

crop have been made. An extract from a private letter dated Shanghai, 8th Nov., addressed to this city, remarks: "The Chinese are unwilling as yet, to listen to any material reduction in prices, as the season's production is known to be very small, the 'Clow Buberger' is engaged full for New York, and the British ship 'Flanella' has been laid on for the same port, by an English house. The British barque 'Princess of Wales' has also been chartered for your port; but, with these exceptions, nothing is doing for America." The entire export of 'Green Teas' to New York up to 5th Nov. was only 783,650 lbs. against 2098,610 lbs to same date last season. Blacks 5,444,601 against 4,769,785 lbs last year. The total Black and Greens exported to Great Britain is 789,938,379 lbs., against 72,635,189 to same date last year, 1893. An improvement is noticeable in the New York market for Green and Japan with considerable enquiry. We append particulars of Stock held by Importers here on 1st Jan., 1895, showing number packages taken for consumption for 1894, which, upon comparison with consumption of 1893, exhibits an increase of 1600 pkgs.

Stock of Teas of all kinds on hand 1st Jan., 1894,..... 32543 "
Imported from 1st January, 1894, to 1st January, 1895,..... 100913 "

Less stock on hand 1st Jan., 1895,..... 31136 "
..... 96325 "

Less exported to England 1896 } hfc-h. 6555 "
" to U. States 1893 }

Taken for consumption of 1894,..... 99770 pkgs.

Our quotations for Teas are:

Young Hyson, 50 to 80 Uncolored Japan, 42½ to 63
Hysons,..... 55 to 80 Colored Japan,..... 50 to 65
Gunpowder, .65 to 100 Souchong,..... 50 to 80
Imperials, . . . 60 to 85 Congou,..... 40 to 75
Hyson skin, . . . 25 to 40 Oolong,..... 35 to 55
Twankay, . . . 35 to 45 Canton,..... 35 to 40

STOAL.—Stocks were in excess at close of 1894, to quantity held 31st Dec., 1893, yet are light for requirements; at auction on 12th, some lots were placed at 8½ cents for ordinary, to 9 cents for Bright Cuba, still we cannot report any activity in this staple commodity. We quote as follows:—

Porto Rico, 9 to 9 50
Cuba, 8 75 to 9
Dry Crushed, 12½
Loaves, 13½

COFFEE.—The demand very limited without any transaction to report. We give quotation in our prices current, which figures are fairly maintained. We quote

Laguayra, 21 to 22½
Rio, 19 to 21
Java, 24 to 26

TOBACCO.—As stocks continue to be depleted, more disposition is shown to purchase in view of an advance with knowledge that stocks are run down very low in hands of country dealers, and extremely limited supplies are held by manufacturers and jobbers in the West, and with the stock reduced here to only not over \$900 pkgs., at most about one-fifth of a year's consumption, prices are long must advance, as manufacturers cannot place Tobacco on the market duty paid at prices which the stock that has not been taxed is now offering for. We cannot at present report a decided advance, although holders are considerably firmer in their views. A few hundred boxes are reported as having changed hands within last few days, low grades of 10's are much enquired for, but very scarce in market.

Tobacco, Honeydew, 10's,..... 23 to 28
" " 5's,..... 23 to 28
" " 1½b,..... 29 to 35
Bright, 1½b,..... 45 to 55

MOLASSES.—No transactions outside of retail lots which have been moved at full rates. Stocks are limited, and we cannot see any immediate prospect of a decline. We quote

Clayed, per gallon,..... 33 to 35
Muscovado, " 37 to 40
Syrups, " 46 to 50

FRUIT. There have been few transactions since the holidays; Country dealers, as is usual, supplying themselves freely prior to Christmas Raisins Layers 9s. 6d.

to 10s. for small parcels; round lots 9s. 3d; M. R. 8s. 9d. to 9s., and for round lots 8s. 3d to 8s. 6d; Valentins 7½d. to 7½d.; Currants 5½d to 6½d.

The New York market shows a considerable advance in fruit, caused by the limited stock and contracted importation.

SALT.—Little or nothing doing. We quote Liverpool coarse at 62½ to 65, and stoved 85, 90.

