MONEY MARKET

THERE has been a steady demand for money, but the banks are nevertheless in a strong position, and while discounts and circulation have increased their specie and deposits have also increased, and there is, if anything, a demand for good business paper.

Sterling Exchange has slightly declined, and may now be bought for 108¾ to 109 for Bank and Bank endorsed 60-day drafts.

Gold in New York has still further declined, the possible policy of the U S Government with a view to the early resumption of specie payments, having a depressing effect The closing quotation is 129¾ governed by which Greenbacks are operated in at 79¾ to 79¾

Silver is temporarily without demand, and quoted at 3 to 2½ per cent discount

The following are the latest quotations of Sterling Exchange, &c:—

Bank on London, 60 days sight	108¾ to 109
" " sight ..	110
Private, " 60 days sight.....	108½ to 108¾
Bank in New York, 60 days sight	109
Gold Drafts on New York	¼ dis to par.
Gold in New York	129¾
Silver, large.....	3 to 2½ dis.

THE GROCERY TRADE

Baldwin, L. H., & Co	Mitchell James.
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee.	Robertson, David.
Childs George, & Co.	Tiffin Bros
Hutchins, B. & Co.	Thompson, Murray & Co
Kinnear & Kinloch.	Torrance, David, & Co.
Mathewson J. A.	

A SOMEWHAT improved tone has prevailed in business circles during the past week, partly owing to the closing of inland navigation, and partly to advancing markets in the United States and elsewhere for various goods in this line. Prices are steadier in some instances higher, and, generally speaking, business is in a much more satisfactory condition than it was previous to and during the continuance of the late auction sales.

TEAS—Have been on the whole pretty quiet although high grade Greens have been in demand for exportation, and holders are firm in their views prices ranging considerably above those obtained at public sale

COFFEE—Is inactive, and exceedingly difficult of sale.

SUGAR—Confirmation of the reports of the destruction of the sugar cane on Cuban plantations, has caused an advance in the New York market, and stocks here being low, holders have been able to obtain increased value for their goods A good deal of business, mostly on private terms, has been done during the week, the refineries being the heaviest purchasers, the small supply of Grocery Sugars tending to check transactions among the trade. Refined Sugar has been steadily dealt in and following the New York market, the list price has been advanced ½c on all grades.

MOLASSES —Stocks are not over large Ordinary grades Muscovado are offering at 35c to 37½c Centrifugal and Clayed are rather scarce. No change in Syrups.

FRUIT—Has been in demand for all kinds, and large transactions are reported more especially in Valentia Raisins, of which considerable quantities have been sold within a few days to go to Western Canada and the United States, at rates favouring sellers. Prices recently realized for new crop Valentias has been 9c to 9½c, old fetching 8½c to 8¾c Layers are in demand at prices ranging from $2 50 to $2 75 M. R's are in somewhat small supply, and in the absence of transactions, quotations are nominal Loose Muscatels may be quoted from $2 85 to $3 25 Seedless and keg Raisins are scarce and in demand Almonds are scarce and in demand Tarragonas selling at from 17c to 18c. Walnuts and Filberts are also scarce and wanted.

RICE.—The demand has been small. Prime Arracan is offering in round lots at from $3 25 to $3 50, according to quality and quantity; Rangoon at from $3.10 to $3 25; Patna scarce, but nominal in the absence of business.

SALT The demand has fallen off, but quotations for the present are unaltered.

SPICES —Stocks of most kinds are small Nutmegs are so scarce as to be practically unobtainable, and quotations are nominal. Black Pepper is rather scarce, prices ranging from 11c to 11½c Cassia may be quoted 33c to 35c Cloves and Pimento are not much sequired for and in quantity can be bought for less money than has previously been paid.

Auction sale of Teas, for account of D. Torrance & Co.—John J. Leeming, auctioneer:

222 hf chests twanky and young twenty 31½c to 39½c; 145 do imperial 42c to 67c; 142 do gunpowder 56½c to 77c; 652 do Japan 41c to 52c; 332 boxes hyson 38½c to 72c.

