

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.  
Buchanan, I. & Co.  
Charlebois, A. & Co.  
Crathern & Caverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Fraser, F.  
Gilbert E. E.

Hall, Kay & Co.  
Ireland, W. H.  
Kershaw & Edwards.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Mulholland, & Baker.  
Robertson, Jas.  
Rount, John & Sons.  
Simms, F. H.  
Winn & Holland

WE have to report business in this line as having been fair, without any particular activity. Houses have been chiefly occupied in supplying their country customers to a moderate extent, and there has been no speculative demand whatever, and no large transactions in anything. Stocks are somewhat improved, several large vessels now in port having heavy cargoes for this market.

**PIG IRON**—Of Gartscherie there is none offering, and there is little doing in other brands. Sales chiefly of No. 1 Summerlee in lots of ten tons at \$30. For large lots, sellers would probably have to submit to some concession from this price.

**BAR IRON**—Scotch is still held firmly at quotations, but stocks are now being well assorted, and will probably be sufficient for the wants of the trade. Transactions have been of small extent, and orders come in but slowly from the country.

**CANADA PLATES**—Are without change, and firm at quotations.

**TIN PLATES**—The demand continues good, and prices are well maintained.

The London Metal Markets, for the week ending October 13, were quoted as very dull for all descriptions. Copper continued very difficult of sale, except at considerable reduction upon previous prices, but very little doing at any price. Tin drooping: Straits, £78 10s; Spelter quiet, though firm. Tin-plates continued in good demand. Scotch pig last sold at 54s 6d per ton, cash.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.  
Bankhage, Beak & Co.  
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.  
Black, Lewis S. & Co.  
Claxton, T. James, & Co.  
Douglass, John, & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
Gault, Bro. & Co.  
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.  
Greenhields, S., Son & Co.  
Hingston, James, & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.  
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.  
May, Joseph.

May, Thomas, & Co.  
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.  
Meyer, J. & Co.  
Moss, S. H., & J.  
Muir, W., & R.  
Munderloh & Steeneken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Trevett, Amable, & Co.  
Ringland, Ewart & Co.  
Robertson, A., & Co.  
Roy, Jas., & Co.  
Stephen, William, & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
Winks, George & Co.  
Woodhouse, Henry, & Co.

WE have to report a little more activity in this line of business during the past week. A greater number of buyers have been in the city, and more purchases have been made. Orders from the country continue to come in very slowly, checked by the causes referred to in our last report, and also on account of the unusually warm and fine weather—almost July in its character,—which has led to the postponement of purchases of winter goods. Woollen fabrics are consequently neglected, and will probably be an overstock. Grey cottons and low-priced prints are scarce, but other cotton goods are in good supply, and the prospects are that an amount will have to be held over considerably in excess of last year, at the same time much less than in the year previous.

Latest advices from Manchester report cotton goods higher and firm, though with no particular activity in the market. More had been done in yarns than in cloth, and the purchases had been chiefly for the home and continental markets. Woollen goods were unchanged, and the consumption of the raw material was quite equal to the supply. The flannel trade was quiet, but manufacturers were steadily employed, and prices were firm.

Cotton in Liverpool has fluctuated somewhat, the latest telegraphic advices quoting middling New Orleans 15d. The stock of all kinds on the 11th was 692,720 bales.

## WANTED.

**WANTED, a PARTNER** for a First-Class RETAIL DRY GOODS TRADE, Established Fifteen Years. To a party with a good knowledge of the business, steady, energetic, and moderate capital, there is a good opening. None but those possessing the above qualities need make application. Address, —A. T., Box 246, Quebec.  
Oct. 19, 1886.

## MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET

Akin & Kirkpatrick.  
Cameron & Ross.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Crawford, James.  
Dongall, John, & Co.  
Fuller, Thos., & Co.  
Holmes, Thomas, & Co.  
Jardine & Ferguson

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.  
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.  
Laird, M.  
Leeming, Thomas & Co.  
Mitchell, Robt.  
Morris, D., & Co.  
Raphael, Thomas W.  
Sinclair, Jack & Co.  
Stewart, W. W.

**FLOUR**—Receipts, though fair, have been small for the season, and have latterly been declining on account of a considerable proportion of what is being moved from the West going Stateswise, attracted by the relatively high rates ruling in the leading Eastern markets. Prices during the week, though somewhat wavering, have undergone little actual change, but rates have been rather higher than at date of our last. Extras and Fancies, though coming in but sparingly, have been so little needed, that to effect sales, comparatively low rates must be submitted to. Superfine has engaged chief attention, and a considerable amount of business may be noted, the market closing firm and buoyant. We give as closing rates for strong Canada Flour \$7.10 to \$7.25, and for City and Welland Canal brands \$7.15 to \$7.25; and even more is now demanded. No. 2 finds prompt sale, together with the better descriptions of fine, but reground and common are slow and irregular. *Bag-Flour*—Has been difficult to move, and for the little changing hands, comparatively low rates have ruled. We give as closing rates \$3.70 to \$3.80 for ordinary, and \$3.80 to \$3.90 for choice—most of the sales effected being in the vicinity of \$3.80. Holders now decline submitting to the low rates demanded by buyers, and propose holding in anticipation of securing some advance.

**OATMEAL**—The supply is small, and prompt sale is secured for what offers at from \$4.90 to \$5.10, according to quality.

**WHEAT**—Arrivals are within the milling capacity, and all offered is freely taken at gradually advancing rates. Latest transactions in U. C. Spring have been at about \$1.47½ ex car, and choice dry samples would now command \$1.50.

**PEASE**—Continue in short supply, and find prompt sale at full rates, good samples readily commanding 92½c. per 66 lbs., and 90c. has been secured for inferior from store and afloat.

