

THE GROCERY TRADE.

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SINCE our last issue some large shipments of Tea from England have arrived in market—the *Ottawa*, having on board over 7,000 packages, and the *St. Patrick*, some 3,000 packages. We have knowledge that over two-thirds of these large shipments are already taken for the American market, a considerable portion having been sold to arrive, so that supplies for our legitimate Canada trade are still meagre. Holders of desirable lots are very stiff; in fact all grades partake of the firmness and advancing tendency of this staple commodity; demand for New York and the Western States is very active; during the week several good parcels have changed hands among importers and jobbers here, and a fair demand from Western Canada continues. Our latest advices from England report an advance of 1d. to 1d. per lb., and on the finer kinds of Hyson, Young Hyson, and Imperial, 1d. to 3d.; Uncoloured and Coloured Japans were in active demand for export at full prices. Latest advices from China foreshadow trouble and much derangement of trade, in consequence of the increasing inroads of the rebels upon the Tea districts. Arrivals of Sugars since our last have been considerable, and the market is now fairly supplied; holders continue firm, and moderate sales are reported. We observe an advance of 6d. per cwt. in the London market is advised by last mail. Some arrivals of Rice are reported by late steamers; quotations are very firm and advanced; asking prices are \$3.45 to \$3.75 for primo English advices report the market firm, and apprise that the wet weather, and the large quantity of grain unsecured, render the prospects of the harvest very unsatisfactory. We report Coffee firm, but inactive. Tobaccos are steady, without movement. Molasses in fair supply, and unchanged. A good many general dealers in merchandise are in market, and moderate lots of General Groceries are being placed in these hands.

PETROLEUM.

THIS article is exported from the United States to all parts of the civilized world. This year, from 1st January to 1st August there were exported—

From New York to the B.N.A. Colonies.	31,000 gal.
" " Liverpool.	320,000 "
" " London.	14,000 "
" " Bristol.	74,000 "
" " Falmouth.	213,000 "
" " Cork.	248,000 "
" " Marseilles.	733,000 "
" " Antwerp.	640,000 "
" " Cronstadt.	612,000 "
" " Lisbon.	44,000 "
" " Australia.	420,000 "
" " Brazil.	160,000 "
" " Mexico.	155,000 "
" " Cuba.	435,000 "
" " Porto Rico and New Granada.	74,000 "
" " Peru and Chili.	139,000 "
" " Other Countries.	80,000 "
Total.	5,218,000 "
Exports from Boston.	463,000 "
" " Philadelphia.	1,622,000 "
" " Baltimore.	349,000 "
" " Portland.	10,000 "

Total Exports from U. S. \$7,662,000

These figures, however, although large in themselves, are very far below those for the corresponding period of last year. Up to 1st Aug., 1891, the United States had exported nearly sixteen million gallons of Petroleum, more than double that of 1885. The Pennsylvania oil wells appear to have yielded very much more in 1891 than in 1890. In the former year, Philadelphia exported four million and a half gallons of Petroleum; while, in the latter, the figure is only one and a half millions. In the year 1893, Petroleum was shipped from the United States to the extent of nearly twenty million gallons. During the last three years, according to these figures, the whole export of this article has been forty-three and a half million gallons.

The Stock Market is dull; the demand noticed for previous week has received a check, and it is difficult to make sales at quotations. Bank of Montreal has been placed to some extent at 113; Commercial Bank at 78. Montreal Telegraph at 120; and Molsons Bank at 113. Nothing doing in Bonds or Debentures. Sterling Exchange is firm, with little doing, at 109½ to 109¾ for Bank bills.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

James Bailie & Co.
Buckley, B. & Co.
Wm. Buchanan & Co.
James P. Clark
John Hall & Co.
Houlston & Co.
Hillman, White & Co.
L. W. Kay & Co.
Thomas May & Co.

George Wilson & Co.