RICE.—Quiet, with limited sales, and without animation. Stocks are full for all demands, and we do not look for any advance of present quotations unless this staple is called into demand to supply the deficiency which is likely to occur before spring, by the Potato crop turning out very poorly as regards soundness in quality, reports of which we hear from several localities. Quotations are—African per 100 lbs \$3.55 to \$3.46.

FISH.—Stocks very light; never so much so; and market firm at our quotations, which are fully 30 per cent. in advance of previous years.

Labrador Split,..... \$ 625 to \$ 675
" Round,..... 524 to 650
Canso Round,..... 400 to 425
Mackerel No. 3,..... 650 to 700
Salmon,..... 1600 to 1650
Dry Cod, Caspé,..... 500 to 625

VINEGAR.—The consumption of imported vinegar appears to have materially decreased, the Canada manufactured has been so much improved upon of late years, and costing so much less, is coming more generally into use and demand. Stocks of imported have met during the past season with little demand and unremunerative prices.

Bordenux, genuine,..... \$0 37½ to \$0 40
English Malt, 0 40 to 0 45

SOAP.—
Liverpool,..... 0 5½ to 0 7½
Montreal, No. 1,..... 0 4 to 0 6
Do. 2,..... 0 2½ to 0 3½

LIQUORS.
Brandy, Hennessy's, pr gal 2 30 to 2 50
" Martell's, 2 30 to 2 50
" Jules Robin & Co., 2 30 to 2 50
" Orard Dupuy & Co., 2 20 to 2 40
" J. Demis H. Monnie 2 15 to 2 30
" in cases, 9 25 to 9 50
Rum, Jamaica, for 16 o.p. 1 60 to 1 75
" Demarara, 16 o.p. 1 39 to 1 50
" Cuba, 16 o.p. 1 05 to 1 15
Gin, Holland, 0 8½ to 0 95
" " in green cases 2 80 to 2 90
" " red 4 90 to 5 20
Whiskey, Scotch, 1 40 to 1 50
" Irish, 1 45 to 1 50

CANADA SUGAR REFINERY PRICES.
Loaves in tins, 400 lbs. 13½ to —
Dry crushed, brls of 160 lbs. 12½ to —
Ground 1 200 lbs. 12
Extra ground 200 lbs. 13½
Crushed A or white Bastard in brls. 250 lbs. 12
Yellow Refined, No. 3, 8½
Sugar House Syrup, per gal. 46
Golden do. 60

MOLASSES.
Clayed, 33 to 35
Muscovado, 37½ to 40

STARCH.
Canada, 6½ to 7½
American, 6½ to 8
English, (Glentfield) 12 to 14

SPICES.
Cassia, 28 to 33
Cloves, 11½ to 12½
Nutmegs, 45 to 80
Ginger, ground, 12 to 30
" Jamaica, 22 to 25
Pepper, black, 10 to 10½
Pimento, 7 to 8

PILES.
Henderson, T D 4 gross . . . \$1 50 to \$1 60
" fancy, 3 gross, . . . 1 10 to 1 15

INDIGO.
Madras, 0 60 to 0 90

CHEMICALS.

The stocks imported in the spring were large, and prices have ruled low, in fact many lots have been placed at much under cost to close consignments. We quote Soda Ash \$2.40 to 2.60; Caustic Soda, considerable quantity of this article has gone into consumption during past year; soap manufacturers using it extensively as an ingredient. We quote present price at 4 to 4½c; inferior grades as low as 3½c.

SAL SODA.—Stocks full and demand small, quotations \$1.35 to 1.55.

BI-CARBONATE SODA.—Unusually heavy importations this spring, with large stocks on hand, cause this article to rule low, and we cannot quote at present above \$3.40 to 3.60.

BLEACHING POWDER.—Little or no demand, and with large stocks our quotations are nominal, \$8.40 to \$3.60.

Soda Ash,..... \$2 60 to \$2 65 per cwt.
Sal Soda 1 35 to 1 45 "
Caustic Soda, 0 04 to 0 04½ per lb.
Bleaching Powder 3 40 to 3 60 per cwt.
Alum, 2 20 to 2 30 "
Bl Carb. Soda, 3 40 to 3 60 "
Sulphur 2 40 to 2 60 "
Brimstone, 2 60 to 0 00 "
Copperas 0 97 to 1 00 "
Epsom salts 2 60 to 2 70 "
Blue Vitriol 0 09½ to 0 10 "

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

The following is a list of Wholesale dealers in Montreal in this line. We shall hereafter insert in this position only the names of those who advertise with us.

