, draught, being stated to have done a good deal of damage. This year's crop has proved very disappointing in many fazendas, the yield of the Dumont having fallen to 140,000 bags from 240,000 last year.

It is particularly unfortunate that this company should have such bad luck at its start, small crops and low prices combined being enough to discourage capital from what we cannot but still regard as a good investment. The crisis is now beginning to tell severely on the planters, fazendas fetching a half or quarter of what they would a few years ago. Want of money has also worked its effect on the plantations themselves, which have been greatly neglected and unless prices improve, we fore-see a large reduction of production from this cause. A fazenda supposed to be worth 200:000\$ was sold a few days back at Campinas for 60:000\$, in consequence of its neglected condition. In Rio and Minas such conditions are sure to obtain even more than here and over-production thus correct itself sooner or later. itself sooner or later.

How to make Coffie. Most people like good coffee, but there is nothing so difficult to obtain, at least in this country, at ordinary hotels and in the average household. Probably that is why its use is steadily declining. A suggestion has been made that the natural aroma may be preserved by coating the roasted berries with a thin film of gelatine, but in view of a form of adulteration disclosed by the "Lancet," that is hardly likely to be effective. We are told that this consists in washing, colouring, and drying the berries in centrifugal machines with sawdust, with the result that the crevices become filled with powdered wood which is said to make them of a fine white colour and thus to enhance the market value of the product. This ingenious but immoral process is carried on in Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, and Rotterdam.

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**	19 de	,, .							Cittá di Torino
.,	22 de								Nord America
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SAHIDAS PARA O RIO DA PRATA

Em	6 de	Novembro)											Nord America
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		Dezembro												Savoia
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SHIPPING ARRIVALS AT THE PORT OF RIO

FOR THE WERK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23rd 1898.

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VESSELS CLEARED FROM THE PORT OF RIO

DURING THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 23rd 1898

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	18	Linda	British	1 35 1		New York	
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	18	Città di Torino	do	do		River Plate	
	18	Magdalena	British -	do	• • • •	do do	
	18	Ebro	do	do	• • • •	do	
	18	Vilna	Argentina	do	444	do	
	18	Grão Pará	Brazilian	do		Pernambuco	
		Martins	do	Schooner	54	Cabo Frio	
-		Pinto 10	do	do	41	do	
	19	Nile	British	s.s.		Southampton	
		Bearn	French	do		River Plate	
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	19	Corrientes	German	do		do	
	19	Itamby	Braz:lian	do		S.João da Bar	
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	20	Iris	Brazilian	do		Montevidéo	
	20		do	do		Araenjú	
	20	Guanabara	do	do		Laguna	
	20	Sallust	British	do		Santos	
	20	Solgran	Norwegian	Barque		Capo Town	
	20	Portinho	Brazdina	Schooner	64	Cabo Frio	
		Rosso	British	S. S.		Bahia	
	21	Midnotssol	Norwegian	Barque	1.223	Coleta Buena	
	21	Espadarte	Brazilian	Schooner	40	Laguna	
	22	Maskelyne	Be gian	s.s.		New-York	
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SHIPPING ARRIVALS AT THE PORT OF SANTOS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20th 1898.

DATE NAME		NAME	FLAG .	DESCRIPTION	TON-	WHERE FROM	
Oct.		Virginia Santos	American Braziliane	Barque S. S.		New York Rio	
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		Flaxman	_ do	do	1.356		
		Frier	German	do		Bremen	
		Matteo Bruszo	Italian	do	2.543	Rogario	
		Desterro	Brazilian	do l		Montevideo	
		Baptista	do do	Schooner		Camboria	
		Itanena	do	S. S.	502	Porto Alegre Mossoró	
		Camocim	German	do		Mossoro Rio Grande	
		Pontos Gertrudes	Brazilian	Schooner		Itajahy	
		Sempione -	It lian	S. S.		Genoa	
	10	Ebro	British	do l		Southampton	
		Città di Torino	Italian	do		Genoa	
		Corrientes	German	do		Hamburg	

