

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, Co.
Bankhead, Beak & Co.
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.
Black, Lewis S. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Ewart, Shaver & Co.
Fondu & Edgson.
Gault, Broe & Co.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenhalgh, S., Son & Co.
Hington, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
May, Joseph.

Max, Thomas, & Co.
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Meyer, J., & Co.
Moss, S. H., & J.
Muir, W., & R.
Mundorff & Steeneken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Prevost, Amable, & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.
Winks, George & Co.

THE several steamers which have arrived have brought a large quantity of goods for the spring trade, which importers are busy receiving, opening, and putting into stock. In our next issue, we hope to be able to give some particulars regarding the classes of goods being received, with other information of interest to the trade.

Orders have come in but slowly as yet, but all the leading houses having sent their travellers out, more activity may be looked for in this respect. Stocks through the country generally are heavier than was expected would be the case some time ago, but may be considerably worked down before the spring business commences.

Cable despatches from Liverpool during the past week, report the cotton market as lower, weak, and unsettled, closing at 18½d. for middling uplands; and 18½d. for same grade New Orleans.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Charlesbolt, A., & Co.
Crathern & Caverhill.
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Evans & Evans.
Fraser, F.
Gilbert, E. E.
Hall, Kay & Co.

Ireland, W. H.
Kerthaw & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Simms, F. H.
Winn & Holland

THERE is nothing new to notice in the trade of the past week, which has been fairly active for the season, the demand being principally for some sizes of round and flat iron, which continue very scarce, and for which outside quotations are obtainable. Some lots have been received via Portland, but freights are much too high to allow of the profitable importation of any but small quantities for exceptional purposes.

PIG IRON.—Is without change, with only a moderate demand, and light stocks.

BAR IRON.—Scarce sizes command full rates, being saleable at \$3, while other sizes are less asked for, and can be obtained at \$2.80.

CANADA PLATES.—Are not in much request, but prices are unchanged.

CUT NAILS.—Prices are firmer, owing to the destruction by fire yesterday morning of Bigelow's Nail factory and machinery, which, for the present, will place in the hands of the other manufacturers all the orders they can possibly take on their books.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.
Seymour, C. E.

Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bro.

DURING the past week there has been nothing in this line particularly noteworthy. Business has been fair, with no very active demand, and with arrivals of most kind of stock fully equal to the requirements of the market.

SPANISH SOLE.—We hear of no sales of importance, and prices though nominally unchanged, are not so firm, and difficulty would be experienced in placing any large amount at outside quotations.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—The stock in market is limited, but the demand has fallen off considerably, so that sales are less readily effected.

HARKINS.—The supply is more than usually small, and holders are asking extreme rates, rather above our quotations.

WAXED UPPER.—Prices are quite firm, the stock being principally in the hands of one or two parties, and receipts not being large, there is no prospect of any marked reduction at present.

BUFF AND FEEBLED.—These, especially of low grades, are in better supply, but prices continue firm.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—There is no surplus stock in market, nor is there any particularly active inquiry.

CALF-SKINS.—Are in poor supply, but are very quiet, having been in light request for some time.

SELITS.—There is a good demand for light and

medium, which are most inquired for, while prices of all descriptions are firm.

SHEEP-SKINS.—Colored linings are inactive. Russets are more abundant, and prices weaker.

HIDES.—During the week some additional lots of green salted have been received from the West, but have been taken up for manufacture, leaving the market no better stocked than before.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co.
Hunter, Duffy & Johnson.

Linton & Cooper.
Popham, James & Co.
Smith & Cochrane.

THERE is little change to note in this line of business. Customers are commencing to buy their spring stock, but are acting with great caution, as they have still large surplus stocks of fall goods remaining on their hands unsold. It will be well for manufacturers also to proceed with caution, and not hamper themselves by filling their warehouses with stock beyond the probable requirements of the trade of the year.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Cameron & Ross.
Crawford, James.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Laird, M.

Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Morris, D., & Co.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Stclair, Jack & Co.
Stewart, W. W.
Seymour, C. E.

LOUR.—The general features of the market continue unchanged; receipts are liberal for the season, and the demand restricted to the small local wants, which, being still insufficient to absorb the daily arrival, stocks go on accumulating. The market is better stocked with the higher grades, and prices are easier. In Superfine only the stronger samples met with favour, and for strictly good, of which there is little offered, extreme rates are given. The lower grades move very slowly, and rates for these are variable. BAGS.—The relatively low prices lately ruling have caused dealers to substitute bags for barrels, and a considerable proportion of previous accumulations were taken at about \$3 40; the market being thus relieved prices have partially rallied, and ruling rates for good at the close were \$3 45, while for strictly prime \$3 50 has been secured. Some samples, however, are so inferior that though offered at \$3 80 to \$3 85, are not taken.

OATMEAL.—Little has been done of late, and prices though unchanged are somewhat nominal.

WHEAT.—Few sales can be noted, as the receipts as hitherto have been mostly direct to millers, \$1.45 to \$1.50 may however be considered the ruling rate for U. C. spring.

PRIME.—Till lately there has been an active demand, and all offered has moved off freely at full rates, but prospects being now less promising there is less inquiry, and former rates are barely attainable except for the choicer samples.

OATS.—There is scarcely anything doing on the spot, but considerable activity prevails at the several points on the lines of railway.

BARLEY.—In the absence of transactions rates are nominal.