A. A. Barber & Co. L. J. Belliveau. Henry, Macpherson & Co. W. Brown & Co. Cuthbert & Careyhill. Wm. Darling & Baker. Elliot & Co. Evans & Evans. J. H. Evans. Ferrier & Co.	Prothmington & Workman. Geo. Hagar & Co. Jos. N. Hall & Co. James Hutton & Co. Morland, Watney & Co. Mulholland & Baker. Thos. Robertson & Co. C. C. Snowden & Co. Thomas Wilson & Co. Winn & Holland.
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THE unsatisfactory relations existing between the United States and Canada, the anticipated repeal by Congress of the Reciprocity Treaty, coupled with an unusually tight money market, have made the last three months duller than any known here in the hardware trade for years. In heavy goods especially, there has been little or nothing doing. Operations in Pig Iron have been nominal, it is difficult therefore to fix prices: any sales making are at \$24 to \$24.60 for Gairtherrie, and \$23 for other brands of No. 1. No. 4 Forgo Pig is held at same rates. For either kind a large lot could be got a shade cheaper. Most sizes of Bar Iron are plentiful. For Scotch the price is 14s 6d to 15s, Refined 16s 6d to 17s 6d, Swedes 22s 6d to 23s. As the prices in home markets have given way slightly, holders here would take a little less than the above rates for large lots; and in some sizes, lots have been sold 6d to 1s under these quotations. Hoop and Band Iron is held at 17s to 18s, and some sizes are scarce.

Boiler Plate is in few hands, and held at 19s to 20s for Thornycroft and Osier Bed Best. There is some Scotch in market, which can be had at 18s 6d.

In Canada Plates there are no operations; prices therefore remain as in fall, viz., Staffordshire 17s 6d, Ludd 21s to 22s, Glamorgan 22s, Pontypool 22s. Stocks are light.

Tin Plates are steady. Good brands of Charcoal are firmly held as follows: IC 43s 9d to 45s, IX 53s 9d to 55s, DC 38s 9d to 40s, DX 43s 9d to 52s 6d, Coke IC 37s 6d to 40s, Terne IC 14 x 20 32s 6d, IX 40s. The stock of Tin Plates is small, and will command these prices until new stock arrives.

Cut Nails are firm at quotations. In makers' hands the price is 19s at 4 months. Some of the Hardware Trade are still selling at a little lower rate to reduce stocks, but as the season advances prices will be firmer. We refer to the list agreed upon by makers for full quotations of both Nails and Spikes.

Cast Steel is not changed in price since last year, and is now 14½ to 17c. for best brands.

Spring Steel is held at 5 to 7 c., according to quality.

Sleigh Shoe Steel is getting scarce, and some sizes not to be had, price 5 to 6c.

In Castings there is little doing. Pot-Ash Kettles are held at 10s to 12s 6d per 100 lbs. Those made here and at Three Rivers are worth 1s 3d to 2s 6d more. There are but few in market, and these quotations are well maintained. Sugar Kettles and Camp Ovens of Three Rivers make are firm at 14s to 15s per 100 lbs.

In other heavy goods, such as Zinc Wire, Chains, &c., the stock is large and well assorted, and prices just now are in favor of the buyer, holders being anxious to reduce their stocks.

Shelf Goods in the Hardware Line are better assorted than they ever before were in this market, and purchasers can be certain of getting well and cheaply supplied this season. The sales during the fall not having been as heavy as usual, stocks in consequence are larger.

German Sheet Window Glass is in large supply, and stocks of all sizes can be furnished. Prices are lower than ever before known here, viz.: 7 x 9 to 10 x 16, 8s 6d to 9s per 50 feet; 12 x 16 to 16 x 22, 9s to 9s 6d do., 20 x 30 to 30 x 40, 12s to 13s do. The best Star brand is firmly held at the highest quotations.