

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

James Baillie & Co.  
Baukhage, Beak & Co.  
Wm. Benjamin & Co.  
James P. Clark.  
John Douglass & Co.  
Faulds & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, White & Co.  
James Hingston & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.  
Joseph May.  
Thomas May & Co.

McIntyre, Denoon & Co.  
J. Meyer & Co.  
Munderloh & Steomcken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Ringland, Ewart & Co.  
A. Robertson & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
William Stephen & Co.  
Thomson, Claxton & Co.  
Alexander Walker.  
George Winks & Co.

**BUSINESS** has been very quiet during the week just closed. The dulness, however, has been confined to actual sales only, as the different houses in the trade have been most actively engaged in taking stock. There is, therefore, nothing particular to note on the condition of the market, it being very similar in character to that reported in our last issue. It is not expected that much will be done in the way of sales until after the close of this year. The market will be pretty well assorted by the arrivals from Britain in the course of the next few weeks, and we may anticipate that a good business will then be done.

**COTTONS.**—Since our last report the market has been pretty fairly supplied with gray domestics, and the prices therefore are somewhat lower than those which have lately prevailed in these goods.

**WOOLLENS.**—There is a great scarcity yet existing in certain articles of this class, such as Sealskins, Pilots, and heavy Beavers, for which a good demand is always felt at this season. In Flannels and Blankets the stock is also low, but yet it is well assorted for this time of the year.

Indeed stocks generally are well sold out, and from their present condition, we may be certain that the spring business will open with very few of the old goods in the mark t. The general opinion is that considerable caution will be exercised this season in laying in stocks. Buyers for this market, to whom we have referred in previous reports, and who represent our principal Canadian houses in Britain, still find it to their advantage to hold off. At this season of the year the general stock-taking of the Liverpool Cotton market takes place; and if, when this is accomplished, it should be found that any very large increase has taken place in stocks, prices will be likely to recede. This, among other reasons, has deterred Canadian buyers from operating, they very sensibly deeming it best to await the result. We do not therefore expect to hear of anything being done for a short while, in the matter of purchasing. Advices by the *Cuba* indicate that the Manchester markets had shown symptoms of a weaker tone; but on the arrival in England of the *City of Washington* firmness was restored, and the market closed with a steady feeling on the part of producers, and at full rates.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.  
Dougall J. & Co.  
Hua & Richardson.

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

**DURING** the week the demand for the different classes of leather has been better than generally prevails at this time. The sales made have been small, however.

**SPANISH SOLE.**—Liberal receipts during the week. Demand insufficient.

**SLAUGHTER SOLE.**—Prices firm. Stocks light.

**ROUGH.**—The stock of this class of leather is exhausted, and as this is well known to the trade, there is no demand of any moment.

**WAXED UPPER.**—The sales in this article have been confined to a few large transactions for the West.

**GRAINED UPPER.**—The stock in market is exceedingly light, with very little demand.

**SPLITS.**—Good enquiry for these—more than can be met by the stocks. Prices firm.

**WAXED CALF.**—Stocks light. Demand increasing. Considerable arrivals of French calf-skins may be anticipated for the spring trade.

**HARNESS.**—There is but a bare supply in stock at present, but as considerable quantities are being finished, there are prospects of a better supply immediately after the new year.

**PATENT.**—In fair demand.

**ENAMELLED.**—Active enquiry, but no arrivals of consequence.

**BUFFED.**—Good demand.

**PEBBLED.**—In fair request.

**SHEEP SELTS.**—Stock very good. Demand however is not large.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

James Austin & Co.  
I. Buchanan & Co.  
Bacon, Clarke & Co.  
H. Chapman & Co.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Jas. Douglas & Co.  
Forster, Mott & Co.  
Fitzpatrick & Moore.  
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.  
B. Hutchins.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kincaid & Kinloch.  
Law, Young & Co.  
Leeming & Buchanan.  
E. Matland, Tyloe & Co.  
George Childs & Co.

J. A. & H. Mathewson.  
H. J. Gear.  
Mitchell, Kinnear & Co.  
William Niniv & Co.  
Reuter, Lionals & Co.  
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Beattie.  
David Robertson.  
Haviland Routh & Co.  
Sinclair, Jack & Co.  
Jas. Tiffin & Sons.  
David Torrance & Co.  
Thompson, Murray & Co.  
Alex. Urquhart & Co.  
Whinn & Holland.  
Jules Fournier.

