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Sugar Situation.

The London Grocer of October 27th, in its report, says: "A fact which cannot have beeb overlooked by the trade is the smallness of the quantity that is said to represent the existing stock of raw sugar in the port of London, it being returned as only 38,400 tons against 55,240 tons last year and 80,030 tons in 1886; but we doubt if the returns are correct, knowing that with many private importers who are their own wharfingers it is quite optional whether the; send up returns of their stocks and deliveries or not; and as we know they do not unless it suits them, there are good reasons for believing that our system of stock returns is very faulty and incomplete, consequently we think that, until this is proved to be the contrary, no heed should be given to the statements that the stocks of sugar here are so very much reduced as they appear to be on the face of the notoriously imperfect documents which are handed in for almost anybody's inspection in the Lane every week. That some such view is held by several leading firms in the wholesale grocery trade, not to say Mincing Lane brokers, is pretty clearly evidenced by the greater degree of dulness which has been observable in the raw market all the week through, as even less disposition to buy has been shown than previously, and notwithstanding the extreme scantiness of supplies in cane descriptions, the few sales reported have been practicable only at easy rates."—Envire. at easy rates."-Empire.



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