Trade sale of General Groceries, Wines, Liquors &c, on account of Messrs. Chapman Fraser & Tylee at their stores—John J Leeming auctioneer

20 bxs ball blue 13c; 10 do 12½c; 10 do 12½c; 25 do button blue 4c, 3 hhds d 3½c, 1 case nutmegs 48c; 2 bags carraway 12½c, 5 do 13c, 2 bales cloves 8½c, 10 cases pepper 11c; 4 brls ginger 14½c; 1 bag do 8c, 5 cases Jeffrey's ale 10s; 15 do 9s 9d; 10 do. pts. 6s 3d; 14 do, sparkling, 9s 9d, 9 do, hf pints, 6s 9d, 5 cases sago 6s 2d; 2 do chicory, Taylor's, 9½c; 5 do 10c, 30 bgs Arracan rice $3 25, 15 brls currants 6c, 4 cases Turner figs 13½c; 2 do 14c; 5 do pulled do 11c; 7 do 10½c; 100 bxs new layers $2.50, 280 do $2 45; 20 hf do $1 30; 450 qr do 70c, 10 bxs loose do $2 75; 420 do old do $2 10, 58 hf do London layers, old $1 10; 100 bxs Valencia 9c; 10 do stone 8c; 45c do Sultanas 12½c; 13 kegs sultanas 9½c; 3 bags almonds 16c, 10 frails do 15c, 8 bags do 19½c, 3 do 19c, 22 bxs Valencia almonds 26c, 10 do shelled do 29c; 9 bags Brazil nuts 9c: 17 do filberts 8½c; 7 cases French mustard $1.50; 6 qr do sardines, Albert's, 12c; 15 do. Duval's, 11½c; 40 do. 11½c; 9 hf do 17½c; 60 kegs prunes 6½c; 4 cases, flaggons Barton & Guestion's olive oil 6½c; 25 bxs castile soap 8½c; 2 bales vermicelli 10½c; 4 do maccaroni 10½c; 4 cases, lbs, Wise's mustard $4 35, 4 do, hf do, $2 40; 10 cases Old Tom Lewnder 4½c, 95 cases DeKuyper's gin, red $7, 30 do green $3 65; 3 hhds do $1 35; 15 cts $1 42½; 20 cases Hennessey's brandy $8½; 20 cases C V T brandy $6½; 1 pun Jamaica rum $1 80; 2 qr cks Star port 3s 10d, 10 bxs B S candles 23c; 2 cases castor oil 12½c; 1 cs mace 85c; 8 mats cassia 23c; 4 chts do 33c; 18 doz gelatine, small, $1; 25 do, medium, $1 40; 20 do, large, $1 20; 5 cases St Julien, Barton & Guestier, 8s, 9 do Margaux do, $6½, 5 do, pts, ¼, 15 do Medoc do $4½, 10 cases champagne, Harvey's, $4; 17 cases Curacoa $9½; 5 do Maraquino $8½; 10 do Noyeau $8½; 5 do assorted 4½c, 2 qr cks Cosin's sherry $1.05, 7 do $1 85, 5 do, Crown 75c, 4 do, Diary, $4 10

Sale of Groceries, on account of Messrs. A Urquhart & Co John J Leeming, auctioneer:

