

Railway News.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending 18th Sept., 1868.

Passengers.....	\$41,722 12
Freight and live stock.....	38,974 06
Mails and sundries.....	2,243 75

Corresponding Week of '67. \$82,939 93
82,452 36

Increase..... \$487 57

NORTHERN RAILWAY.—Traffic Receipts for week ending Sept. 26, 1868.

Passengers.....	\$4,163 35
Freight.....	8,876 41
Mails and Sundries.....	274 74

Total Receipts for week..... \$13,314 50
Corresponding week 1867.... 13,237 78

Increase..... \$26 72

WOODEN RAILWAYS.—Application will be made to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, for an act "to revise, continue and amend the charter of the Drummond and Arthabaska Counties Railway Company." If we mistake not, this is the first practical step towards the construction of a wooden railway from Arthabaska to the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, at or near Upton. Some of the interested municipalities have undertaken to promote the work, which was projected on its new basis by Mr. Hemming, M.P.P. for Drummond and Arthabaska.

GRAND TRUNK.—A little sunshine we hope is about to be felt by this Company. We are unable to say precisely whence it will come or in what degree it will be produced, but we believe all down to and including the 4th Preference will experience the warmth of its rays.

It is said that within the last few years Montreal has doubled in importance and business, and bids fair to do better in future. The railway seems to have kept pace with the great City of Canada in progress, and if it should do so in future in a few years' time the Grand Trunk will earn £50,000 a week traffic. —*Herald's Journal.*

Commercial.

Montreal Correspondence.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal, Oct. 6, 1868.

After cold and wet, the weather has now set in fine and bright, though cool, with every chance of having a spell of it. This is most favorable for housing the root crops, which takes place about the end of this month, with the exception of potatoes; I fear the housing of the others will take little time or trouble as they are very short.

The fall fleet is now dropping in, the "Anglesea," "Gleniffer," "Queen of the Clyde," "Shandon," "Florence Lee," "Island Queen," "Thistle," "La Plata" and "Abscon," having arrived, and are busily discharging their cargoes, consisting of heavy goods. Of these the "Gleniffer," "Shandon," and "Abscon," are here on their third voyage this season. So far, we have little of nothing in the way of return cargoes for them; and it is to be hoped that produce will shortly come forward in sufficient supplies, and selling at such prices as will enable us to fill them up speedily, causing no detention. Should such not be the case, the shipping interest of Montreal will be seriously damaged, as shippers will hardly risk sending vessels here, to be either detained till the dangerous season for navigating the Gulf sets in, or the insurance rates rule so high as naturally to affect

profits. The Allan's steamers have lately been winning golden opinions by the shortness of their passages—the average having been less than ever before made. We Montrealers feel great pride in this fine line, especially of late, since accidents of any sort have been of rare occurrence; and all Canada ought to join with us in wishing success to a line which is, emphatically, the national one of the Dominion, and nearly the only one that has competed successfully with the Cunard line.

PRODUCE MARKET.—Business continues very quiet; small sales of flour on the spot; some sales of round lots of ordinary to good supers, in shipping order, at \$5.45 to \$5.50. There is no tendency towards speculation; but the light stocks—only 16,607 bbls. on 1st October, against 24,892 bbls. last year—have, for the present, checked the downward tendency. Several small cargoes of wheat sold during the week to local operators. Prices are: U. C. Spring and red winter, \$1.25; Chicago No. 2, nominal. Imports: 1st January to 30th September, 1,229,773 bushels, against 1,066,800 bushels in 1867, showing an increase of 152,973 bushels. Coarse grains remain unchanged. A cargo of 10,000 bush. peas sold at \$1.06 1/2 per 66 lbs.

PROVISIONS.—Pork and cut meats are very quiet, and unchanged in price. Receipts of butter during the last few days have been heavy, but prices are fully maintained—choice dairy selling at 24c. for shipment. Cheese in moderate enquiry, at 10 1/2c. to 11c.

GROCERIES.—Our first batch of fall sales are over. The attendance of buyers was large, and a considerable amount of business was done. At Buchanan, Leckie & Co.'s tea sale only a few hundred packages were left unsold, the trade being anxious to stock themselves, especially in the finer qualities, and sellers were willing to meet their views. The prices were hardly up to expectation, but, still, good and remunerative. At D. Torrance & Co.'s sale the quality was not so good, and buyers were not so anxious. Messrs. Torrance were, however, very stiff, and the consequence is about one-half offered was withdrawn. The sale of their portion of the "Annie Braginton" cargo, and also another on joint account of two houses here, in New York, strengthen the market greatly, and dealers who have not stocked themselves will, I expect, have to pay higher rates. A considerable quantity of wine and Mediterranean goods were also placed, prices ranging pretty much the same as they did in the spring. As prices on the continent have advanced during the spring and summer, our fall imports have cost more; and those prices which left a profit here last spring barely clear importers this fall. I give you the imports here of the leading groceries, from the 1st January to the 30th June: they having been only just made up:

Coffee, lbs.....	54,876	87,917	Bs. 5,403	87,055
Fruit, lbs.....	445,000	219,000	Bs. 62,171	300,533
Brandy, gals.....	19,970	196,132	gls. 2,175	10,791
Gin, gals.....	185 50	7,213	gls. 2,193	10,618
Rum, gals.....	61,08	13,251	gls. 7,550	24,858
Molasses, lbs.....	906,701	161,551	Bs. 3,112	101,791
Tea, lbs.....	48,321	167,924	Bs. 457,457	155,204
Tomato, lbs.....	45,000	579 2	Bs. 3,711	56,413
Sugar, raw, lbs.....	239,774	137,995	Bs. 319,448	150,573
Cane Juice, lbs.....	547,293	117,561	Bs. 74 1/2	107,299
Common Soap, lbs.....	877,499	29,927	Bs. 3,215	1 3/4

I give the total imports of the port for the same period:—

1867.	1868.	Decrease.
\$29,213,067	\$24,826,208	\$4,386,859.

The bulk of this decrease occurs in dutiable goods.

Total value of dutiable goods imported for:—

1867.	1868.	Decrease.
\$21,851,103	\$19,237,977	\$2,613,126.

Do, Free Goods:—

1867.	1868.	Decrease.
\$7,361,964	\$5,588,231	\$1,773,733.

DRY GOODS.—Although the great rush is over, we have had a very steady trade during the week, which I expect will last nearly the whole month.

There are a fair amount of orders coming in, and several considerable buyers are in town. The importers have done a better business than they expected, and the season will most probably close with light stocks of staples, especially cottons. Prices have ruled firm, and now remittances are coming in more freely, so that the business altogether is in a healthy state.

Toronto Market.

The weather of the past week has been favorable to business. The same is true of the past few weeks which have elapsed since the commencement of the fall trade. It is seldom, indeed, that farmers have so favorable an opportunity, on account of the dryness of the roads and the moderate amount of rain, to get their produce to market. This fact is telling favorably on the demand for dry goods, groceries, hardware, &c., and its influence is being felt in an increase of money in circulation, and greater promptness in payment on the part of country merchants.

DRY GOODS.—Importations continue light. Stocks are being steadily worked off, and will reach at least a safe point, if, indeed, the assortment does not become badly broken, before the season closes. Payments are getting better as the season advances.

GROCERIES.—Trade for the week is reported quite up to the mark, and everything is moving along satisfactorily. Sugars are steady at our quotations; Redpath's prices were advanced 1/2 of a cent on Tuesday. Teas.—A considerable jobbing business has been done; but, as usual, terms have been kept strictly private. Fruit.—Certain kinds of raisins are advanced, owing to lightness of stock. Tobacco.—Only a very moderate amount of business doing, at quoted prices.

GRAIN.—Wheat. Receipts for the week by cars, 15,291 bushels, against 900 bushels the previous week. The demand is strictly limited to milling requirements, and with good receipts and heavy markets abroad, our market has not only ruled flat but is quotably lower than last week. There are now free sellers at \$1.15, and some buyers at \$1.12 for good spring. Fall is somewhat scarce, which accounts for the few lots which have been put on the market going off at good prices; \$1.35 to \$1.37 would be paid for prime samples. Barley.—Receipts by cars for the week 41,103 bushels, and 38,000 bushels last week. Shipments for the week 75,121 bushels, and 94,550 bushels the previous week. Total shipments since the commencement of the season, 593,848 bushels, to October 1st, of which 110,971 bushels were shipped in August, and the balance in September. The following vessels cleared with cargoes of barley during the week ended with Saturday last:—

Schooners "New Dominion," with 13,624 bus.; the "Mary Taylor," with 9,200 bush.; the "Orkney Lass," with 16,000 bush.; and the "J. G. Beard," with 10,007 bush., all for Toledo; the "Whaling," for Milwaukee, with 15,025 bush.; the "Eveleen," with 5,944 bush., and the "Burlington," with 5,321 bush., for Oswego.

The market opened a week ago at \$1.16 to \$1.18 and moved up to \$1.38 and \$1.40 at the close. Numerous sales occurred during the week, among which was a lot 40,000 bush. at \$1.25 f.o.b. Oula. Receipts by cars, 3,671 bush.; the market is dull and 3 cents lower, closing at 48 c. Peas.—Receipts by cars, 2,944 bush.; the market is steady at 90c. to 92c.; sales of several car lots occurred at these prices. Rye selling at 80c.

FLOUR.—Receipts by cars 3,700 bbls., against 900 bbls. for the previous week. The demand is very slack, and there are free sellers but few buyers. Superfine has declined 30c. to 50c. on the quotations of last week, closing nominal at about \$5.00; sales during the week ranged from \$5.10 to \$5.25. Fall wheat flour has latterly met with a better demand, but was this week dull and offering without enquiry at \$6.50 to \$6.75.

PROVISIONS.—Butter is more active and in some demand at steady prices; a round lot of 450 pack-