McIntyre, Donnan & Co.
Muir, H. & Co.
Rusland, Ewart & Co.
A. Robertson & Co.
Scribner, McAll & Co.
William Stephen & Co.
Thomson, Clark & Co.
W. Van der Walder

FOR many seasons we have not had such a busy time as during the past week. The stocks of all descriptions are depleted in the country, and prospects of the harvest looking so bright, merchants both in town and country enter the market as eager purchasers. In the Spring, stocks here were large, but Spring importations were unusually light, the consequence is that we find ourselves only meagrely supplied with a large demand. The bulk of our Fall imports have now arrived, and stocks are well sorted up, but the assortment is not up to that of usual years. However, with the quick despatch by steamers any shortcomings can easily be corrected. A large number of buyers are at present in town, but settlers are very stiff in their asking rates, stocks being sufficiently light to prevent the keen competition and consequent cutting down of prices that usually prevails. Cottons—all staples are in active demand at full rates. Wool—lens are, comparatively speaking, not so enquired for, but prices are very firm. Fancy Goods are in request, but the season is pretty well over for light muslins. Silks—the sale depends more than with any other article on the prosperity of the country. In good seasons a large amount of the richer and heavier descriptions are placed, whereas in bad times the demand is chiefly on the cheap and lighter sorts. This week all qualities have sold freely.

Our Crops.

We have been favoured by the Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway with a copy of a most elaborate and valuable statement, compiled by his instructions from the reports of the different station masters along the line of that road, as to the general condition and average yield of the crops in their respective localities. The parties contributing to this statement hold positions which enable them to obtain the most correct and reliable information on the subject, and we are happy to see the results of their enquiries embodied in a document such as that now before us. All descriptions of crops are represented as most abundant in the yield, and generally of a better quality than ever before experienced. The root crops are stated to be above an average, although we notice that in some localities they have suffered for want of rain. Fall Wheat is very good, and in large quantities; the average yield is about 25 bushels to the acre, but in some few districts 40 bushels will be realized. Spring Wheat is at an average of 20 bushels to the acre, and Oats 30 bushels. Several sections, however, report Oats at 40 bushels. There is, too, an exceedingly large crop of Barley and Peas. Flax is very little grown in Canada, but where it is, it does well. Accounts from every part of Canada are most encouraging as to the prospects of trade in agricultural products, the surplus yield being far larger than in former years.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE CATTLE MARKET.

REMARKS.

THE supply of good Cattle is limited. Decres—Extra, none, 1st quality \$3.50 to \$7, 2nd do. \$2.50 to \$6.25; 3rd do. \$4 to \$5; ordinary, consisting of bulls and refusals of lots, \$3.50 to \$4. Milch Cows—In good demand, and sell brisk at \$20, \$23, \$32, \$31 to \$10. Working Oxen—Per yoke, \$30, \$30, \$100 to \$110. Yearlings—\$8 to \$10; two year olds, \$12, \$15 to \$20, three year olds, \$21, \$23 to \$33. Sheep—In good supply; extra \$6 to \$7; good quality \$4.50 to \$6; Sheep and Lambs \$3.50 to \$4; Lambs \$2.25 to \$3. Hogs—Dull, and prices nominally \$3 to \$5. Pigs—Supply small; live weight \$7 to \$8, dressed \$10 to \$11. Hides—Rough \$6 to 7c per lb. Lard—1c rendered. Hides—In better demand at 5c to 5½c. Sheep Skins and Lamb Skins, 9c each. Calfskins, 12c per lb. Barreled Beef—None in market; tierces \$25.

The Leather Market.

A fair business has been done in Spanish sole during the past week, and at a further advance, prices having touched 22c. for the best No. 1. Stocks are now reduced, as receipts have been only moderate. Slaughter sole has sold pretty freely, and the quantity in market is now limited; prices are about one cent under the same grades of Spanish. Of other descriptions of stock the receipts have been fair, and a considerable amount of business has been transacted at about quoted prices.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

THE Fall Trade in Heavy Goods has commenced early, and, from appearance, will be brisk and steady. All descriptions of staples maintain full rates, and in many instances holders ask advances on summer rates, and there is an inclination rather to hold than to force goods as formerly, and decidedly the trade this Fall is in favour of holders of stocks.