VESSELS CLEARED FROM THE PORT OF SANTOS

DURING THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20th 1893

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LIST OF VESSELS AFLOAT AND SAILING FOR THE PORTS OF RIO AND SANTOS

Xame	Flag i	and i	From		For	
4	Br.	bø.	New-York	Mar. 28	Santos	
Angara	No.	bq.	Shields	Ap. 18	*	
Adele	Br.	5.	Liverpool	Sep. 4	Rio	
Anna Agnete	Da.	bq.	Hull	July, 2	Santos	
Baltimore	Am.	bq.	Baltimore Marseilles	Sept. 22 Sept. 6	Rio	
Blandina P	No.	pu.	Leith	June. 9	Santos	
Bertha			Rosario	Aug. 12	>	
Chas. Loring	Am.	hk.	l do	Aug. 10	*	
Clara	Po.	bq.	Figueira	May. 23	*	
Cortex	No.	pd.	Westerwick	May. 31	Rio	
Claudina	Po.		Porto	July. 19	>	
Constance	Ge.		Pascagoula	Aug. 19 July. 17	Santos	
Corona	Br. Br.	8. 8.	Liverpool	July 17 Sep. 28	Rio	
Crown Prince	Am.		Baltimore	Sep. 22	*	
Duke of York	Am.		Blyth	Aug. 14	Santos	
Dunloe	Br.	В.	Liverpool	Aug. 7	*.	
Ellerslie	Da.	bq.	New-Port	Aug. 23	Rio	
Enterprise			Southampton .	Ap. 3	Santos Rio	
Emma	No.	υq.	Hamburg			
Falconhurst	No. Br.	υQ.	Swansea Pensacola	Sep. 30 Ap. 3		
Ferda	74.T	- bri	Hamburg	June, 30		
Frithjof	T)	ba.	Baltimore	Sept. 3	Rio	
Franzoni	It.	bq.	Saguenay	July. 3		
Fiduoia	It.	sc.	Saguenay Marseilles	July 18		
Glencoyn	Ge.	bq.	Gothenburg	Aug. 1		
Glendiei.			Saguenay	Aug. 18	>	
Glad Tidings		ba.	Baltimore Rosario	A 40		
Hertert Black	1 4	ba.	New-York	Jan. 20) *	
Haviluh		8.	Saguenay	July.	Rio	
Hoogezand	No.		Hamburg	Aug. 10		
Hamburg	Ge.	8.	New York Hull	Oct.		
Hilston	Br.	8.	Hull	Sept.		
Ircne	Br.		Rangoon	Sept. 5		
Inca	Br. No.	oq.	Liverpool	Sep. 2		
James W. Elerell.	Br.	ba	Pensacola New-York	July.		
Johann	No	ba	Liverpool	Sept. 2	? »	
Josephine		ba	. do	Oct. 6		
Karoo	No.	sc.	Swansea Norfolk	July. 19		
Kambira	Br.	ρd	. Norfolk		j »	
Kinross	No.		. Sunderland New York	Aug. 29 Sept. 29		
Levuka	Am.	В.	Marseilles .	Sep. 18		
Loreto	Fr.		Buenos-Ayres.	Sept. 2	3 >	
Le Bresit	Ge.	в.	Shields	June. 2	Santos	
Lina	D.,	bk	. Swansea	Sep.		
Mac Millan	Am.	Sc	. Saguenay	May. 2		
Monrovia	. No.	bq	Cardiff Pensacola	July. 2	3 *	
Maraval	No.	DK be	. Rangoon		4 %	
Marga	No.	pq s.			3 *	
Mewican	Fr.	8.	Marseilles		6 ×	
Mariposa	Po.	ba	Porto	_	×	
Macedon ,	. Br.	8.	Savannan		8 · Santos	
	Br.	рđ	. New York	July. 1	? <u>*</u>	
Moel Eilian	Br.	bq	Liverpool			
Ole Kundeen	Br.	bq	Westerwick	July 1 July 5		
Oronasia	· No.		Leith		5 *	
Puck	Ge.	րս .	Hamburg. New-York.		8 »	
Rose Inness	D.,	. br	New-York Hull Vorfolk		8 » 2 »	
Saga	No.	ba	. Vorfolk		2 ×	
Superb	. Br.	bq	. Pensacoia		5 .>	
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Saltram	. Br.	B.	Shields.	. Aug. 1		
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THE FREIGHT MARKETS.

Home Markets. Since the last report, Fairplay of 29th Sept. the imports have continued to improve, the great characteristic being the enormous amount of chartering effected from the United States at rates indicating an advance on each successive fixture. Coal rates from South Wales were quoted at 17s.6d. to Rio de Janeiro from South Wales and 19s.6d. to Santos.

From Rangoon to Rio and Santos the Isis was fixed for Oct./Nov. at 42s./6d.

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Buenos Ayres Market. Berth rates, says the Times of Argentina of 10th Oct., weakened during the week the cargo rates for

Brazilian Ports kept pretty firm at about same rates as the previous week. The trade, however, is in the hands of regular liners, there being no inducement to berth outsiders. The S. S. City of Lincoln has been chartered for 6 voyages for Buenos Ayres to Rio.

Local Market. Engagements	during the week were as follows:
By Mr. Wm. McNiven:	
Per S. S. Maskelyne for Paraguassú, Petofi, Petofi,	New York 18,500 bags Hamburg 6,500 ", Trieste 5,000 ",
Per S. S. Savoia for Città di Genova , , Città di Torino , , , , , , Magdalena , , , BY MR. J. DELDUQUE:	Genoa 3,975 ,750 ,
Per S. S. Portugal for Chili ,, ,, Béarn ,,	Bordeaux 1,075 ,, Buenos Ayres

CHARTERS The only Charter for the week was by Mr. McNiven of the Norwegian Barque Norge for 6,000 bags of Coffee, £550.

Current Coffee Rates for the Week ending October 21st.

		RIO .	SANTOS
Antwerp		30/ & 5 %	20s. & 5%
Bremen		30/ & 5 %	30 fres. & 10 %
Bordeaux, 900 kilos			30 IPCs. & 10 %
Buenos Ayres	• •	3\$000.	
Copenhagen	•	42/6 & 5 %	
Genoa		30 frcs. & 10 %	50 B E M
Hamburg		30/ & 5 %	20s. & 5 %
Havre, 900 kilos		35 fres. & 10 %	frcs. 17 1/2 & 10 %
Lisbon		30s.	
Liverpool		35/ & 5 %	50. P = 0/
London		30/ & 5 %	20s. & 5 %
Marseilles. 1,000 kilos		30 fres. & 10 %	frcs. 30 & 10 %
Montevidéo		3\$000	
Naples.		40 frcs. & 10 %	20 0 5 4
Rotterdam		30/ & 5 %	20s. & 5 %
Southampton		30/ & 5 %	
Trieste		35/ & 5 %	30s. & 5 %
Venice		45 frcs. & 10 %	00 8 5 24
New York Liners.		30 cents. & 5 %	30c. & 5 %
outsiders			20c. & 5 %
N Orleans Liners		30 ,, ,, ,,	30c. & 5 %
,, Outsiders		_	20c. & 5 %
Cape, via England		45/ & 5 %	

From our own Correspondent.

