MONEY MARKET.

FINANCIAL matters are quite unchanged.

Sterling Exchange remains as last quoted in this market, and $\frac{1}{8}$ lower in New York than at date of last report.

Gold Drafts on New York are inactive, and can be bought at from par to $\frac{1}{4}$ discount.

Gold in New York has been very steady, closing after some trifling variations, at $135\frac{1}{8}$.

Silver is fairly abundant, and changing hands at quotations.

The following are the latest quotations of Sterling Exchange, &c:—

Bank on London, 60 days sight........	$109\frac{1}{8}$ to 100
" " sight...	$110\frac{1}{4}$
Private, " 60 days sight........	$108\frac{1}{2}$ to 109
Bank in New York, 60 days sight......	$109\frac{1}{4}$
Gold Drafts on New York..............	par to $\frac{1}{4}$ dis.
Gold in New York......................	$135\frac{1}{8}$
Silver, large	$4\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 dis.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co. | MacKenzie, J. G. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co. | May, Joseph.
Foulds & McCubbin. | Muir, W., & R
Greenshields, S., Son & Co. | Plimsoll, Warnock & Co.
Hughes Brothers. | Roy, Jas., & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co. | Robertson, Stephen, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.

BUSINESS in this department of trade is now absolutely at a stand-still, so far as our wholesale houses are concerned, and we can now form a tolerably correct idea of what has been done during the season, and of the present condition of stocks.

The imports of dry goods this year at Montreal were in value much below those of 1867, but it must be remembered that very heavy stocks were wintered over from last year, and that as the sales of this year have only been of an average amount, there are still large quantities of goods remaining unsold.

Cotton goods have, as a rule, sold well, and staples are not now in much, *if any overstock*. Woollens have, on the contrary, been all along a slow sale, and when we take into account that Canadian manufactures have been pressed on the market wherever it was possible, we will find that stocks of imported goods, such as blankets, flannels, medium tweeds, &c., with which Canadian makes have chiefly come in competition, are very heavy, much larger, in fact, than it is at all judicious they should be at this season of the year. We have called attention to this over-importation of goods on previous occasions, and those who followed the advice then given and curtailed their imports, as we know to have been done in some instances, are in a much better position than those whose ambition to do a large business induced them to bring out more goods than this market could absorb.

Remittances from the country we understand to be about an average, or something over, and on the whole satisfactory; though from some sections of the country where the roads have been bad, storekeepers have found it difficult to collect their accounts promptly, and have consequently been obliged to ask for part renewals of their notes maturing here.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co. | Mitchell, James.
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee. | Robertson & Beattie.
Chapman H., & Co. | Robertson, David.
Childs, George, & Co. | Tiffin, Bros.
Franck, J. C., & Co. | Thompson, Murray & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co. | Torrance, David, & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co. | West, Bros.
Kingan & Kinloch. | Winning, Hill & Ware.
Mathewson, J. A.

TRADE in general has been rather dull, what little demand there was having been principally to supply local wants. A few Western buyers were in the market, but they were merely sorting up, having already laid in the bulk of their stocks.

TEAS—Have been without activity, Japans worth from $47\frac{1}{2}$c. to 50c., and Imperials at $52\frac{1}{2}$c to 70c., having had the principal enquiry. Other grades unchanged and dull.

COFFEE—Quiet; the few lots placed having been taken by the local trade.

SUGAR.—Since our last report has been rather easier, and holders being more disposed to sell have yielded somewhat in price—though without inducing transactions so far as we can learn. Stocks are about an average. Refined is also lower, quotations having been reduced $\frac{1}{4}$c. on all grades of whites, and $\frac{1}{2}$c. on yellows.

MOLASSES—Has been inactive, the few transactions reported being only of retail amounts. No change in price. Syrups are also unchanged.

FISH—During the past week have had a somewhat brisker demand for all kinds, especially Herrings, both for the western and local trade. A deficiency in the Mackarel catch is reported, and consignments of Labrador and other Herrings are now held at higher figures, under the expectation of increased demand. We quote barrels \$5.50 to \$6 and halves, which are scarce and in demand, at \$3; \$2.75 having been offered and refused for considerable lots. Mackarel is in light supply, but without demand, and quotations are purely nominal. Dry Table Cod remains unchanged, with transactions only for local consumption Nothing doing in Salmon.

FRUIT.—Layers and M. R's are still enquired for, principally, however, for the city trade, and are held at last week's quotations Quarter boxes are somewhat scarce, and are held firmly at $6\frac{1}{2}$c. to 65c. for Layers. Currants are unchanged, with but little doing.