Pig Iron—The market for the past fortnight has been very bare of lots to arrive, and in consequence the stock in yard here has been much reduced, and the price in consequence has considerably advanced. We quote Galt-Horrie No 1 at \$21.00 to \$24.00, and even at these figures but a very small quantity can be had, and all the lots to arrive have been secured by the Western States buyers. We doubt if a lot of 100 tons could be now secured even at these figures. In other brands the lots arriving have been mostly taken up for Western Canada. Glenarnock at \$21.50 to \$22 and Eglinton at \$21 to \$22, and the latter is now the only kind that can be secured at these figures. In No 4, the operations have been comparatively light, and we have but few operations to note. The rate is \$20.50 to \$21.50.

Bar Iron—Has kept pretty steady at our quotations. Some large lots changed hands last week at £13 per ton, but now the price is firm at 13s 6c. No. 6 bars, and in some instances 14s has to be paid for sizes which are scarce. Many sizes of large rounds are not to be had till lots arrive. In refined Staffordshire bars there is no change. Unless large lots of Scotch bars arrive during this month, the prospect at present is that in consequence of high freights for the lots coming out, importers and holders are pretty certain to advance prices.

Hoop and Band Iron—Has kept very steady at our quotations, but is now a little firmer as stocks are light, and but little is coming forward.

Sheets—Many numbers are scarce and would command 6d. to 1s. above usual rates; the extra demand caused by the wants in the oil regions has absorbed large quantities of Nos. 15, 16 and 17, and the quantity imported has not so far been equal to the demand.

Boiler Plates—In some sizes of 1 in. the market is again bare, and in consequence prices are quite firm at 18s 6d. to 19s. The large orders already received from the West will pretty much absorb all that are to arrive this Fall unless at a much higher freight than usual. So far, it is thought, there will be quite as great a scarcity as there was last winter.

Boiler Tubes—Have also got scarce, and orders have to await arrivals.

Cut Nails—We quote in large lots this week 20s per keg; at this price the orders on hand are sufficient to keep the makers employed for the present month, and there is little doubt but that the prices will again advance during the next fortnight, as the production of the Mills will not be enough for the wants of western buyers. We refer to price list.

Canada Plates—In these our quotations have suddenly advanced to \$5, at which rate they are now selling freely. The advance is caused by short supply. The amount to come forward for the balance of season will not supply the demand usual at this season; and the stock on hand both here and in Western Canada is not over half the quantity on hand at this season last year. The price will likely go still higher.

Tin Plates—Are very firm, and getting into fewer hands. The holders are quite firm at our quotations, although some lots to arrive have been offered a trifle under.

Freights—On heavy goods going West are slightly advanced. Nearly all the boats go up fully loaded, and in consequence they are getting higher rates on most heavy goods. Pig Iron is carried to Toronto at 6s. 3d. to 7s. per ton, Bar Iron 7s. 6d. to 8s. 9d.; Nails 7s. 6d. to 10s.; other goods 7s. 6d. to 10s.

Freights.

There have been no engagements by sailing vessels to Great Britain; no tonnage in the market. By steamers the prices have been: To London, grain 6s; flour 3s 9d.; To Liverpool, 6s, no flour, no shipments to Glasgow. Ashes and provisions unchanged. We give arrivals and departures from the Port per week and season, as compared with last year.

ARRIVALS.		
From Glasgow	1 vessel	992 tons.
" " Liverpool	2 "	2204 "
" " London	1 "	1414 "
" " Havana	1 "	110 "
" " Lower Ports	1 "	82 "
Total during week	6 "	4807 "
Previous this year	133 "	7446 "
	130 "	79173 "
Same period last year	171 "	92386 "
Decrease 1895	32 "	15113 "

DEPARTURES.		
To Liverpool	1 vessel	1137 tons.
" " Lower Ports	2 "	293 "
	3 "	1433 "
Previous this year	153 "	72951 "
	156 "	74334 "
Same date last year	179 "	91998 "
Decrease 1895	23 "	17614 "