Santos, Oct. 20th/98

Our freight market has been well supplied of late and nearly all steamers of the regular lines go out with a full cargo. We reckon that between 800,000 to 900,000 bags will be shipped this month. Of new charters we note the Rci de Portugal for Havre at 17/6 plus 5 % and she might also call at Antwerp. The Chargeurs Réunis lowered their freight accordingly to frs. 17.50 plus 10 % per 900 kilos.

The «Rate War» between independent shippers and the Syndicate has come to an end and everybody is again treated on the same 10 ting, but freights have been advanced to 30 c/ plus 5 % per bag.

Sailers are offered both for Europe and the States, but we have not heard of any charter yet.

We hear that a truce has been declared between the Syndicate and shippers of Santos in consequence of which rates have gone up incontinently to 30/c all round without distinction.

Messrs. A. C. de Freitas & Co. of Hamburg. have placed orders with British shipbuilders for four new steamers; they are to be delivered in the course of next year, and will have a speed of 12 knots. It is stated that these orders have come to England on account of the glut of work in German yards. Messrs. de Freitas' five steamers, Itaaa, Macedonia, Kovthago, Troja, and Lydia, have been chartered by an American steamship Campany, and they will be employed in the regular service between New York and the West Indies and Mexico.

A semaphore for the use of passing vessels has been established on Flores Islands, Rio de L. Plata.

A rumour originating on the Exchange at Hamburg, to the effect that an amalgamation of the Hamburg-American Packet Company and the Hamburg-South American Steam Navigation Company was intended, is contradicted on the authority of the first-named Company.

WEST INDIES, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. For the first time the mails have been landed at Colon, in the Republic of Colombia,

by a rival vessel before the R. M. S. P. Co's steamship. The W. I. & P. steamer Louisanian left Liverpool one day after the Para sailed from Southampton and the former steamship has succeeded for once in landing her mails at Colon twenty-four hours ahead of the Para. The Louisanian is a vessel of 3,643 gross, 2,306 net tons, steel built and was launched at Whiteinch for Liverpool owners in 1891. Built of iron at Birkenhead in 1873 the present Para left the slipway as the Noma, passing into the hands of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company two years later. She has a gross tonnage of 4,028 the net being 2,295 tons.

RIVER PLATE NOTES.

(From the Review of the River Plate)

TOTAL CEREAL SHIPMENTS FROM ARGENTINE PORTS TO BRAZIL

Week Ending Oct. 14	To Date	Week ending Oct. 14	To Date	
1898 2,17	59,911	3,555	30,240	
1897 5	43,475	11,201	102,454	

LIVE STOCK SHIPMENTS TO BRAZIL

	Week	To Date	Last Year
Steers	1,191	5,946	9,429
Wethers	399	9)2	1,139
Horses	_	1.187	799
Mules	_	123	1,471

DEPARTURE OF VESSELS FOR BRAZIL

October	3.	From Buenos Aires. S.	S. Satellite, with 2.000 bales beef, 251 hogsheads tallow.
64	7.	do ⁻	S. S. Guarany, with 550 bales
	••		beef, 234 casks tallow for Para;
			500 bags flour, Ceará; 227 casks
			tallow, 1000 bags flour, 900 bales
		•	beef for Parahyba; 341 casks
	•		tallow, 200 bales beef 500 bags
			peanut for Maranhão.
6.6	8.	do	S. S. Norge, with 1,100 bales beef
			for Rio.
44	8.	do	S. S. Cordillere, with 902 bales
		_	beef for Rio.
46	9.	do	S. S. Medoc, with 470 hogsheads
	_	-	tallow for Rio.
44	9.	do	S. S. Espagne, with 374 casks
			tallow, 88 pipes tallow, 3,626 bales
.6	_	D. D	beef for Rio.
	9.	From Rosario	
64	0	do	hay for Rio. S. S. Bellarena, with 885 tons
***	9.	ūΰ	flour, 10,300 bales hay for Santos.
**	10.	do	Nueva Paula, with 3,272 bales
	TO.	ao	hay for Santos.
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VESSELS LOADING FOR BRAZIL

S. Mount Lebanon at Rosario for Rio de Janeiro. Eva Lunch do

CHARTERS

S. S. City of Lincoln, Buenos Aires — Rio, cattle, for six consecutive voyages, Reserved.
S. S. County Autrim, time charter, River Plate — Brazil, six months, option twelve months, £ 800 monthly, G. F.
Bq. Thomas A. Goddard, Rosario — Rio or Santos, hay \$2 20.