25 doz gelatine $1.25; 2 cases washing crystal $1 65; bi carb $3 10; 20 bxs maccaroni $10; do vermicelli 10½c, 5 bags hempseed 4½c; 8 do canary, 4½c; 10 cases salad oil, qts, $2 70; 10 cases do, pts, $1 45; 25 boxes castile soap 8½c; 2 brls cream tartar 22c; 7 cs sardines 18c; 8 do 17½c; 5 hhds Bordeaux vinegar, 27c; 7 do 26c; 20 bgs Arracan rice $3 25; 2 bags Languedoc almonds 18c; 12 do 17½c; 35 do Sicily do 6½c; 5 do 7½c; 10 bxs shelled almonds 27c; 10 cases castor oil 13½c; 10 bags walnuts 80c; 5 do Brazil nuts 8½c; 550 hf bxs Valentia raisins 8½c; 50 boxes layers (new crop) $2 45; 270 bxs M R's $1 20 (last year's fruit); 250 bxs layers (do) $2; 485 bxs Sultana 9½c; 35 do Malaga figs 6½c; 1400 Syrian do. 11c; 20 brls currants, old 4c; 10 boxes rock candy 13c; 10 do 13c; 10 cases pearl sago 6½c; 2 kgs rough tapioca 9c; 5 cses paraffine candles 26½c; 10 do 27½c; 15 qr cks No 1 Burgundy port 80c; 8 octaves do 75c, 5 qr cks Malvoisie, 85c; 10 do 87c; 15 qr casks sherry 70c; 4 qr cks Duff, Gordon & Co sherry $1 25; 10 do $1.15; 10 cases brandy (Martell) $8.25; 100 cases do $7½c; 13 qr cks do $2 25; 250 cases "Otard" $6½; 5 cases Central Vineyard proprietors, $5 75, 25 cs Armstrong gin $3 75; 2 hhds Wemiker's gin, 6s 5d; 6 hhds do 6s 4d, 40 red cases gin, $6.40, 10 do green, $3 40, 15 qr cks Lock Katrine Scotch whisky 8s 2d, 2 hhds do 8s; 3 do 7s 9d; 10 cases do $4 40; 140 do $4½; 10 cases Blood's porter, qts, $2 65; 20 do $2; 15 do, pts, $1 35; 20 brls Cross & B's assorted pickles $2 50; 100 cases Goodman's $1.60; 10 cases liquorice 13½c; 2 do liquorice, in cartoons, 14½c; 5 do 14c; 11 do 16c; 9 bgs white pepper 10½c; 25 pkts cloves 8½c; 15 bgs pimento 6c; 2 do 8½c; 10 brls Jamaica ginger 15½c; 7 brls carraway seeds 17½c; 5 brls alum $2 20; 5 do blue stone 6½c; 10 brls sal soda $1 45; 10 do $1 50; 12 bgs pimento 6c.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	N. S. Whitney.	Seymour, M. H.

THE business for the past week, has been much more satisfactory than for some time back. Little will now be done however until the Boot and Shoe manufacturers have taken stock and cutting for the Spring trade commences.

SPANISH SOLE —Is in fair supply at about quotations

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—The call for this leather is less active, but there is no accumulation in market.

HARNESS is very quiet, with but moderate stocks on hand.

WAXED UPPER is in fair demand, but prices are weaker.

BUFF AND PEBBLE —The former of these descriptions of stock is most called for, of medium substance, and of first class makes.

SPLITS.—Owing to the exportation of a considerable quantity of this leather to Europe, light and medium have been rather scarce. Prices are firmer and amount on hand small

PATENT AND ENAMEL have light sale.

CALF SKINS dull.

SHEEP SKINS. Light Russets are in good demand.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Mitchell, Robt.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	

FLOUR—Receipts have continued liberal, and though a fair demand has existed, anxiety of sellers has led to a further decline in prices, and we note a decline of 5c. to 10c in the leading grades. Latest transactions in *extras* have been at $4 75 to $4 85, latter for choice. *Fancies* have sold down to $4 524, but the bulk of recent transactions have been at about $4 60. Sales of ordinary *supers* have been made for Quebec and Lower Provinces at $4 20 to $4 40 For local and Quebec trade there has been a good demand for strong flour, and exceptional rates have been given for a few of the favorite brands sales having been made within the past few days as high as $5 Western *Supers*, range from $4 30 to $4 35 Welland Canal has sold to a fair extent at about $4 25 No 2 may be quoted $4 10 to $4 15 will, fair demand *Fine* and the lower grades have been taken to moderate extent, within quoted range As the demand for Quebec gradually diminishes, these grades engage less attention *Bags* generally unchanged. None but best samples engage attention *Cornmeal* meets with small sale at former rates: no export demand thus far.

GRAIN—*Wheat*—Receipts of U. C. Spring have been wholly on millers' account No sales of Red Winter to report, nominal value about 95c. Western also nominal in the absence of transactions. *Peas* neglected Latest sales 70c per 63 lbs. from store, at which there are still sellers of fair samples, but no takers. *Oats* are pressed, and though offered at 27c. to 28c are not taken. *Barley* continues as formerly noted.

PROVISIONS. No change to note *Pork*—Limited supplies maintain former high prices. *Hogs*—Supply being thus far within local requirements, former high prices are maintained $9 50 to $10 per 100 lbs. may be given as the range for good carcasses. *Lard* meets a fair retail demand at former rates. *Butter* continues to accumulate. Shipping demand has almost entirely ceased, and rates are nominally lower, but there are no wholesale transactions to report.