**BARLEY**—Engages attention for export, and malting samples find prompt sale at full prices.

**OATS**—Good samples find buyers, but little of what offers is suitable for export, and meet a dragging and precarious sale.

**PORK**—With the near approach of the packing season, there is no advance to note—present rates are maintained by scarcity. Sales are mostly by retail and only for the filling of immediate orders, the feeling being universal that when the new hog crop begins to come forward, prices must decline.

**HAMS**—At an auction sale lately went very low, the season being over.

**LARD**—A few retail sales at exceptional rates are all that can be noted.

**BUTTER**—Fine and choice qualities alone command attention. Any quantity of such would readily find a market at prices remunerative to all concerned; but, as usual, the large proportion of the stock is below medium, and for such the demand becomes less and less as the season advances. Advices of sales from Britain of the shipments already made continue very unsatisfactory, few parcels doing more than clearing cost, and many shewing considerable loss. There is still a large amount of butter in the hands of the farmers, which they are holding for higher prices. As the shipping season is now drawing to a close, when the bulk of British and Lower Port orders are wound up, it is to be feared that when this quantity is pressed on the market a serious decline will result. Nothing but a very low range of prices, or absolute scarcity, ever can force into consumption a great deal of the low qualities made; and this year, when there is an unusually large make, the former alternative will, of necessity, take place.

**ASHES**—Pot Ash, which was for some days very active, has now declined in price, closing quite unsaleable. The high price checks consumption, and a fall is imminent. *Pearls* are in moderate demand at quotations.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

(Including the Receipts of Montreal & Champlain and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railways.)

RETURN OF TRAFFIC, Week ending Oct. 20th, 1886:—

Passengers..... \$61,444  
Express Freight, Mails and Sundries 5,100  
Freight and Live Stock..... 85,060

Total..... \$151,604  
Corresponding Week, 1885..... 147,107

Increase..... \$ 4,497

## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

TRAFFIC for the week ending 19th Oct., 1886.

Passengers..... \$30,605 68  
Freight and Live Stock..... \$35,209 85  
Mails and Sundries..... \$ 2,238 07

Corresponding Week of last year..... \$38,061 10

Decrease..... \$18,878 86

## STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
Bank of Montreal, . . . . .	130½	119½
Ontario Bank, . . . . .	101½	101½
Bank of N. A., . . . . .	100½	100½
City Bank, . . . . .	101½	100½
Commercial Bank, . . . . .	73	73
Bank of Upper Canada, . . . . .	99½	99½
Banque du Peuple, . . . . .	109	109
Bank of Toronto, . . . . .	105½	105½
Banque Jacques Cartier, . . . . .	105½	105
Merchants Bank, . . . . .	106½	106½
Union Bank, . . . . .	99½	99½
Gore Bank, . . . . .	98½	98½
Eastern Townships Bank, . . . . .	95½	95½
Mechanics Bank, . . . . .	97½	97½
Royal Canadian Bank, . . . . .	90	90
Montreal Telegraph Co., . . . . .	135	135
Richelieu Navigation Co., . . . . .	125½	125
City Passenger R. R. Co., . . . . .	82½	82½
Government Debentures, 5 p. c., . . . . .	100	99½
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c., . . . . .	64	64
Montreal Corporation Bonds, . . . . .	45	45½

## RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1886.	From the 1st January to Oct. 24, 1886.	To corresponding period 1885.
Wheat, bushels.....	56,343	668,670	3,068,213
Flour, barrels.....	30,461	546,333	564,996
Corn, bushels.....	27,330	1,863,645	665,162
Peas, ".....	62,041	739,350	210,879
Oats, ".....	11,585	564,789	39,414
Barley, ".....	90,086	134,511	29,472
Rye, ".....	7,458	87,923	15,578
Corn Meal, bbls.....	651	934	1,850
Ashes, barrels.....	5,156	24,906	25,271
Butter, kegs.....	348	57,956	66,396
Cheese, boxes.....	956	24,721	22,976
Fork, barrels.....	33	12,748	18,048
Lard, ".....	33	5,083	1,355
Tallow, ".....	176	1,279	1,509
High Wines & Whiskey.....	176	12,651	6,231

## "BUFFALO ROBES."

CIRCULAR, 1886.

HUDSON'S BAY ROBES.

THE undersigned have received their supply of FRESH ROBES, this year's collection, which they are selling at following prices:—

No. 1 Usual Assortment..... \$8.50  
No. 2. Assorted..... 6 50  
Good Fall and Summer..... 5.50  
Orders promptly executed.

GREENE & SONS,  
Montreal.

JOHN B. GOODE,

WHOLESALE IMPORTER

Small Wares, Cutlery, Fancy Goods, &c.,

No. 57, St. Sulpice Street, Montreal. 1-ly

CAMERON & ROSS.

**COMMISSION MERCHANTS,**  
443 Commissioners Street, Montreal, would announce to Country Merchants and Traders generally, that they are regularly receiving and selling on Commission all kinds of Country Produce, such as Grain, Flour, Pork, Butter, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Leather, Wool Hides, Flax Seed, &c. Also, purchasing Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and General Merchandise.

Cash advances made, or Drafts accepted for two-thirds value of consignment when bill of lading is attached, or three-fourths value remitted in cash on arrival of goods.

1-ly

CAMERON & ROSS.

HALL & FAIRWEATHER,

COMMISSION FLOUR DEALERS,

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

REFERENCES:—The Bank of New Brunswick, St. John; Messrs. Gillespie, Moffatt & Co., Montreal; Messrs. Richard Irvin & Co., Bankers, New York.  
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