AVERAGE PRICES. VALUES, &C., FOR WEEK :

	1893	1897
Wheat, new per 100 kilos	8.00	15.60
Maize, per 100 kilos	3.30	6.90
Linseed, per 100 kilos	9.00	10.80
Dry ox hides, per 10 kilos	8.00	8.90
Salt Ox Hides, per 100 kilos (gold)	-	
Horse hides, each	4.9)	
Hay, per ton	34.00	30.00
Hair, per 10 kilcs	15.00	15.50
Sheepskins, per kilo	0.68	0.70
Gold, price	251. 3 3	237.24
Exchange-London	48	47 7/8
Discounts	6 1/2 p. c.	71/2 p.c.
Freights-bales	17 1/2 fs.	15 fs.
Grain sail freights - Rosario	18s.	_

ASSOCIATED BROKERS' PRICE CURRENT. RIO DE JANZI C

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22ND 1898

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Raw Cotton, Pernambuco	per	10 kile	œ.			103000	102500
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do. Pernambuco, 3rd quality	▶	▶ .				\$190	\$520
do. do. somenos	Þ	▶ .			٠.,١	\$160	\$170
do. do. mascavo	>					₹420	\$140
do. Maceió, mascavo		٠.					\$ 110
Rice, M. O. H. R. in perfect con-	1						
ditions	*					• • • •	203000
American Rosin		230 lb:	s		. •	2 3000	272000
Alkali English	ъ	kiio					\$230
Mandioca Flour, Laguna		45 kil	08 .			115 00	118700
American Wheat-flour, Castilla, Crys-	1					1	
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Le pola 00		2 half	bag	s.		325750	3 \$000
do. Moinho Ingez, national.		D D	•				35 \$ 000
do. do. do. Brazilian	*	>	*				34,000
Bran	*	40 kilo	o ba	g.		· · ·	4\$300
White beans, Chile							19 \$ 000
Kerozene, Devoes Brillant	>					9.600	
Maize, River Plate						' · · · ·	
Spruce pine	Þ					, . 	8.58000
Tallow national	▶	kilo .				!	\$170
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From Our Own Correspondent

Pernambuco, 13th October 1898

Sugar Total entries of all kinds last month were only 13,875 bags; so far this month the daily receipts are about 3,000 bags, chiefly from Usinas. Pressing orders in the market having been fille!, prices have declined somewhat, and only active demand at the moment is for Bruto Scoco for prompt shipment and being scarce prices are firm and 48800-55 would be paid, but for forward delivery there are sellers at 400 reis less, but no buyers over 45-48200 at which, at present, do lers refuse to deliver. Weather has been unusually wet, heavy raios having prevailed almost every day this month so far, and this has no doubt caused less sugar to come in than would o herwise have been the case. Today's quotations are

Usinas	85300	93000	per	15 k	ilos	on :	shore	
Crystal	78000			,,	,,	٠,	",	
Whites 3a .	68800	78000	"	"	,,	,,	,,	old crop
Somenos	5\$ 100	5\$500	11	"	٠,	••	• •	» ·
Clayed	55000	7.6	,,	"	,,	**	,,	scarce
Bruto Secco.	4\$80)	5\$000	**	,,	"	,,	"	for prompt

Of sugar suitable for foreign export there are no entries so far, and it is doubtful if much will be ready for shipment before middle of next month, and in view of high rate of exchange ruling currency price will le low and to-day's value of 87° test sugars for Liverpoot is not over 25700 — 25800, but no doubt as usual New York shippers will take all the first sugars available at something above Liverpoot

value.

Cotton has been a very dull market and tendency constantly downward. Last sales were at 125500 for 15 kilos, and Dealers still ask same price, but buyers refuse to go on and seem quite indefferent about the article, and if exchange keeps up, lower prices must rule, as value for shipment to Liverpoot is only about 115 and no improvement likely, Rio shippers only talk of 115500 as value, but at 125000 probably small lots might be taken by the mills here. Of new coston hardly anything has yet come forward and last month's entries of 5,666 bags were still from old crop.

Freights. Nothing doing so far. Steamers are wanting offers for November, December loading, but shippers positively refuse so far to make any offers.

THE SUGAR-TRADE WAR

After nearly two years of preparation the new sugar refinery of the Messrs. Arbuckle, in Brooklyn, has been completed and commenced operation. Its outturn of refined sugar thus far has been about 1,000 barrels a day, although the works are expected to shortly reach their full daily capacity of about 3,000 barrels. The other new refinery, which is being constructed by the Messrs. Dossher and which is likewise located in Brooklyn, will have a capacity of fully 5,000 barrels a day. Within a short time, therefore, these two independent refineries will be in a position to turn out 8,000 barrels of refined sugar each working day as compared with the 34,000 barrels which is the daily capacity of the various plants controlled by the American Sugar Refining Company.

The situation in the sugar industry is accordingly a critical one. There is, in fact, every indication of trade war of considerable severy between the so-called "Sugar Trust" on the one hand the Arbuckle and Doscher plants on the other. Wall street has, up to the present time, clung to the idea that a compromise, merger or other satisfactory arrangement might be entered into believen the contextuits, but the price of American Sugar shares has this week developed an unsteadiness that would show how little foundation there is for such hopes. Thus far there has, indeed, been no cutting of prices. The output of the Arbuckle refinery has been too small to produce much of an impression, and it has been stated that the policy of its owners was not to begin price-cutting, although it is difficult to see how such a result can be avoided when the product of both the opposition refineries is put upon the market, the condition of which may be gauged by the fact that the actual product of the American Sugar Refining

Company's plants is only about 22,000 barrels per day, against its total capacity of 34,000 barrels. The price war which the American Sugar interest, through the Woolson Spice Company, have instituted in the package coffee trade, and which is directed against the Arbuckle firm, has been frequently referred to in these columns, and it is the opinion of those conversant with the individual interest engaged, as well as with the situation, that the conflict now carried into the sugar trade will be equally severe and will continue until one or the other of the opponents is thoroughly exhausted.

