

and August at 18c to 20½c; was stronger in September at 19½c to 22c, and ranged from October until the close of the year at 17½ to 20c, as to sample.

ST. DOMINGO—Were placed at 16½c to 17c.

CEYLON—Sold at 17½c to 19c for common, and 19½c to 23c for good ts choice, some really prime bringing 24c.

RIO—Offerings were very light until late in the season, the range being 16½c to 18½c, a fair business being done within these rates for good to choice, and some lots of low grades sold down to 14½c.

COMPARATIVE PRICES, per lb.

Date.	1869	1870	1871	1872
	c @ c	c @ c	c @ c	c @ c
April..	12 14½ 15½	14½ 15½	15 15½	15½ 17½
May ..	10 14 15½	15 15½	15½ 17	15½ 18
June ..	7 14½ 15½	15½ 16	16 17	16 18
July ..	12 14½ 16	15½ 16	15 16	16 18
August	9 14½ 16	15 15½	15 16	16½ 19
Sept ..	13 13½ 14½	14½ 15½	14½ 15½	17 19
Oct ...	11 13½ 15½	14½ 15½	15½ 16½	16 18
Nov...	15 14 15½	14½ 15½	18 19	17 19
Dec...	13 14½ 15½	14½ 15½	17 19	17 19

QUANTITY AND VALUE OF COFFEE IMPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS:—

	Lbs.	Value.
1856.....	505,409	\$ 58,009
1857.....	225,149	33,063
1858.....	473,609	52,819
1859.....	598,949	72,693
1860.....	180,036	26,140
1861.....	794,935	92,670
1862.....	1,463,258	196,670
1863.....	558,689	89,017
1864.....	643,374	94,359
1865.....	840,429	117,524
1866.....	604,56	79,924
1867.....	576,570	74,512
1868.....	606,289	69,827
1869.....	554,579	71,96
1870.....	541,941	66,920
1871.....	478,548	62,953
1872.....	453,593	79,110
Remaining in Bond:		
Dec. 31, 1866....	217,974	27,263
Do 1867.....	218,509	25,158
Do 1868.....	249,402	24,597
Do 1869.....	235,038	27,810
Do 1870.....	206,178	21,393
Do 1871.	176,996	24,788
Do 1872 Duty free.		

CHEMICALS.

Almost all descriptions of Chemicals have ruled at higher prices than for many years past, some of the heavier articles under this head being maintained throughout the year at a steady range of prices.

BI-CARB SODA—Was sold in moderate lots from the opening of the year in January until May at prices ranging from \$4 75 to \$5 25. In June some round lots brought \$5, and later small parcels were freely taken at \$5½, the market closing in that month firm but a shade off, and selling down to \$4½ in July. In August a moderate business was done at 5c, 5½c, 5¾c, 5½c and 5¾c, the latter rates ruling in September, while in October jobbing lots moved actively at 5½c, in round lots at 5¾c. In November and December the bulk of the transactions were at 5½c to 5¾c, the market closing firm at those prices.

SAL SODA.—As usual during the winter season the transactions in this article were exceedingly light and prices were almost nominal at 2c to 2½c. In June, to arrive, there were transactions at 2c to 2½c, these rates being maintained until late in the season, when 2½c to 2¾c were paid as to lot, the market closing in December very steady at the latest quotations.

CAUSTIC SODA—The stock on hand at the beginning of the year was very light, and prices were stronger during January, February and March at 4½c to 4¾c, in April at the latter rate, in May steadier at 4¾c to 4¾c, and was offered to arrive at 4¾c to 5c, resulting in sales at 4¾c for considerable quantities. There was no change in June, and in July the offerings were more liberal at 4¾c to 5c, dropping to 4¾c to 4¾c, with a fair business at these prices. August was less active at the opening, but advanced towards the close to 5c and 5½c, with sales to a fair extent. September was stronger at 5½c to 5¾c, and in October at 5¾c to 5¾c, as to lot and quality. In November sales were effected at 5¾c to 5¾c, and eased off in December, the market closing at 5¾c to 5¾c.

SODA ASH—Was nominally 2¾c to 3c until the opening of navigation, rates advancing in the middle of May to 3¾c and 3¾c, at which a moderate business