PORK.—Remains unchanged. Small sales are made of Mess at about \$17.50 to \$18, and of Prime at \$11.50. Prices are firm and likely to continue without material change until opening of navigation. Dressed Hogs have been in steady demand throughout the week—and with moderate arrivals, stocks are becoming reduced. The near approach of the close of the season and high rates asked by the packing establishments, have caused some holders to press sales of parcels, which had been laid aside for either packing or resale, and this has prevented any improvement in price. Should there not be any considerable arrivals, it is probable that all that now remains on sale will be required for consumption.

The weather has continued cold and favourable for keeping the hogs, which has contributed materially to the firmness of the market. Lard, Hams, &c. are in very trifling demand, and any transactions that may take place are at low prices.

BUTTER.—Continues without improvement. Arrivals are small but still far beyond the requirements of the city trade which is amply supplied by the neighbouring farmers. Sales made in Britain latterly are unsatisfactory—netting barely from 9c. to 11c. here—a very small per centage of what was considered here as good coming up to the British standard or realising any approach to full rates.

ASHERS.—Both Pots and Pearls have been unsettled and close dull with a downward tendency.

Ships Loading for the B. N. A. Provinces.

AT LIVERPOOL.—For Montreal: Lancaster, Oneida, Cavalier, Pericles, Mount Royal, Ardmillan, Forgan-hall, Ardenlee. For Halifax: Alice Roy, Liverpool, Arethusa. For St. John, N.B.: New Lampedo, Ezra, Peter Maxwell, Queen, A. L. Palmer, Simonds. For St. John's, Nfld.: Britannia, Miranda. For Georgetown, P.E.I.: Fannie Gordon.

AT LONDON.—For Montreal: Chaudiere, City of Hamilton, John Bull. For Quebec: Allan, Sunbeam, Planet. For Halifax: LaPlata, Forest King, Forest Queen. For St. John, N.B.: Eleanor Scotia, Choice. For St. John's, Nfld.: Billow Crest, Glenlivet. For P. E. Island: Abeona, Lotus.

IN THE CLYDE.—For Montreal: Anglesea, Myrtle, Abeona, Glenlivet, Pericles, Clydesdale, Polly, Shandon, Queen of the Clyde. For Halifax: Roseneath.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

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

RETURN OF TRAFFIC, Week ending Feb. 23, 1887.—

Passengers..... \$30,781
Express, Freight, Mails and Sundries 5,250
Freight and Live Stock 80,751

Total..... \$116,782
Corresponding Week, 1886..... 111,715

Increase..... \$5,067

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
Bank of Montreal,	125½	125½
Ontario Bank,	104½	104½
Bank of B. N. A.,	100½	100½
City Bank,	102½	102½
Commercial Bank,	75½	75½
Banque du Peuple,	Books closed.	Books closed.
Molson Bank,	111½	111½
Bank of Toronto,	109	109
Banque Jacques Cartier,	106	105½
Merchants Bank,	109½	109½
Union Bank,	100½	100½
Gore Bank,	98½	98½
Western Townships Bank,	99	99½
Mechanics Bank,	95	95
Royal Canadian Bank,	95	95
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	135	134
Richelleu Navigation Co.,	107½	107½
City Passenger S. R. Co.,	84	84½
Government Debentures, 5 p. c.,	85½	85½
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c.,	101½	101½
Montreal Corporation Bonds,	89½	89½

PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Average Prices on									
	Friday Feb. 23.	Satur. Feb. 24.	Sund. Feb. 25.	Mon. Feb. 26.	Tues. Feb. 27.	Wed. Feb. 28.	Thurs. Feb. 29.	High. price for week.	Average price for week.	Corresponding week 1886.
Flour, Superior Extra,	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.25
Extra,	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.15	7.87½
Family,	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.07½
Superfine,	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	7.32½	5.47½
" No. 2,	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	5.06
Flour, Fine,	6.10	6.10	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05	6.05	4.25
Bag Flour, 112 lbs.,	5.40	5.40	5.45	5.45	5.47	5.47	5.48	5.48	5.48	5.16
Meal, 100 lbs.,	5.06½	5.06½	5.08	5.08	5.08½	5.08½	5.08½	5.08½	5.08½	4.50
Wheat, U. C. Spring,	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.18
Peas, per 66 lbs.,	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.71
Barley, per 50 lbs.,	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.57	0.53½
" per 25 lbs.,	0.23½	0.23½	0.23	0.23½	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23

IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the Imports at Montreal for the week ending 23rd Feb., 1887; with the figures for corresponding period of last year:—

ARTICLES.	1886.	1887.	Increase, 1887.	Decrease, 1887.
Sugars,	7,456	13,531	6,075	
Teas,	681	12,937	12,256	
Molasses,				
Wines,	306	1,231	826	
Woolens,	41,010	155,871	114,861	
Cottons,	34,449	177,223	142,773	
Silks, &c.,	6,885	5,490		405
Hardware,	11,551	10,533		719
Other articles,	87,339	229,219	141,880	
Total Imports,	189,978	608,343		
" Increase,			418,365	

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1887.	From the 1st January to Feb. 26, 1887.	To corresponding period 1886.
Wheat, bushels,	6,651	46,865	51,800
Flour, barrels,	10,025	66,946	39,474
Corn, bushels,			
Peas, "	2,557	25,587	1,870
Oats, "	500	7,750	33,030
Barley, "	790	7,814	7,970
Rye, "	350	3,851	5,145
Corn Meal, bbls.,			749
Asbes, barrels,	392	3,980	3,235
Butter, kegs,	175	2,487	5,277
Beesox, boxes,			60
Pork, barrels,	236	728	2,610
Lard, "	149	1,145	799
Tallow, "	133	796	273
High Wines & Whiskey,	21	633	1,965