

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

James Austin & Co.  
I. Buchanan & Co.  
Bacon, Clarke & Co.  
H. Chapman & Co.  
Geo. Childs & Co.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Jas. Douglas & Co.  
Forester, Mair & Co.  
Fitzpatrick & Moore.  
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.  
B. Hutchins.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kilgus & Kinloch.  
Law, Young & Co.  
Leeming & Buchanan.

E. Matland, Tylee & Co.  
J. A. & H. Mathewson.  
J. H. Gear.  
Mitchell, Kinneir & Co.  
William Nivn & Co.  
Reuter, Lionals & Co.  
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Beattie.  
David Robertson.  
Haviland South & Co.  
Sinclair, Jack & Co.  
Jos. Tiffin & Sons.  
David Torrance & Co.  
Thompson, Murray & Co.  
Alex. Urquhart & Co.  
Winn & Holland.

**T**HE transactions of the week exhibit a considerable increase of business, and in some of the staples large lots have changed hands. A good many limited buyers from the country have been in market, and liberal orders have freely come in from Western Canada. The immediate scarcity of many goods, particularly of certain classes and grades of Teas, tends to restrict the heavy business which would undoubtedly be transacted at this season, if stocks were more complete. During the current month we may anticipate large accessions to the present depleted stocks, and an active movement of extensive lots of General Groceries on Western Canada account, as supplies are known to be light in the hands of our Western friends. Up to date very few of the large buyers have yet been in market. Almost every article in the staples of the trade tend upwards, and with no prospect of excessive stocks here, and with advancing prices and active demand in England and countries of production, goods are not likely to be sacrificed in this market during 1864. The demand for the American markets continues active, but stocks in bond are still very insignificant.

**TEAS.**—During the week considerable parcels have changed hands, and enquiry for the American markets is still active, but stocks are very low of suitable grades in bond. Prices are very firm for all desirable lots; considerable parcels have been placed in hands of jobbers within the week, and in execution of orders from Western Canada a fair business has been done. Prices have a hardening tendency, although we do not report any decided advance since our last issue. We note arrivals by the *Belgian*, just arrived in port, of some 5,000 packages for this market; a considerable portion of these shipments have been sold to arrive. Our latest English advices report active sales for export at improving prices.

**SUGAR.**—Some large sales have been made within the week, and we report the market active at improving prices; the total sales probably foot up to some 2,500 hds. The Refinery have been buying heavily. Quotations are for fair to bright Cuba, Barbadoes, and Porto Rico, 9½c. to 10½c. Latest English advices report a farther advance in that market of 6d. per cwt., with a farther prospect of advance.

**COFFEE.**—Without change; stocks are fairly assorted, and within the week limited lots have changed hands and gone into consumption, but the market is without activity in this commodity.

**TOBACCO.**—There is more enquiry for this article, and jobbers have been picking up any desirable lots under offer. A much improved consumptive demand is visible, and within the week shipments to the country to supply the Fall requirements of retailers have been considerable; prices are unchanged and firm.

**RICE.**—We report some few lots as having changed hands within last few days. Stocks in first hands are light; demand not active; prices range from \$3.60 to \$3.75.

**SPICES.**—In meagre supply, and demand limited.

**MOLASSES.**—A considerable quantity has changed hands during the week; the Refinery has bought extensively, and the market at the moment may be reported very bare of stock. We quote Muscovado at 50 to 55 cts.; Clayed 42½ to 45 cts.; Centrifugal 87½ to 40 cts.

**FRUIT.**—There have been some few arrivals of new crop Raisins in market; lowest quotations are, for Layers \$4 per box, and M. R's. \$3.50; Valentias 10½ to 11 cts.

**SALT.**—Some enquiry for stock affoat; any in market, however, is in store and held at 65 cts. for Liverpool; stove \$1 in lots.

**LIQUORS.**—A good steady business is doing in this department. Stocks are well assorted, if we except Cognac Brandies of established brands in case, which are scarce, and held at an advance, with much firmness. We hear of some large sales of High Wines within last few days, one lot of 750 puns. at 85c. net.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

James Baillie & Co.  
Baikage, Beak & Co.  
Wm. Benjamin & Co.  
James P. Clark.  
John Dougall & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, White & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.  
Thomas May & Co.  
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.

J. Meyer & Co.  
Munderloh & Steencken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
England, Ewart & Co.  
A. Robertson & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
William Stephen & Co.  
Thomson, Claxton & Co.  
Alexander Walker.  
George Winks & Co.

**D**URING the week which has just closed, a moderate extent of business only has been done. The orders are principally for sorting up. The country trade as a rule has secured its stocks, and time has hardly elapsed yet for a second visit, although a few have been in the market for a second instalment.

During the next ten days, however, we may anticipate seeing a number of our Western friends again in the market. The stocks in the hands of importers are very much more complete than they were a week or two ago, goods by the recent steamers having added materially to the assortments. The arrivals by the *Belgian*, consisting of 250 packages, were less than anticipated, but the steamers of this and following week will no doubt bring a number of packages for this market.

On the other side of the Atlantic all descriptions of Goods continue to advance, and many of the leading articles are difficult to obtain. In reply to orders recently sent to Britain, manufacturers state that they cannot be urged for five or six weeks at soonest, and then at a considerable advance in price, and in the meantime write for confirmation of orders. The news received during the week indicate an advance of a penny to two pence per pound on Cottons. Woollens are firm, having an upward tendency, especially Stuff Goods, which are scarce and dear.

There is nothing special to note in reference to the supply or demand in this market, but it is now beyond a doubt that stocks here will be sufficiently complete to fill all legitimate orders from the country; and prices, though not materially higher here, must remain firm, and probably somewhat advance.

