

visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 83,248, against a decrease of 110,565 last year. The total visible supply is 3,873,290, against 3,956,538 last year.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Gillespie & Co.'s Prices Current, dated Liverpool, May 5th, 1899, says:

Sugar has been active at higher prices, but closes quieter. Refined is firm at about our last month's figures.

Rice is lower since our last, at about 8s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per cwt. for fair to good quality.

Chemicals are lacking in any special activity. Bleaching powder is easier. Arsenic continues to harden, and blue copperas has again moved upwards, closing at about 26s. 6d. to 26s. 9d. per cwt., less 2½ per cent.

Oils generally are quiet, at, if anything, slightly reduced quotations.

Freights are low in view of the liberal supply of steamers hence for Montreal this season, and the undernoted figures will serve as a guide for operations.

Montreal.—Groceries, 5s. to 7s. 6d.; chemicals, 5s. to 7s. 6d.; oils, 6s. to 10s. Toronto, Hamilton, London, and Kingston.—Groceries, 15s. to 20s.; chemicals, 15s. to 20s.; oils, 17s. 6d. to 22s. 6d. Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B.—Groceries, chemicals, oils, 10s. to 15s.

DOOLEY ON THE TRUSTS.

The opinions of Martin Dooley, saloon keeper, have been made known widely through the Chicago Journal, in which his letters appear. He is shrewd and sensible on many subjects, and amusing on nearly all. Among his latest letters is one on the commercial and manufacturing trusts in the United States:

"Ye think 'tis sthranglin' our fair land an' so does th' whole Willum J. O'Brien Lithry an' Mar-rchin' Club. But to me it looks like jus' th' diff'rence between a man bein' robbed be wan strong ar'm man at a time, an' be sarched be twinty. A la'ad at th' mills gets his month's pay an' goes down to Halsted Sthreet an' has a tub iv beer, an' some wan lifts his watch. On his way home a pickpocket gets his pin; thin a sthrong ar'm b'y at Deerin' Sthreet holds him up f'r his money. At his dure-step two or three young an' in-expeeryenced robbers throw him down an' take th' shoes off his feet. Now, if 'twas a thrust, if these here competin' merchants was to unite an' meet the la'ad at th' start, they cud sthrip him clane as a bone, and lave nawthin' f'r th' loathsome an' disunited competitors up th' sthreet. They'd be sthrong enough to do business in spite iv th' polis; they'd have no thrubble in bein' incorporayted in New Jersey, where th' green goods come fr'm, an' they cud prove to anny intelligen' man that 'tis bether to be skinned early an' be th' latest methods thin to thrust th' job to a lot iv rough-an'-tumblers, without capital, an' not havin' th' intrhests iv th' counthry at stake."

"An' what ar're th' poor la-ads up th' sthreet goin' to do?" asked Mr. Hennessy, whose Democratic sympathies were instantly aroused by the misfortune of the crushed footpads.

"They're goin' to wurruk f'r th' Burglars' thrust," said Mr. Dooley. "Each iv thim that's a good mechanic 'll be given a piece iv lead pipe an' a woolen sock, an' tol' to go out and increase th' comfort iv th' poor. Th' sthreet cars 'll give thim rayjooiced rates to thravel fr'm wan dark alley to another, an' th' council 'll pass an' ordhnance prohibiting anny wan fr'm importin' sandbags an' jimnies into th' city. Aither a while a man can be robbed as aisily in his own house as in an alley. That's what th' thrust will do. It will so."

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 18, 19.30 p.m

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	8	2
Red Winter .....	6	0
No. 1 Cal .....	6	3
Corn old .....	3	5
" new .....	5	7
Peas .....	6	7
Lard .....	38	3
Pork .....	42	5
Bacon, heavy .....	28	6
Bacon, light .....	28	6
Tallow .....	24	6
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