

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Barth, George.  
Boschman, J., & Co.  
Charlebois, A., & Co.  
Crathern & Gaverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Fraser, P.  
Gilbert, E. K.

Hall, Kay & Co.  
Hobbs, W. H.  
Kendall & Edwards.  
Morgan, Watson & Co.  
M. J. Donald & Baker.  
Robertson, Jas.  
Round, John & Sons.  
Stimms, F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

**BUSINESS** during the past week has been brisk, and in consequence of the arrival of several cargoes, stocks have become somewhat better assorted up, and orders are more readily filled.

**Block Tin.**—The quantity in market is almost nominal, and the greater part of what is on the way is sold to arrive.

**Copper.**—There is a fair demand for pig, but stocks are very light.

**Cut Nails.**—Manufacturers are busy making deliveries, but some sizes are still very scarce.

**Horse Nails.**—There is a better assortment in market, but as yet we have no change to make in quotations.

**Iron.**—Sales of Gartsherrie Pig have been made to a considerable extent at £23.50 net cash. Other brands are worth from £23 to £30, on the usual terms. By latest advices from England, we learn that Scotch Pig, which had sold as high as 80s., had declined to 78s. Bar for this week's delivery is firm at £3 to £3.10, but best specifications can be bought to arrive at £2.80. Sales of Boiler Plate have been made at £3.50, and we reduce our quotations accordingly. There are no Canada Plates in market, and prices are nearly nominal.

**Iron Wire.**—Nearly all sizes are scarce, but there will soon be a better assortment, as the amount on the way is considerable.

**Powder.**—Is in active demand, and firm at quotations; but there is much difficulty in making deliveries, it being nearly all stored over at St. Helen's Island.

**Tin Plates.**—Are firm, with light stocks here, and a large amount sold to arrive.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.  
Bauhauser, Frank & Co.  
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.  
Bick, Lewis S. & Co.  
Cannon, T. James, & Co.  
Donnelly, John, & Co.  
Eadie & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.  
Greenfield, S., Son & Co.  
Hagston, James, & Co.  
Hogarty, John, & Co.  
Kearney, Kay & Co.  
MacLellan, Andrew, & Co.  
May, Joseph.

Mac, Thomas, & Co.  
McIntyre, Denison & Co.  
Meyer, J. & Co.  
Moss, S. H., & J.  
Muir, Wm., & H.  
Munderloh & Stearns.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Prevost, Amable, & Co.  
Ringland, Ivar & Co.  
Robertson, A., & Co.  
Rory, Jas., & Co.  
Stephen, William, & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
Winks, George, & Co.

**DURING** the closing part of last week, trade was quiet to a degree, a complete lull having taken place, but since then we have to report a moderate amount of activity. Numbers of buyers have made their appearance, and more business has been done during the week than was anticipated. The total amount of business done during the month of April has been, on the whole, satisfactory, and, we think, larger than for the corresponding month of 1865. We are glad to learn that Western merchants still continue to remit freely, and to an amount without a precedent in the commercial history of these Provinces, and indicative of the satisfactory results of last year's trade.

**Cotton.**—Has been fluctuating somewhat in the Liverpool market, touching its lowest point, for this season, on the 19th ult., from which there has been a slight rally, with a better feeling and an upward tendency. Manufactured goods in Manchester had only partially participated in the decline in the raw material, owing to the very large amount of orders still unexecuted on the books of the manufacturers, and some classes of goods have actually advanced by reason of scarcity. It is nearly certain that lower prices must be expected so soon as present orders are run off, and no accumulation of stock can take place without a decline more nearly equal to that which has taken place in Cotton itself. The following quotations from a letter from a Manchester firm to an importing house here, show that similar views are entertained there with regard to prices.

"Prints, Nankeens, Regattas are very scarce and very little down in price, not at all in proportion to the fall in cotton; we have lost off buying these goods for the past few days, believing they will be lower."  
"Prints now sent are only 1d. lower;  
"this is not in keeping with the fall in cotton. The scarcity of goods will keep the prices up for the present. We shall send you all the goods you order, but may wait a week or two, to see if they will come down much lower."

With regard to the raw material, the stock in Liverpool continues to increase, and was augmented in

the week ending the 19th April, over 150,000 bales, manufacturers taking less than 40,000 bales during same time. The amount at sea is also very large, amounting to about 550,000 bales.

