

THE GROCERY TRADE.

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DURING the past week business has been steady, and considerable lots of Teas and Sugars have changed hands, although we cannot report a marked increase in activity of the market for General Groceries. The spring fleet is now rapidly arriving in our harbour, and the shipments of foreign and English groceries will soon thoroughly sort up stocks. Importations this spring, we advisedly state, will be light, and we do not anticipate any excess of stocks in the various staples of the Trade; this circumstance will tend to make prices firm, and enable importers to realize a paying profit. The excess of some classes of goods in the market, and the general indisposition of jobbers to hold large stocks during the season past, caused a pressure upon the market, with a desire to realize, even at prices without profit to the seller, and frequently at a loss. We do not look forward to a heavy business this spring, but with imports not in excess of requirements, a good healthy trade may be anticipated.

TEAS.—The market has been pretty well cleared of all fine and green teas in bond, for the New York market (which still shows activity), leaving this grade of Teas in very limited supply. Holders are stiffer in their views, and lines of fine Young Hysons purchased a fortnight ago, could not be duplicated at old figures, further arrivals of Teas in English order of low and medium grades Young Hyson, enable us to report the market amply supplied for present wants. Uncoloured Japans are in fair demand for home consumption, and the market is liberally supplied. Coloured Japans of really desirable styles and quality, with fragrance, are scarce. The lower grades of this class of Tea, are in fair supply, and demand limited. Blacks in moderate demand, and stocks ample for requirements. We hear of a purchase by a city house, of 500 hf-chests of Green Teas, the property of a Halifax firm; prices have not transpired.

Our China advices, dated Shanghai, March 8th, report a moderate business doing in Green Teas. At the declined rates mentioned in our last issue 9,500 pkgs Moyune and Fyehow have been settled; common Fyehow kinds at from t/s. 22½ to t/s. 26 being more in demand than the other classes. Fine Moyunes are evidently in short supply, and buyers are endeavouring to secure the best chops on offer at current rates. American buyers have commenced to offer, but to date of our advices had made but few settlements. It was expected, however, that within the fortnight, a good business would be done for that market, and it was assumed that so soon as it was known that the Americans were in the market, prices would stiffen. The stock on the market was 44,810 hf-chests, against 11,623 hf-chests at same period of last year. The total export from all China and Japan was then reported as 112,734,000 lbs., against 107,696,000 lbs. to same dates last year.

Our English advices, dated 24th April, report the advance in Teas mentioned in our last, fully maintained; and Green Teas are firmer, with a considerable demand for export to New York and Canada. Japan Teas, both Coloured and Uncoloured, are in good demand for export, and rather improved prices obtained. Hysons are firm; Congous, the low and dusty kinds, now neglected. Black Leaf of Common to Fair qualities are firm. Sales in Good and Medium have been made to moderate extent at private rates, and in finest at 2s. 3d. per lb. Souchongs were neglected. United Kingdom stock was 119,496,800 lbs. against 106,500,000 lbs., same date last year. Amount then on the water, and not included in stock, was 19,066,100 lbs., against 22,610,000 lbs. at same time in 1864.

SUGARS.—Several lots of the new crop Sugars have been placed in the City during last week, and sales will probably foot up 400 hhds. Arrivals have been meagre, and stocks are still very light in first hands. To date, there is not much movement for Western Canada. We quote Cuba \$8.50 to \$9.00; Porto Rico \$9.00 to \$9.25. We notice an improvement in the English markets, and an advance of 1s. per cwt. Much firmness prevails with some speculative operations in anticipation of demand from America. A reported

sale of one cargo Cuba at 21s. per cwt. Stock held in London in excess of last year same time, was 20,250 tons. Stock in Liverpool, in excess of last year same time, 68,000 tons. Latest advices from Matanzas report the demand for Muscovados increasing; the market closing active at advanced quotations. Grocery Sugars are very scarce; quotations are for Muscovado Inferior to Common Refinery 6½ to 6¾ reals. Fair to Good 6 to 6½ reals. Fair to Good Grocery 7 to 7½ reals.

COFFEE.—Stock light; very limited parcels have yet arrived in market; demand, however, is small, and with little enquiry we report the market dull—quotations are unchanged. We notice an advance in the London market of 1s to 1s 6d with increased demand for plantation sorts of Ceylon.

TOBACCO.—Dull, and the week closes with very meagre transactions to report on duty paid stock. Stocks of good sound tobaccos are becoming much curtailed, as moderate lots are daily going into consumption. The feature of the week exhibits a desire to push off all undesirable and doubtful lots at slightly easier rates. Several round parcels in bond have been placed at 14 to 14½. Sales of about 250 Hhds. Upper Canada leaf at 8 to 8½ cts.

MOLASSES.—Some shipments are in market, and we hear about 200 hhds. having been placed among City houses at 38c. Enquiry is limited to small parcels for immediate requirements. We quote Muscovado at 38c. to 38c; clayed, 81c to 84c.

RICE.—Not much demand for consumption. Stock is light in the market. Some 700 bags have been purchased to arrive for United States. We note an advance in England, and considerable enquiry for export.

FRUIT.—Raisins.—Supply very much curtailed, and demand only for retail wants. Stocks are very light. Currants dull.

SALT.—Some five cargoes have arrived at Quebec, and we report this article in full supply. The old stock, it is probable, will now require to be held over. We hear of one cargo having been sold in this market; at 35½c in Quebec.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—A better demand has arisen for these goods, and considerable lots are going forward and in hand for execution, which have been awaiting opening of navigation. We hear of sales of about 70 Puns. High Wines at 80½c. nett.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

A. A. Barber & Co.
Crathern & Caverhill.
W. & F. P. Currie & Co.
Elliot & Co.
Perrier & Co.
Forbes, A. H.
Evans & Evans.

Prothingham & Workman.
Hall, Joseph N.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland & Baker.
Stimms, Robert.