RICE.—Has received a very fair demand this week, and a good many lots have been placed, holders continuing to show a disposition to meet the views of buyers. Pockets are in demand and scarce

SALT.—Has had but little enquiry, and remains as quoted.

SPICES—Are quiet and unchanged.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—There is still very little enquiry for wines of any kind, and rates are nominal. Only a small business in Brandy, although Hennessy's is firmly held at full current rates. There has been more enquiry for Gin, both in wood and case, and some large lots of DeKuyper's have changed hands at prices, however, which have not been made public, but which are understood to be an advance on rates obtained at the recent auction sales. We now quote DeKuyper's in wood, for round lots, \$1.50; red cases, \$7.75; green cases, \$3.85 to \$3.90; other brands in proportion.

Trade Sale of General Groceries, on Thursday, 26th November, 1868, at the Stores of J. G. Shipway & Son.

20 bxs Liverpool soap $3\frac{1}{2}$c per lb; 26 cs olive oil, pts, $\$3\frac{3}{8}$; 10 cs Bacigaloupi salad oil qts, $\$3\frac{1}{4}$; Possel's oil, hf-pts, \$3 per case; 20 bxs Castile soap $9\frac{3}{4}$c per lb; 100 do 10c; 80 bxs old brown Windsor soap, $17\frac{1}{8}$c per lb; 10 cs bath brick 21c per doz; 5 cs limed nut megs 44c per lb; 2 csks whiting $67\frac{1}{2}$c per 100 lbs; 17 bbls old currants 3c per lb; 60 bxs Sultana raisins $5\frac{3}{4}$c per lb; 100 boxes balance do $5\frac{1}{2}$c per lb; 10 bales Moliere soft shelled almonds 6c per lb; 5 bags hard do 4c; 25 bales drab wrapping paper 44c per ream; 25 do grey do 60c per ream; 10 do dark grey 51c per ream; 25 frails s s Provence almonds 16c per lb; 25 bxs Valencia raisins 7c per lb; 25 do layer \$2.10; 10 cs Vermouth bitters, pts $\$4\frac{1}{2}$ per cs; 10 bxs smoked herrings 25c per bx; 12 cs figs, in small bxs, 8c per lb: 10 bxs Charles Martin's ball blue $14\frac{1}{2}$c per lb; 10 do $14\frac{3}{4}$c per lb; 10 do 15c 15c per lb; 30 qr casks port wine, common, 67c per gall; 16 do crown sherry $67\frac{1}{2}$c per gal; 18 hf-chts gunpowder tea, moyune, 50c per lb; 66 do young hyson tea 43c per lb; 14 do 50c; 100 bags Liverpool stoved salt 93c per bag; 20 cs John Moir & Son's mixed pickles 9s 3d per doz; 1 cs onions, 1 cs piccallili, 1 cs gherkins, 8s 6d; 1 cs French beans, 1 cs walnuts, 1 cs cauliflower, 8s 9d; 1 cs Royal Scottish sauce 7s 6d; 2 cs Indian club 6s 2d; 1 case Worcester 1 case walnut ketchup, 1 cs Harvey sauce 7s 6d; 1 cs Keating sauce 1 cs John Bull sauce 7s 7d; 1 cs essence of anchovies 8s 9d: 10 cs mushroom ketchup 5s 9d; 2 cs Lucca oil 7s 6d; 1 do 6s 3d; 1 do 7s; 3 cs curry powder 4s 3d; 5 cs mustard, in bottles, half-pounds 6s; 2 cs raspberry vinegar 5s; 10 cs orange peel 21c per lb; 5 do citron peel 28c; 2 cs lemon jelly, 2 cs orange, 2 cs calves foot $\$6\frac{1}{4}$ per doz; 2 cs Bengal chutney $\$7\frac{3}{4}$: 5 cases English capers 6s per doz; balance do 5s; 5 cs Scoth marmalade 7s 6d; 2 bxs citron peel 28c per lb; 2 cs essence of beef 5s 9d per doz; 10 cs London dock port wine \$2 50 per doz; 1 cs 200 lbs ball twine, No. 19. 19c per lb; 1 do 16c; 25 bls soda corks, 25c per gross; 16 bales pt corks 8c; 10 brls pickled ling fish \$2 per 112 lbs; 29 do Caraquet oysters \$1.70; 100 do No. 1 North Shore split herrings \$5 per brl.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill. | Ireland, W. H.
Evans & Evans. | Morland, Watson & Co.
Evans, John Henry. | Robertson, Jas.
Hall, Kay & Co.