Wool had declined about 1d. per lb., and was dull of sale. Woollen goods were also very inactive, and transactions to a very limited amount.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Chapman H., & Co.  
Childs, George, & Co.  
Converse, Wilson & Lamb.  
Davie, Clark, & Taylor.  
Fitzpatrick & Moore.  
Fournier, Jules.  
Gilliepie, Moffatt & Co.  
Gear, Henry J.  
Hutchinson H., & Co.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kilgus & Kinloch.  
Leeming & Buchanan.  
Maitland, R., Teloe & Co.  
Mathewson, J. A. & H.  
Mitchell, Kinross & Co.  
Nevin, William, & Co.

Noel, James S., & Co.  
Reuter, Lionais & Co.  
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Heattie.  
South, Hamilton & Co.  
Standeron & Co.  
Snelcher, Bond & Co.  
Snelcher, Jack & Co.  
Tiffin, J., & Sons.  
Thompson, Murray & Co.  
Turner, David, & Co.  
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.  
West, Rina.  
Winn & Holland.  
Withers, Joy & Co.

**THE** past has been a week of great quietness, although some orders have come in and been filled for dispatch by the first boats. We hear of no transactions worthy of note in either teas or sugars, and the range of prices continues the same as previously reported.

**Teas.**—Of high-priced superior China greens there is a great scarcity, but medium Young Hysons and uncolored Japans are offered freely without finding purchasers. Low Twankays are also plentiful and neglected. Our latest advices from China to the 22nd February, report very little doing on account of the celebration of the Chinese New Year, which had almost exclusively occupied attention for a fortnight previous. The exports from all China to latest dates from January 1st, were:—

	1866 lbs.	1865 lbs.
To Great Britain.....	9,200,000	6,803,000
To United States.....	4,680,000	5,760
	13,880,000	6,808,760

The imports of Tea at this Port for 1866, up to April 23th, were 335,933 lbs., against 601,616 lbs., for same time last year.

**SUGAR.**—There is a fair, steady demand for Cuba and Barbadoes, and sales in small lots at \$9 to \$9½ for fair to good, and of Porto Rico at \$9½ to \$9½. Refiners, since our last, have reduced their quotations &c. on all grades. The imports of Sugar at this port for the week ending April 23th, were large, amounting to 1,278,371 lbs., and from 1st January to 5,834,763 lbs., against 4,065,238 lbs., for corresponding period of 1865.

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.  
Douglass J. & Co.  
Hus & Richardson.  
Shaw P. & Bros.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.  
Seymour, M. H.

**A** FAIR amount of business has been done during the week that has elapsed since our last report, but it has not been equal to that of the week previous. Prices generally have remained unaltered, and stocks have not accumulated to any extent.

**SPANISH SOLE.**—There has been only a limited demand, but some small sales have been made for the lower ports, for the most part of overweights.

**SLAUGHTER SOLE.**—Is inactive, and slightly lower. The supply, however, is small, as well as the expected receipts, and we do not look for any further immediate decline.

**HARNESS** is steady at quotations, with a demand for only small lots, and but a small stock on hand.

**WAXED LEATHER.**—Prices are firm in consequence of unusually light receipts, but there have been no sales to note of any extent.

**GRAINED UPPER** exhibits less activity, but for first class stock there is still ready sale at quoted figures.

**BUFF AND FEBLED.**—Shipments from Quebec since the opening of navigation have increased the stock; but Prime Buff continues scarce. Febbled, of ordinary qualities, is in better supply, with prices rather in favor of the buyer, but choice is unchanged.

**PATENT AND ENAMELLED.**—It is difficult to fill orders for these, the scarcity already noticed still continuing.

**CALFLEANS.**—There is very little doing, the demand being light and the supply small.

**SPLITS.**—There has been a good enquiry, and though the amount arriving has been larger than previously, all receipts have met ready sale at full prices.

**SHEEPSKINS.**—The stock of all kinds is reduced to a very low point, and there is but little doing.

**HIDES.**—Have shown rather more activity, and sales made have caused a considerable reduction in stocks.

## MONEY MARKET.

**THE** tightness in Money noticed in our last has measurably abated, and our Banks are now discounting liberally for their customers. Sterling Exchange has still further advanced in New York, the closing quotations being 109½ to 109½ for Bankers' 60-day Bills. This advance is owing to the scarcity of good Bills—those principally offered being drawn against shipments of cotton, and considered risky on account of the possibility of a still further heavy decline in that commodity. Sterling is quoted here 109½ to 109½.