**THIS** has been a very dull week in the grocery business; the only thing doing has been the filling up of small orders received by letter. The transactions have been very few. The country dealers, having anticipated a good business, made their stocks very complete both as to quality and quantity before the close of navigation; and as the retail demand during the holidays is exceedingly large, they will require to wait until the season is further advanced before they can arrive at anything like a just estimation of their requirements for the ensuing season. It is reasonable to suppose that as soon as the Christmas and New Year's festivities have passed away, our Grocery Market shall again become active.

**COFFEES.**—Prices remain unchanged. Stocks quite ample.

**FRUIT.**—Any little activity that is felt in general groceries has of course a bearing also on fruit; almost all grocery orders containing requisitions for a proportionate quantity of fruit.

**MOLASSES.**—Very quiet.

**RICE.**—Quiet. Prices unchanged.

**SALT.**—Almost nominal. No transactions.

**TEAS.**—**TWANKAYS.**—Owing to the high prices which have lately obtained in *Japans, Twankays* are meeting with good sale, considering the season of the year.

**GUNPOWDER.**—In small stock. The sale of this article is very limited, owing to the extreme prices reached for fine.

**HYSON.**—There is none of really choice in the market, but the demand is very limited.

**YOUNG HYSON.**—We note the usual demand for all grades, with a good stock.

**JAPANS.**—Very little doing. The high prices reached in England, owing to the bareness of the English market, caused partly by the very great demand made on them by the United States, has largely influenced the prices of these teas. This has resulted in a considerable falling off in the demand in our market.

**IMPERIALS.**—Medium stock. Demand limited.

**CONGOU and SOUCHONG.**—The usual demand of this season prevails for these. The stock is quite sufficient.

**OOLONG.**—Very little demand in this market, except for the finer grades. Stock is light, and prices merely nominal.

Important if enforced.

Congress has passed a bill to prohibit the importation of cattle into the United States, in order to prevent the introduction of the *Rinderpest*. The law is very brief and explicit, and, if rigidly enforced, must exclude Canadian cattle as well as those from England. We submit the text, so that there may be no doubt about the matter:—

“Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That the importation of cattle be and hereby is prohibited. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to make such regulations as will give this law full and immediate effect, and to send copies of them to the proper officers in this country, and to all officers or agents of the United States in foreign countries.”

Inasmuch as there is no more danger from Canadian cattle than from those of one State going into another, it could surely never have been contemplated to exclude them. But the law passed as above, if enforced, will have this effect. It would be a most serious matter for Canada if, during the few months that remain of the Reciprocity Treaty, our farmers could not enjoy the benefit of the United States markets. The Act has not yet received the presidential assent; and there is probably yet time for Mr. Galt to communicate with Sir Frederick Bruce at Washington, who may perhaps obtain an exception in favour of Canadian cattle.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Barber, A. A. & Co.  
Benny, Macpherson & Co.  
Brush, George.  
Buchanan, I. & Co.  
Charlton, A. & Co.  
Crutcher & Cavorthill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Elliott & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Ferrier & Co.  
Fraser, F.

Forbes A. H.  
Frothingham & Workman.  
Gilbert, E. E.  
Hall, Joseph N.  
Hall, Key & Co.  
Hela, A. W. H.  
Kershaw & Edwards.  
Law, Young & Co.  
McDougall, John.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Muthland & Baker.  
Simms F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

**THE** only business transactions that may be said to have been effected since our last report, are the fulfilling of a few small orders received by mail. The trade is now engaged in taking stock. Some arrivals of goods are expected in the course of a few weeks, but as they are entirely to fill orders received some time ago they will not be taken into stock, but shipped at once to their consumers. There have been a few heavy orders given during the week to the English manufacturing houses, for goods for this market, which will form part of the spring importations. With these exceptions the local market has been undisturbed, and the general condition of the trade is unchanged.

**CUT NAILS.**—A few good sales have been effected, for future delivery. This will have a tendency to strengthen the market. Prices are firm.

**FIG IRON.**—Stocks exceedingly light.

**BAR IRON.**—This article has yet considerable activity. Manufacturers here have sufficient orders to keep them hard at work for a couple of months to come. Prices are firm.

**BOILER PLATES.**—The market is bare of stock. The demand for the oil wells of Canada West, which has lately been pretty active, and indeed continue still to be, has left the market very bare.