A very interesting feature of the matter is the inauguration by the Messrs. Arbuckle of new methods in connection with the putting of their sugar product upon the market. In fact, the whole disturbance is said to have originated in their desire to employ the same machinery and m-thods in the sugar trade which are applied in putting up ground coffee in packages of specified weights for distribution through the retail trade. A beginning has already bean made in this direction, and it is also announced that the American Sugar Company has obtained machinery for the same purpose and proposes to meet the invasion of its own field by presenting its product in substantially the same form as the Arbuckle plant will do. From every point of view the contest is likely to be a prolonged and severe one. As already indicated, Wall street has held to the idea that the Sugar Trust, with its understood-to-be enormous surplus, although the exact amount thereof is practically unknown, could sustain such a fight indefinitely, and yet keep up the payment of the present dividends of 12 per cent. per annum upon its common stock. There now seems to be an accession of doubt upon this subject, or at least the growth of an idea that. conservatism as regards the payment of dividends may govern the sagar company's management while it is carrying on such a fight as now opens up be'ore it, although in this, as in all other matters which concern the America

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In Scotland the miners are now working steadily both in the Western districts and in Fife, where so much uncertainty so long prevailed. The trade is undoubtedly active, but since it became evident that there was to be no stoppage in Fife, sellers have been offering more freely and have been less dictaorial in quotations. There is no abatement in the home demand, and, if anything, a prospect of increase, but with such a large output as is now being made, it has become necessary for customers to conciliate exporters. The shipping now going on, which is very extensive, is pretty nearly all against contracts, and in execution of recently booked orders. That is to say, new orders are not coming in to any extent; but whether this is due to foreign buyers being already sufficiently covered in purchases to carry them over the winter, or to their holding off in the expectation of an early drop in prices, cannot yet be accurately said. The high freights are certainly having an effect in keeping back new business from Scotland, and the Newcasale competition is now being more keenly felt than ever. More sales of Newcastle steam c.i.f. Baltic are reported at figures which Scotch shippers could not look at in the present state of the freight market. For Cronstact as much as 8s. 3d. has had to be paid from East Scotland, as compared with 7s. from the Tyn, and some Scotch dealets who s ld forward awhile ago are being heavily nipped. Current quotations of West country coal f. o. b. Clargov, are, ell 0s. to 00s. dd., as against 7s. 6d, to 7s. 9d.; steam 10s. 6d., as against 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d; and main 9s to 9s. 3d., as against 7s. Splint seems to be getting into over-supply. Best dross and muts are in good demand for both home and export. The trial of Roughrigg coal made by the Admiralty has proved so far satisfactory that Messrs. Robert Forrester & Co. have received an order for regular monthly supplies to the Navy.

The decision of the Northumbrian coalowners to grant another temporary advance to the men of 5

American Coal in London — Sir. — The leaders of the Welsh miners, who have lived in the belief that by stopping work they at once shut off the supply of first-class smokeless steam coal, would have been surprised had they accompanied us this morning down to the coal derricks in the river Thames to find a cargo of American

steam coal, equal in every respect to that raised in their own Rhondda Valley, being discharged into lighters to be immediately transferred into the bunkers of steamers belonging to one of our largest mail and passenger companies, the Castle Mail Packets Company of South Africa

Rhondda Valley, being discharged into lighters to be immediately transferred into the bunkers of steamers belonging to one of our largest mail and passenger companies, the Castle Mail Packets Company of South Africa.

The importation of this cargo of the Pocahontas steam coal of Virginia, U. S., has been rendered not only possible but profitable to the consumer by the deplorable strike in Wales, the delivered cost in London being considerably less than the present free on board selling price of such coal as is available still at Cardiff.

It may be interesting to your readers to know that the cargo above referred to, of about 2,400 tons (by the steamer Sandhill, of Newcastle-on-Tyne), was shipped on the 6th inst., at the terminus of the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Norfolk-Hampton Roads, and arrived in the Thames last Saturday morning after a passage of 17 days. The Pocahontas Coalfield, whence this small sample has been derived, consists of some 200,000 acres in West Virginia. At present the output of the field has only reached a total of some four million tons per annum, but this is easily capable of almost indefinite extension, to meet any demands, only about tenth of the area-having so far-been opened up.

As regards its quality for steam purposes, we have stated above that it is fully equal to the best South Wales descriptions. This is established not only by repeated chemical analyses of unquestionable authority, but by the test of actual experience. This has been the only description of fuel supplied to the Cunard and White Star lines at New-York for several years past, while all their fastest Transatlantic runs have been made with it, which will probably be accepted as satisfactory corroborative evidence. We may add, moreover, that there are very few Briti-h steamers trading with the Southern United States ports during the past ten years which have not used the Pocahontas coal with such results that the name has now become a synonym for excellence as a steam producer.