**GOLD.**—Closed at 127½, after some slight fluctuation during the week. Latest quotations for Bank Drafts on New York are: buying 21½ to 21½, and selling 21½ to 21½; for Greenbacks, buying 21½ to 22, and selling 21½ to 21½, per cent. discount.

**STIVER.**—Is abundant, and also in demand, at unchanged rates.

## Suspension of a Liverpool Bank.

On the 19th, considerable excitement prevailed in Liverpool, consequent on Barning's Banking Company (Limited) having suspended payment. Early in the morning, before the usual business hours, the following notice was posted on the door of the bank, in Lord Street:—

"The Directors regret to inform their customers that, owing to the recent withdrawal of their usual facilities in London, the bank has been compelled temporarily to suspend payment."

"Liverpool, April 19, 1866."

The rumor of the stoppage at once flew over the town, and all through the day a dense crowd surrounded the bank, which has done an immense business amongst small shopkeepers and tradesmen, as well as with the frequenters of 'Change. It is believed that the bank was not concerned in the great pig-iron speculations at all, and the suspension is said to be entirely due to the recent unprecedented disturbances in the discount market. Up to a late hour on the 18th the directors had reason to believe that negotiations, near fulfilment, with another establishment, would enable them to tide over the crisis; but a telegram, received after the usual hours of closing, from Messrs. Prescott, Grote & Co., their London agents, announcing that no further assistance must be hoped for from them, left the directors no alternative but to close the bank. At present the directors hope to be able to arrange an early settlement with the depositors, by either issuing notes or handing over the lucrative business to some other establishment, in the event of their being unable to procure assistance which may enable them to resume operations. It is also confidently anticipated that, owing to the high standing of the shareholders, who have as yet only paid up £10 of the £50 share, the directors will soon have a sufficient sum in hand to settle with the depositors, without the dilatory process of an official liquidation. In the meantime, the sudden suspension of the bank will undoubtedly cause considerable distress, as it was used as a bank of deposit by numbers of cattle-dealers and other persons of moderate means.

The bank was founded in 1859, and continued as a private bank, under the title of Messrs. J. Barning and Co., to do a large and profitable business until July, 1865, when it was organized on the basis of a joint-stock company, under the Limited Liability Act. The purchase money for the business was fixed at £100,000, payable by instalments spread over two years. The Directors of the Company are Messrs. Charles Mozley (Chairman), J. A. Hencke, George Collier, S. Price Edwards, John Enthoven, Francis Martin, F. B. Mozley, Lewis B. Mozley, and J. Robinson. The capital fixed in the prospectus was £200,000, in 40,000 shares of £50 each, upon which £10 has been already called up, leaving the proprietors responsible for £40 per share. The list of shareholders is large, comprising about 600 names, not only of persons resident in Liverpool, but throughout the country. The Messrs. Mozley, the proprietors of the bank before its transfer to the limited company, are understood to have their resources mainly invested in its shares.

There is a rumour that the business of the bank will in a great degree be taken over by the Mercantile and Exchange Bank. The Alliance Bank, it is stated, have already secured several accounts.—*European Times.*

## Emigration and the Labor Market in Ireland.

What with the flight of Fenians and the increase of legitimate emigration, which is now proceeding, chiefly from Dublin, Cork, Sligo, and Drogheda, at the rate of some eight hundred a week, the farmers are almost brought to a standstill from want of hands. The weather has suddenly taken up, but they are unable to avail themselves of it to push forward the spring work. In this dilemma meetings have been called in some parts of Munster, in order to settle on a rate of wages, and to make it known so widely, that such remuneration can be obtained as to induce men to come, perhaps from a distance, to engage themselves to those who offer it. In many parts of Cork the weekly wages for laborers at present—a circumstance quite unparalleled in Ireland—is 10s., with board; and in Kerry it is even more, 15s. being known to have been paid by some of the wealthier farmers. These temptations, however, strong as they are, seem to operate but little on the emigration of this year.