We note the following from the *Manchester Times*, dating up to Saturday, September 23, received by the *Persia's* mails:—

"The animation in the Cotton market noted in our last has been continuing with increased vigour for the past week, during which the sales have been of unusual extent, and prices have gradually advanced. Accounts from America of firmer quotations, and decreased estimate of stock, accompanied by extensive orders to be executed in our manufacturing districts, have added materially to the feeling of confidence previously existing, and the market closed yesterday afternoon with firmness. Quotations generally show an advance. Egyptian Cotton has been in greater request at 1d. to 1½d. above last week's rates. In American an extensive business has been done, and prices have advanced ½d. per pound. The sales of the week amount to 187,000 bales. The sales to-day (23rd) will probably foot up to 20,000, with a strong market."

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Barber, A. A., & Co.  
Bentley, Macpherson & Co.  
Brush, George.  
Buchanan, L., & Co.  
Crathern & Caverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Elliott & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Ferrier & Co.  
Fraser, F.  
Forbes, A. H.

Frothingham & Workman.  
Gilbert, E. B.  
Hall, Joseph N.  
Hall, Kay & Co.  
Ireland, W. H.  
Kershaw & Edwards.  
Law, Young & Co.  
McDougal, John.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Morrison, & Baker.  
Simms F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

**T**HE business this week in hardware is exceedingly brisk. The principal importing houses are working night and day in filling their orders. Heavy goods of all descriptions are scarce, and tending upwards, and even shelf goods are becoming quite scarce.

The prices for all descriptions are very firm, and likely still further to advance. Large orders are being received daily from the United States for every class of hardware. The Montreal nail manufacturers have their hands full. The demand made by the American dealers for nails and iron of Montreal manufacture is now very large and daily on the increase. The difficulty of keeping the Rolling Mills working in the States has induced large orders to the Montreal market, and this is likely to continue for some time to come. The prospects of trade of Canada during the next few months are very encouraging.

## Stocks.

The stock market is dull and inactive; demand limited. A few small amounts of Bank Montreal stock have been placed at 112½. Molsons Bank, since the opening of the transfer books, at 111. A considerable amount of sterling five has been sold at 87. Nothing doing in Corporation or Water Works Bonds.

## RESUME OF THE ENGLISH PRODUCE MARKET.

**B**Y the last news from England, the latest state of the weather for harvesting operations has been most unexceptional, but generally speaking the crops are likely to prove very far below an average. From the North of Germany, the exports of grain are estimated as far below an average, and the quality arriving at ports of shipment is poor. The three main sources to England are likely to be at fault this season, viz., the Baltic, Southern Russia and America; and it is questionable whether there will be an average import to Great Britain, especially with the possibility that France may become a competitor in foreign markets before the cereal year is out. The return of the dry weather has so far made a change on the feelings of our merchants, and a decline of 1s. on old and 2s. per quarter on new wheat has been submitted to. On the continent generally the state of the markets rules steady, and in some instances prices rule higher than in the English markets.

We give the following extract from the *Mark Lane Express*, speaking of the probable demand for the continent, and the causes of it:

These considerations, however, have been for the present laid aside, and the return of dry weather, with almost tropical heat, has alike acted upon buyers and sellers; so that another decline of 1s. on old, and 2s. per qr. on new Wheat has to be reported. If prices should thus continue on the sliding-scale, the attention of capitalists may be called to what we may term the strange phenomenon, and advantage be taken of the opportunity to invest; for we hold it as certain that the cattle plague alone gives such a chance to the Wheat trade as it has not had for years. Prices on the Continent have very little varied. In France they have been steady, though sales have been slow. In Belgium and Holland little change has taken place. Prices at Danzig and Hambro' being relatively higher than in England, there is a stop to business without much disposition to give way abroad.

## Gold in New-York.

The rate of gold during the week has been as follows:

	Opened.	Closed.
Friday, 29th September.....	143½	144½
Saturday, 30th ".....	144½	144½
Monday, 2nd October.....	144½	144½
Tuesday, 3rd ".....	144½	144½
Wednesday, 4th ".....	145½	146½
Thursday, 5th ".....	146½	146½

It will be thus seen that the advance has been very steady during the week, and that the rate is now three per cent. better than on last Friday.

The brokers are buying Greenbacks at 32½ discount, Silver in rather better supply than for some time past though the price continues better. Buying at 1½ to 1½, selling at 1½ to 1½ discount.

## The Leather Trade.

The market this week is less excited than last. There are some descriptions asked for which cannot be supplied from present stocks. For all kinds in the market, however, there is pretty good demand. Receipts during the week have been very light, and this fact tends to keep the market pretty firm. In Slaughter Sole there is not much material in stock suitable to the demands of the trade. There is therefore a very limited sale for it. Of Canadian Calfskins there is about no stock whatever, and Sheepskins also are pretty well exhausted.

## Sterling Exchange.

For Sterling Exchange there is a moderate demand, with little of a local character offering. The bulk of the supply is New York and Quebec bills. In New York the upward tendency of gold is mainly attributable to the demand for exchange or for gold export. The rate there is very steady at 109½, which is probably nearly the limit before gold shipments will be preferred. Here the counter rate 109½ to 110½ for cash, and 110½ for paper. Little or no private offering. Business was slack yesterday, and little done in the shape of sales.

## Coal Oil.

A sale of some six hundred barrels was made in Quebec a few days ago. They contained over twenty thousand gallons of oil, and although it was expected to go off at a very cheap figure, the prices ran up as high as 30 cents, and one lot as high as 32 cents. These rates however do not include carriage, and as the cargo now lies at Bic, it will be quite an item to bring it up from there. The oil trade is exceedingly active all over the country. In fact the demand here is far greater than the supply. Operations at the wells are brisk, and prospects generally are very encouraging.