Winn & Holland.

WITH opening of navigation much larger demand for heavy goods has taken place than was anticipated; and in consequence, stocks which were left over from winter supply have found ready sale, at prices fully up to the rates of last fall and winter, and in many goods an advance has been freely given. At the present time stocks are not by any means well assorted, and many orders are only partially executed till new stocks come in. The only vessel so far discharged is the Shandon, from Glasgow, with Bar and Pig Iron. This has partially assorted the market in these articles. There are now several other vessels in port with general cargoes, which, when opened up, will fully complete stocks.

PIG IRON.—We alter our quotations of this article. The low rates quoted are caused by several lots just arrived, partly on ships' account and on consignment, which must be sold from ship's side, and of course are just now forced on the market. The moment these lots are sold, the price will again advance, as the advices from Glasgow of an advance of 4s. to 6s. stg. per ton will make regular holders keep up fully to the rates quoted last winter, and which are not higher than they should be with last Scotch quotations. Nearly all the Gartsherrie and some of other Brands have been secured on arrival for the Western States; for these rates as high as \$23 net cash have been paid, and there is still a demand as fast as freight can be found for Chicago and Milwaukee. This trade will give up freights to several of our large propellers for the whole season.

BAR IRON.—The late arrivals from Glasgow and Liverpool fully assort up. Prices, in consequence of late advices of the stoppage of the Scotch Iron Works, are much firmer than they were, and all the holders are inclined to ask 6d. to 1s. more, unless in very large lots. We do not know of a single consignment of Bar this Spring, so that there will be no lots forced off as usual under cost.

HOOF AND BAND IRON.—In these there is no alteration, except that prices are very firm for all lots now in hand, as the importations will be very light, many orders not having been executed in consequence of the strike in England. We do not know of any lots of nail sheets to arrive as yet.

CUT NAILS AND SPIKES.—In these the makers have altered the list to \$4 for small lots, and to the trade the prices remain as before. The outside holders are now entirely sold out, and with exception of two or three in the trade, who are selling small lots (to induce purchases of other goods) at a trifle under our quotations, none can be got at lower rates, and it is not unlikely that a further advance will take place within the month, in consequence of the enhanced value of all material used in the manufacture, particularly Pig Iron and Coal, both of which are much higher than they were last year.

TIN.—There are several lots arrived and selling at our quotations, but one or two of the holders prefer retaining their stock in face of recent advices of an advance of 1s. to 2s. stg. per box.

BOILER PLATES.—None have as yet arrived, consequently the market is only supplied with the thicker sizes. Some lots are expected next week.

BOILER TUBES.—None yet to hand. A lot to arrive has been all booked, and several lots could be at once disposed of to American buyers; prices in consequence are a trifle higher than last year, and orders for both these and Boiler Plates should be given in advance.

WINDOW GLASS.—Is still in full supply, and large lots can be had at 6d. under quotations, but for first quality prices are firm.

FREIGHTS on heavy goods are lower to the West this season than they have been. The competition between the Mail Line and the other Freight Lines has driven freights so low, that there is little chance of any profit out of it. The Railroads are also carrying at very low rates wherever they come in competition either with Steamers or with each other.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.

WE extract the following from the Circular of Messrs. Maxwell, dated Liverpool, April 25th, 1865, which has been handed to us by their Canada Correspondents, Messrs. Wilson, Willis & Co., of this city:

IMPORT OF GRAIN, &c.,

From the 18th to the 24th April, 1865, both inclusive.

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.	Malt.	Beans.	Flour.	O Meal.
	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	qrs.	skts.	bls.
Ireland	152	1621	43	35	179	158	762408
Coastwise and Isleman	1350	370	115	562	.....	.....	6
Canada and Brit- ish Colonies out- of Europe .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	770	4600	1350
Foreign .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Into Runcorn .....	.....	560	.....	.....	.....	.....	280
Total	1502	2561	158	597	949	4758	1426

IMPERIAL AVERAGE PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Averages for week ending—			
March 10th	38 4	20 6	29 1
" 17th	38 3	21 4	28 10
" 24th	38 4	21 1	28 9
" 31st	38 11	21 2	28 11
April 7th	38 11	21 2	28 11
" 14th	40 1	22 1	29 6

The arrivals from Ireland and Coastwise since this day week have been very insignificant; and from foreign ports we have only received 770 quarters Beans, 1,600 sacks and 1,350 barrels Flour. The exports in the same time comprise 6,817 quarters Wheat, 1,410 quarters Indian Corn, 1,729 sacks and 860 barrels Flour. In the absence of supplies, and with small farmers' deliveries, the fine weather has ceased to affect our market, and prices of all articles have of late been tending strongly upwards, and appear likely to continue to do so for some time to come, particularly now that the approaching termination of the struggle in America has given such a stimulus to the cotton-spinning interest.

At to-day's Market there was a good inquiry for Wheat, but the high prices demanded by holders checked business, and we have only to report a moderate trade at 2d. to 3d. over the rates current on Tuesday last. Flour must be quoted 6d. per sack and barrel dearer, with more doing. Oats and Oatmeal, being scarce, brought more money, and a fair sale was experienced for each at our quotations. Beans and Pease 1s. per quarter higher, and Barley improved 2d. to 3d. per 60 lbs. Indian Corn met a fair sale at 80s. for prime Danubian, being an advance of about 1s. per quarter on the week.