**CANADA PLATES.**—Very little stock. Prices firm.

**IRON WIRE.**—Demand light, but considerable supplies on hand.

**POWDER.**—Increased activity in this article, for Acton Mines.

**TIN PLATES.**—Best brands of IC Charcoal are now held at \$10.50, being an advance of fully 50 cents per box over last week's quotations. It is now very difficult to get deliveries from the English manufacturers, and the stocks being very limited, the prices have increased.

**COPPER.**—No change since our last report.

The condition of the Markets in Britain can be seen from the following extract from the *Iron Trade Circular of Messrs. Charles Ryland & Sons*:—

“Business in the Hardware Trade is not quite so active, at least in Birmingham. The Home Markets are, however, yielding a fair amount of orders. The Foreign Trade is not so buoyant, with the exception of America. The orders in hand for this market are large, and the late advices show a very brisk demand in all parts of the States for English Hardware. The continental markets are quiet. At most of the manufacturing all the hands are working full time, and as this is not generally the case at this period of the year, the fact speaks well for the present condition of the order books.”

PRICES OF GRAIN.

|                       | Average Prices on |           |           |          |         | Highest price 1/2 | Average price week | Corresponding week 1884. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                       | Friday Dec 18     | Satur. 18 | Monday 19 | Tues. 19 | Wed. 20 |                   |                    |                          |
| Flour, Superior Extra | 7 12              | 7 12      | 7 12      | 7 12     | 7 12    | 7 12              | 4 00               |                          |
| Extra                 | 5 25              | 5 25      | 5 25      | 5 25     | 5 25    | 5 25              | 4 56               |                          |
| Fancy                 | 5 87              | 5 87      | 5 87      | 5 87     | 5 87    | 5 87              | 4 33               |                          |
| Superfine             | 5 12              | 5 12      | 5 12      | 5 12     | 5 12    | 5 12              | 4 19               |                          |
| “ No. 2               | 4 55              | 4 55      | 4 55      | 4 55     | 4 55    | 4 55              | 3 97               |                          |
| Flour, No. 2          | 4 07              | 4 07      | 4 07      | 4 07     | 4 07    | 4 07              | 3 57               |                          |
| Paq Flour, 112 lbs.   | 2 90              | 2 90      | 2 90      | 2 90     | 2 90    | 2 90              | 2 23               |                          |
| Oatmeal, 60 200 lbs.  | 4 92              | 4 92      | 4 92      | 4 92     | 4 92    | 4 92              | 4 87               |                          |
| Wheat, U. C. Spring   | 1 16              | 1 16      | 1 16      | 1 16     | 1 16    | 1 16              | ..                 |                          |
| Wheat, per 60 lbs.    | ..                | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..      | ..                | ..                 |                          |
| Barley, per 50 lbs.   | 0 63              | 0 63      | 0 63      | 0 63     | 0 63    | 0 67              | 0 17               |                          |
| Oats, per 32 lbs.     | ..                | ..        | ..        | ..       | ..      | ..                | ..                 |                          |

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

|                                   | For the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1885. | From the 1st January to Dec. 29, 1885. | To corresponding period 1884. |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Wheat, bushels                    | 9,400   | 2,650,914                              | 4,145,988                     |
| Flour, barrels                    | 13,603  | 787,588                                | 819,111                       |
| Oats, bushels                     | 100   | 338,244                                | 328,606                       |
| Pens                              | ..  | 43,556                                 | 37,881                        |
| Oats                              | 180   | 67,284                                 | 104,318                       |
| Barley                            | ..  | 32,430                                 | 159,329                       |
| Eye                               | ..  | 23,811                                 | 39,096                        |
| Oats and Corn Meal, barrels       | 109   | 2,437                                  | 1,958                         |
| Asbes, barrels                    | 541   | 29,433                                 | 25,358                        |
| Butter, kegs                      | 670   | 67,016                                 | 65,478                        |
| Cheese, boxes                     | 56  | 27,335                                 | 24,925                        |
| Pork, barrels                     | 100   | 20,387                                 | 26,201                        |
| Lard                              | 45  | 1,529                                  | 10,708                        |
| Tallow                            | 74  | 2,527                                  | 2,526                         |
| Whiskey & H. Wine, cks. & punches | 214   | 7,112                                  | 6,686                         |