While it must be frankly admitt

have hitherto been supplied, by the American description above ferred to.

We have ventured to trespass upon your courtesy with the above facts, believing that they are such as should be made k. wn to the more thinking among the miners in South Wales, with a view to bringing home to them that the foreign competition in our coal trade, which has hitherto been so much scoffed at, is, after all, a stern reality which it will be well to recognize before trade is irrevocably lest.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully, HULL, BLYTH, AND Co.

4, Fenchurch-avenne, E. C., July 25.

COAL EXPORTS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

(DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST)

(From Cory Bros. & Co's Export List)

ORIGIN	s. w	ALES	NORTH (OUNTY	SCOTLAND	YORKSHIRE	TOTAL	
Destination	Freight	quantity	Freight	Quantity	Quantity	Qu antity	quantity	
Bahia	14/ 16/ 14/ 14/6 25/ 21/ 18/ 14/	1,576 2,056 4,997 2,828 	15/6 16/0 16/ 24/ 	1,748 8,066 — 9,133 — 18,947	1,796 2,999 1,144 217 - 1,614	4,019	3,354 15,937 7,996 3,972 217 9,332 4,140	

Railway Hews and Enterprise.

OTHER TRAFFIC RETURNS.

	Latest E Repo	arnings rted	Aggregate Financial year		
Railway W'k or Month	1893	1897	1898	1897	
Alagôas August	33:203\$	26:8115		. .	
Bahia a São Francisco. 2.w'ks Sept. 3.	£ 5.268	£5.827	£ 21.312	£ 21.036	
ditto Timbó branch 2.w'ks Sept. 3.	£ 524	£ 485	£ 2.631	€ 2.284	
Braz. G't Southern. August	11:1115	10:667\$	100:889\$	95:556\$	
Central Ba- hia July	122:670\$ 6:722\$	108:1343 6:002\$	977:002\$ 27:762\$	863:333\$ 26:614\$	
D. Thereza Christina. July	14:677\$	12:773\$		-	
Natal & N. Cruz June	13:159\$	9:471\$	_	. .	

Recife to S. Francisco. July 30 . £ 2.203 £ 1.805 S. Paulo . 2.w's, Aug. 28. £ 31.099 £ 40.702 £ 12.023 £ 9.357 S. Paulo. 2. W s. Aug. 20.
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Brazilian
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Sul). August.
Leopoldina. Sep. 24.
Gt. Western 109:781\$ 100:040\$ 1.051:973\$ 999:870\$ 347:000\$ 469:000\$ 14.130:000\$ 14.517:000\$ Gt. Western Brazil. . Oct. 1.

• The Financial year of those railways marked with an asterisk commences on the ist of July of each year.

THE S. PAULO (BRAZILIAN) RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The directors of this company, in their report, just issued, submit to the shareholders the accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1897. They state that the receipts for the past half-year were the largest in currency since the opening of the line, and amounted to Rs. 13,147,5068,229, being an increase over those for the corresponding period of 1896 of Rs. 884,970,940, or 7.2 per cent. The working expenses were Rs. 5,629,2978540, or 42.81 per cent. of the gross receipts, and the net revenue was Rs. 7,270,7268570. This, at the several rates of exchange at which the remittances for the half-year were made, amounted to £221,947.28.4d. The average rate of exchange for the half-year was 7,3923d. The superintendent considers the prospects for the current half-year to be about the average. The further depreciation of exchange has necessitated a re-valuation of the company's assets, and the revenue account has been debited with the sum of £7,622 15s. 2d. The traffic has been conducted with safety and regularity, and it will be seen by the reports of the company's locemotive superintendent, and of its maintenance engineer, that the rolling-stock, machinery, line, and works have been maintained in efficient order and repair. Reference is made to their reports for details of work done in connection with their departments. It will be noticed from the reports of the company's superintendent, that the Santos harbour improvements have been completed and opened to traffic a further length of quay of about 300 metres, and that the extension is still being proceeded with.

The report of the company's engineer-in-chief for the new works, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1897, shows that considerable progress has been made. On the first section, from Santos to the deviation of the line, the permanent way is laid for the greater part of the distance, and the two large bridges, ramely, the Casqueiro and Cubation, are well advanced. The heavy works on the second divis

LEOPOLDINA RAILWAY

"Since this company commenced issuing its weekly traffic returns, its receipts have in every case shown decreases, as compared with the corresponding period last year. In my last contribution I noted this circumstance quite incidentally, with the result that I have received quite a number of inquiries with reference to this particular undertaking. For the benefit of my correspondents, and for the information of your readers generally, I may state that originally this line-of-railway was owned locally in Brazii; but certain debentures having been issued in this-country, which fell into arrear of interest, the debenture-holders eventually decided to take over the railway and work it themselves. More capital being required for this purpose, an issue was made in June last of £ 1,300,000 in the form of 4 per cent. debentures — the original debenture-holders having converted their holdings into shares of the company. In the prospectus then circulated it was stated that "the gross receipts for the year 1896 amounted to 18,461,246 mil reis; for the year 1897, to 20,506,082 mil reis; while, for the first three months of the present (1898) year, the gross receipts show an increase of about 950,000 mil reis over the correspending period" As the receipts have since then declined to such an extent as to show a decrease, up to September 11th, of 194,000 mil reis, some minds have been brought to think that the prospectus must have been in fault somehow. I have, however, been placed in possession of facts which afford a perfectly intelligible explanation. Taking the traffic for August which showed the largest decrease, it was brought into comparison with an exceptionally good month last year; indeed, last year throughout was unusually favourable. When, too, the present company took over the railway, the directors found the books and accounts in so bad a state that they could do little more than approximately estimate the traffic returns, and it is now thought that, in all probability, the old com-