THE business of the past week has been quite inconsiderable.

PIG IRON.—Stocks are ample, but not as heavy as at the close of navigation last year. There is no demand at present, but holders are firm, and not disposed to press sales.

BAR IRON.—Stocks are heavy and complete, and the market rather in favour of buyers, several lots having been bought at from 10c. to 15c. below quotations.

HOOP AND BAND IRON—Are in full but not over stock, and prices are firm.

BOILER PLATE—Stock fair, but principally in two hands, and prices firm.

CANADA PLATES—Large stock left over, and prices nominal.

TIN PLATES.—There is no over stock, and prices are somewhat firmer, though unaltered.

CUT NAILS—Are firm at quotations, with none pressing on the market, and makers look for higher figures.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

McLaren, W. & Co.

BUSINESS is quiet preparatory to commencing the manufacturing of stock for the spring trade

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick. | Hannan, M., & Co.
Black & Locke. | Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Crawford, James. | Mitchell, Robt.
Dawes Brothers & Co. | Raphael, Thomas W.

NAVIGATION having at length closed, business in most departments has, if possible, been more depressed than formerly, and though little change can be noted in prices of the several products, nothing of consequence has changed hands since the date of our last.

FLOUR.—Though receipts by rail are fair, the falling off since close of navigation has been quite marked. No business beyond supplying the trifling local wants can be noted, and prices have still, toward the close, continued to tend slowly downwards. Stocks in store at the close of the month proving less than was anticipated, the market closed firm with rather more show of demand though without improvement in value. It is fairly presumed that the present low prices, added to the advanced freights by rail, will tend to check supplies, and bring about a partial inaction. Extras have been pressed at \$5.50 to \$5.60, and Fancy has gone as low as \$5 in one or more restances. Supers for some days have ranged from \$4.90 to \$5, No. 2 about \$4 40 to \$4.50, and Fine \$4.10 to \$4.20. *Bags*, though lower, have maintained a high proportionate value, supplies being mostly from the local mills.

OATMEAL — Continues nominally without change, there being no recent wholesale transactions.

WHEAT.—The stocks in store and hands of millers are large, and with a cessation of shipping demand, there are no recent sales to note. Latest reported sale of Red Winter $\$1.13\frac{1}{2}$, which buyers would not now repeat. Small sales of U. C. Spring have been made at \$1.10, but holders are mostly firm at a higher figure. Western No. 2 may be quoted \$1.06 to \$1.07, but is purely nominal.

PEASE.—There are few coming in, and supplies have mostly passed to secondhands, causing some little competition to keep control of what is now dropping in, so that rather higher rates have latterly ruled.

COARSE GRAINS—Are purely nominal.

PORK.—Though quotations have not materially varied the market is unsettled, and unless at lower rates, there is no disposition to lay in supplies, and wherein sales have been pressed, lower rates than these generally current have been submitted to; Mess being sold at \$22.50, and other grades at a proportionate decline. *Hogs* are still in limited supply, and former rates rule. Now that hard frost seems to have set in, more liberal receipts and a decline to a packing point may be looked for.

LARD—Is in full supply and dull, with still declining tendency, closing rate about 14c.

BUTTER.—Since close of navigation there has been no export enquiry, and with liberal receipts by rail buyers hold off, and only a trifling retail demand for choice exists, rates of the several grades must be quoted 1c to 2c lower on the week.

ASHES.—Pots at the close were in less competition and the turn lower. Pearls have been rather fluctuating, rates from \$5.45 to \$5.55 having been paid in the course of the week.

SEA-WEEDS AS FOOD.—Dr. Letheby, speaking of the varieties of food, alludes to *marine algæ*, or seaweeds, thus:—"Everywhere along our coasts there is abundance of comparatively nutritious food, which may, by a little management, be made palatable. I allude to our sea-weeds; and this Society (the Society of Arts) has distinguished itself by its efforts to utilize this stock of now almost profitless food. Judging from the analysis of Dr. Davy and Dr. Apjohn, of Dublin, it would seem that when in a moderately dry condition sea-weeds contain from 18 to 26 per cent of water; and that the nitrogenous constituents amount to from $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 per cent, while the starchy matter and sugar average about 66 per cent. These results place sea-weeds among the most nutricious of vegetable substances; in fact, they are richer in nitrogenous matter than oatmeal or Indian corn."