ASHES.—*Pots* meet little competition, and rates have farther declined. Sales have been made within the week at $5 20 to 5 25, heavy tares commanding in exceptional cases somewhat more Pearls unchanged.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Feathers & Coverhill.	Larivière & Cie.
Evans, John Henry.	Morland, Watson & Co.
Ferrier & Co.	Mulholland & Baker.
Hall, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Jas.

BUSINESS which was temporarily brisk, previous to the closing of inland navigation, has now become very quiet, and little will be done except in small orders to sort up stocks.

Prices continue very firm, and are entirely without change.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

WE still note that the demand for Goods far exceeds the supply, so that, notwithstanding that the factories have been pushed to their utmost, the orders are considerably behind However, this is not to be regretted as buyers are restricted to staples only, and are only buying for immediate use. No more healthy state of the trade could be desired

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal,	161 a 162	167 a 168
Bank of B. N. A.,	106½ a 107	106½ a 107
City Bank,	90 a 97	91 a 92
Banque du Peuple,	106½ a 107	106½ a 106¾
Molsons Bank,	101½ a 102½	101½ a 103½
Ontario Bank,	97 a 98	1 1 a 102
Bank of Toronto,	126 a 127	128 a 127
Quebec Bank	103 a 103½	1½ a 105½
Bank Nationale	104½ a 106	103 a 106
Ecrs Bank,	57 a 58	57 a 58
Banque Jacques Cartier,	105 a 106	106½ a 109½
Eastern Townships Bank,	101 a 102	100 a 101
Merchants Bank,	108½ a 109	108½ a 109½
Union Bank,	107 a 108	106 a 106½
Mechanics Bank	90 a 91	90 a 91
Royal Canadian Bank	64 a 66	60 a 61
Bank of Commerce	109½ a 110	109 a 110
RAILWAYS.		
G. T. R. of Canada	15½ a 16	15 a 16
A. & St. Lawrence	.....	.....
G. W. of Canada	15 a 16	15 a 16
C. & St. Lawrence	7½ a 8½	8 a 9
Do. preferential	80 a 90	80 a 90
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols	$2.25 a $2.75	$2 25 a $2 75
Canada Mining Company	.....	.....
Huron Copper Bay	30 a 45	30 a 45
Lake Huron S. & C.	.....	.....
Quebec & L. S.	.....	.....
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	138 a 139	134 a 137
Montreal City Gas Company	139 a 140	135 a 140
St. Passenger R. R. Co.,	108½ a 109	108 a 109
Richelieu Navigation Co.,	121 a 125	123½ a 131
Canadian Inland Steam N. Coy.	95½ a 105½	95½ a 105½
Montreal Elevating Company	1½ a 1½	1½ a 1 7
British Colonial Steamship Co.	50 a 60	60 a 65
Canada Glass Company	00 a 00	00 a 00
St. Lawrence Glass Co.	50 a 55	00 a 00
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p. c. sterl	93½ a 94½	93½ a 94½
" " " c.	93½ a 94½	93½ a 94½
" " 6 p c., 1878, cy	103½ a 104½	103½ a 104
" " 7 p.c., cy	103½ a 104½	102 a 104
Dominion 6 per cent. stock	105 a 106½	105½ a 106½
Montreal Water Works 6 per cents.	97 a 99	97½ a 98
Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents	97 a 98	97½ a 98
Corporation 7 per cent. stock	111½ a 112½	111½ a 112½
Montreal Water Works, 6½ p. c.	1 2½ a 1 3	1 2½ a 103
Quebec City 6 per cents	89 a 90	89 a 90
Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1860	91 a 93	92 a 94
Kingston City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1872	92½ a 93	92½ a 95
Ottawa City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860	95 a 97	95 a 97
Champlain R. R., 6 per cents	72½ a 77½	72½ a 82
County Debentures	.... a	.... a ....
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	108½ a 109½	108½ a 109
Private do	108 a 108½	107½ a 108½
Private, with documents	107½ a 108	107 a 107½
Bank on New York	20½ a 21	21 a 21½
Private do.	21 a 21½	21½ a 22
Gold Drafts do.	¼ dis.	¼ dis.
Silver	3 a 3½	½ a 2
Gold in New York	129¾ a	129¾ a 00

ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

NAME OF INSOLVENT	RESIDENCE.	NAME OF ASSIGNEE.
Dunlop, Chas ...	Chatham.	Richd Marsh.
Hawkins, Thomas	Gorham	Jas. McWhirter.
Miller, John	Paris	W. Sanderson.