pany received a considerable sum as guarantee from the Government last August, which was included in the traffic receipts for that month. The consequence of this would, of course, be to make the August of this year compare with it very disadvantageously. A further reason exists in the rise in the rate of exchange. Although this is to the company's benefit in other ways, it does not seem to be relished by the coffee growers in Brazil, who prefer the lower exchange, and the advance has had the effect of inducing some of them to hold back their crops — which have not been very good this season — in the hope of a fall, when they would immediately press forward their produce for sale. This naturally restricts traffic on the line; but, as the rate of exchange, in the opinion of those best able to judge, is likely to go still higher in the near future, while the coffee growers, as rulle, are by no means wealthy, and so cannot "hang on" to their crops much longer, they will soon be ob'iged to "let go". Then the traffic which the Leopoldina Railway is now missing will come along, and increases, instead of decreases, may become the order of the day. At any rate, the directors seem to be confident that the present year will close, if not with an increase, at all events with an aggregate equal to that of last year. "The South American Journal. September 24.

We have previously remarked that the comparison of receipts this year with last year's has but very little utility or value, because not only do no trustworthy statistics of last year's traffic exist, but this year is exceptional insomuch as the coffee crop last year was phenomenally large, the biggest ever recorded in the country. Not only, however, has coffee, the staple product of the district, fallen off in quantity but also in value and reduced proportionately the spending power of producers.

Imports and the "up-traffic" as well as the "down" have, therefore, suffered in all the coffee-carrying lines with the single exception of the S. Pauly Railway, on which in spite of the large reduction in the down-traffic of 11,790 tons in 2 months the up-traffic has increased, 22,490 tons and more than made up for the loss in quantity if not in value, some of the goods such as building materials, which compose it, enjoying lower freights. As a rule, however, a smaller coffee crop will be found to correspond with diminished imports and up-traffic, and the fact that the Leopoldina's receipts do not keep up to the mark of last year, even if correct, can scarcely be regarded as a criterion for luture judgment. Next year a heavy crop is expected, better exchange may improve the purchasing power of consumers, and things may change altogether. The worst feature in the district is the gradual impoverishment of the land due to overcultivation, which, as we pointed out in another part of this number, has resulted in a reduction of coffee production from 131,572 tons in the 5 years 1881/85 to only 75,366 in 1891/95, a tendency that the low prices current is likely to still further accentuate. It behoves the Leopoldina and other railway authorities to take this matter into very serious consideration, and endeavour by all means in their power to substitute some other cultivation for that of coffee, otherwise within a massurable distance of time they will have not affic at all worth mentioning.

WESTERN AND BRAZILIAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED

It is notified by the Western and Brazilian Telegraph Company, Limited, that the proposed arrangement between that corpany and the Brazilian Submarine Telegraph Company, Limited, which was dependent upon the shareholders holding three-fourths of the share capital of the Western Company agreeing to exchange their shares for those of the latter company, has now been confirmed, and therefore enters into operation. The number of assents received considerably exceeded the requisite holding of shares. As a result of representations for an extension of time, for various reasons, during which consents to the transference of shares may be sent in to the Western Company, it has been decided to extend the period for the foregoing purposes until October 20.

The Western Minas Ry. It is reported that the German Bank intends shortly to ask for the judicial liquidation of the Company for default in payment of the interest on its 1st debenture debt. The Company has a capital of 60,000,000 mil reis and an extension of 786 kilometres in traffic in the State of Minas, Rio and Goyaz. It enjoys a guarantee of 7% from the State of Minas, on a capital of 9,500,000 mil reis, and another of 60% on 60,000 contos from the Union; besides a guarantee from the State of Rio de Janeiro. Its debt consis s of the first debenture loan emitted in Germany and the London loan of 1895. This last is guaranteed by the Brazilian Government and was included in the funding arrangement. The German issue has no guarantee from Government and Holders applied for the treatment of their securities on the basis of the London loan, but Government rightly refused. It is a private debt of the Company and the Government has no right or obligation to interfere and has quite enough to look after without taking other people's debts on its shoulders.

Messers. Evans O'Donnel & Co., through their agents Fry Miers & Co., have received orders for a complete plant of their patent. Interlocking and Signalling Apparatus for the new S. Paulo Station. The same system will most likely be adopted in the Central as also Stone's electric lighting system for the cars, which is already in use on the S. Paulo railway cars. It is full time the Central Railway changed the antedeluvian system of candles in use on the narrow guage line from Taubaté to S. Paulo, where the luckless passenger is condemned to four hours of mortal tedium for want of decent light.

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DIRECTORS' REPORTS.

BAHIA AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY.

The capital account to June 30th, 1898, shows a total expenditure of 1,799,5327., whilst the receipts have been 1,800,0001. Credit ba-

The capital account to such some some 1,800,000%. Credit bafince 468%.

The accounts for the half-year ending June 30th, 1898, of the Rahia
and S. Francisco Railway show the revenue to have been as follows:

Brazilian Government, 47,250%; traffic receipts, 79,174%. (against
62,716%.): transfer fees, 30%; interest. S58%; stores exchanges, 5,330%;
total, 132,642%. The total expenses in Bahia and London amouned to
98,279%. (rgainst 78,662%), and the net revenue to 34,363%. The directors recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 4 per centper annum, or 8s. per share (less income-tax), which will necessitate
taking 1.637%, from working capital account. Working capital account
will then stand at 91,513%. Length of line, 77% miles.

The accounts of the Timbo Branch Undertaking for the half-year
ending June 30th, 1.398, show a gross revenue (including 6,73%, received in respect of the Government guarantee) of 18,793%. (against
17,755%), and an expenditure in Bahia and London of 14,743%. (against
13,705%), leaving a balance of 4,050%. Out of this it is proposed to
distribute a dividend for the half-year ending June 30th last at the
receives of the company in Brazil for the half-year amount

distribute a dividend for the half-year ending June 30th last at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum. The report states:—

The receipts of the company in Brazil for the half-year amount to 79,174f. and the expenditure, after making provision for rolling stock to 96,794f. but it must not be forgotten that in both cases the mil reis is reckoned at its par value—viz., 27d. (as is invariably stated at the head of the balance-sheet)—whereas its actual value averaged about 64d.

"The board have to announce that for the first time in the history of the company the Brazilian Government has found itself unable to pay in gold, and has decided to fund the guaranteed interest for three years, from July 1st. 1898, to June 30th, 1901. While fully recognising the troubles, both political and financial, that have befallen Brazil in recent times, the directors cannot but express their extreme regret that such a measure has become necessary.

"A copy of the funding scheme was posted to every shareholder on July 9th. As therein provided, the guaranteed interest for the half-year ending June 30th was paid to the company in funding bonds of the nominal value of 63,000l. instead of in gold as heretofore.

"The board, acting under the powers conferred on them by the statutes and articles of association of the company, and after obtaining legal advice, decided to sell the bonds, and distribute a dividend in cash. A similar method of paying dividends will probably be adopted throughout the period the funding scheme is to remain in force.

"The price realised by the sale of the whole of the bonds representing the guaranteed interest was 75 per cent., or 47,250l., and this amount has been placed to the credit of revenue account.

"The funding scheme of the United States of Brazil applies also to the Timbo branch undertaking, and bonds of the nominal value of 8,94fl., representing the guaranteed interest, having been paid to the company, were disposed of at 75 per cent., realising 6,708l., which sum has been placed to the credit of revenue

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"The result of the half-year's working shows that there has been an increase in the receipts in comparison with corresponding period of last year of 16,457l. The expenditure, owing to the continued depreciation of the currency, has been increased, the excess being 21,06ll, over the same period of last year. The increase in earnings is mainly due to the increase in the tariffs, still there is no doubt that the volume of traffic is increasing, and that with a more settled state of the country, coupled with fairly regular seasons, a more voluminous and stable traffic will te assured. The number of passengers carried is less by 10,532 than in the same period last year, parcels and horses are sightly lower, but all other items show an increase both in tonnage and receipts; the, most marked being merchandise to and from the interior, sugar and tobacco. There is a total increase over the corresponding half-year of 9,398 tons. The traffic over the prolongation line has improved slightly, a large quantity of salt is being curried up this half-year. The want of rain in the interior has been a great drawback to planting. The expenditure continues unavoidably heavy in maintenance, this is due to renewals in permanent way of news rails and fastenings, and extensive repairs to buildings and workshops. The mileage and tonnage of goods carried has been higher this half-year than ever before, and the cost of material and wages in all departments has increased, and will continue to do so, so long as exchange keeps low. The rainy season this year has been very light, and unless this is remedied by rains in the early part of the next half-year, it will adversely affect the crops and raise the price of food and cereals. The new sugar factories at K 18 and K 74 have been at work this half-year, and it is hoped will lead to an increase in sugar planting in these districts."

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lead to an increase in sugar planting in these districts."

Referring to the Timbo Branch, Mr. Tiplad says:—"The receipts this half-year amounted to 11,602!., against 7,85 l. of the same period in last year, showing an increase of 3,752l. The expenditure also shows an increase of 1,038l. The receipts show an increase of nearly 48 per cent. over the corresponding half of last year; although this is due in a measure to the raising of the ra'es, there has been an increase in the tonnage carried in all items of traffic. except passengers and merchandise from the interior, but although passengers show a decrease of 960 for the whole half-year, the last four months of it show a gradual increase, which is still rising. Tobacco has more than doubled, and sugar shows an increase of 23 f. per cent. The total tonnage carried this six months is 6,373, against 5,103 last year, an increase of 1,270 tons; this includes parcels. The increase in expenditure has been in all items except carriages and waggons, and is due to the constant rise in wages and materials. Great hopes were entertained of an abundant harvest next season, but the want of rain has greatly retarded the development of the crops, and should no rain fall early next half-year, the amount of produce expected will be much reduced."

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l	1898		•
١	Oct. 31	Thames	Montevidio and Buenos Aires.
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l	" 12	Minho	Santos, Montevidéo and Buenos Ayres.

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