

OUR TRADE WITH THE SISTER COLONIES.

THE trade of Canada with the maritime Provinces has fluctuated from one to more than two millions of dollars per annum. It was as follows in the undermentioned year:

Year.	Imports from the maritime Colonies.	Exports to the maritime Colonies.	Total.
1850	\$385,620	\$808,766	\$1,194,386
1851			
1852	490,954	812,139	1,283,093
1853	692,660	1,380,465	2,073,125
1854	675,115	1,529,275	2,204,390
1855	865,988	1,023,447	1,889,435
1856	1,032,695	1,086,041	1,118,636
1857	751,888	875,239	1,627,127
1858	423,526	960,428	1,384,254
1859	381,755	840,475	1,222,230
1860	393,864	723,534	1,117,398
1861	499,177	1,030,939	1,530,116
1862	538,469	826,871	1,365,340
1863	510,713	935,196	1,445,909
1864	93,831	348,090	441,921
1864-5	511,670	1,065,057	1,576,627

The character of this trade may be learned from the returns of the last year, which are as follows:

IMPORTS.			
1864-5.	Amounts.	1864-5.	Amounts.
Gin	\$932	Fruit—green	\$836
Rum	2,645	Furs and Skins	1,524
Brandy	752	Flour	9,864
Molasses	88,443	Oats	626
Coffee—green	4,637	Plaster of Paris	3,825
Sugar—raw	45,092	Hides and Horns	8,907
refined	9,785	Junk and Oakum	6,910
Tobacco—manu'd	5,094	Military & Naval stores	4,977
Boots and Shoes	1,112	Oils—Coconut and Palm	1,180
Clothing	1,199	Rice	597
Cardage	1,375	Salt	5,525
Cottons	13,795	Settlers' goods	3,786
Dr'd Fruits & Nuts	1,112	Ship blocks, cordage, sheaves, trucks, &c.	2,910
Iron & Hardware	6,326	Tea, Sugar, Coffee imported by H. M. Troops	5,588
Manufact'rs of Fur of Wood	15,751	Timber & lumber	10,024
Oil cloths	1,324	Tobacco—unman.	3,652
Oils	723	Vegetables	6,645
Wine in bottles	1,007	Wood—all kinds	1,140
Woolens	7,038	Articles not enumerated above	14,124
Wire & Rod Iron	1,112		
Sails—made up	661		
Anchor	590		
Biscuit and Bread	1,161		
Cables	920		
Coal and Coke	21,170		
Fish—fresh	21,171		
" salt	103,411		
" oil	64,492	Total	\$511,570

EXPORTS.			
1864-5.	Amounts.	1864-5.	Amounts.
Earth oil	631	Manufactures:	
Fish and Fish oil	98,243	viz—Furs	10,196
Lumber, &c.	28,782	India Rubber	10,530
Animals & other Products	146,540	Leather	27,419
Agricultural Products	660,522	Tobacco	21,947
		Other	47,372
		Other articles	14,845
		Total	1065,057

Our commerce with the British West Indies has varied far more than that with the British North American Colonies. The following tables show the extent of our trade with them since 1850:

Years.	Imports from the British West Indies.	Exports to the British West Indies.	Total.
1850	\$4,452	\$8,376	\$12,828
1851			
1852	5,115	13,961	19,076
1853	3,479	8,989	12,468
1854	2,673	8,749	11,422
1855	14,135	10,908	25,043
1856	17,613		17,613
1857	26,823		26,823
1858			
1859	538	7,025	7,563
1860	15,802		15,802
1861	371	12,882	13,253
1862	38,861	13,775	52,636
1863	122,195	57,542	179,737
1864	217,133	14,016	231,149
1864-5	209,329	41,318	250,647

The details of the trade in 1864-5 were as under:—

1864-5.	Imports.	1864-5.	Exports.
Rum	\$5,486	Fish	\$11,124
Molasses	28,971	Lumber	8,836
Coffee	976	Oats	816
Sugar, raw	166,557	Vegetables	214
Spirits for troops	5,632	Hardware	2,285
Other articles	1,757	Machinery	8,222
	\$209,329	Wood, manufact.	19,617
		Other articles	200
		Total	\$41,818

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

James Baillie & Co. Bankhage, Beak & Co. Wm. Borden & Co. James P. Clark. John Douglass & Co. Foulds & Hodgson. Gilmour, White & Co. Lewis, Kay & Co. Joseph May. Thomas May & Co. McIntyre, Denoon & Co. J. Meyer & Co. Munderloh & Steenken. Ogilvy & Co. Ringland, Ewart & Co. A. Robertson & Co. Stirling, McCall & Co. William Stephen & Co. Thomson, Claxton & Co. Alexander Walker. George Winks & Co.

DURING the week just closed the business has been transacted principally on orders, very few buyers from the West having been in the market. In arrivals, we have this week the *Nova Scotian*, whose manifest shows pretty large consignments for this port. When these goods are received the market will be far better assorted than at present. The stock has been pretty well diminished by the steady and active trade of the season, and some little difficulty has been experienced in filling orders. The arrivals by the "*Nova Scotian*," however, will enable importers to supply more readily the necessities of the trade. Although buyers went home earlier than usual this year, yet it would appear that, owing to the high prices of goods in the home markets, they are not operating to any large extent.

COTTONS—Are still quite scarce. When the consignments per *Nova Scotian* shall have been received, the stocks will be improved. Prices however cannot be lower, for the same steamer brings advices that although business has been dull, yet prices are quite firm.

PRINTS—The demand is exceedingly light, and the stock continues ill assorted.

LINENS—Heavy descriptions have been in good request during the week, and the better class of striped hessiers are not now to be had. Some very good sales of linens have been made during the week.

WOOLLENS—The first snap of winter weather which we have had has given an impetus to this department. Stocks of flannels and blankets are consequently being rapidly reduced.

DRESS GOODS—The demand for winseys is yet very active, and certain colors cannot now be had. These goods must soon be difficult to obtain, as the stocks are quickly diminishing. Colored coubours still continue scarce, while blacks are well assorted.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Barber, A. A., & Co. Benny, Macpherson & Co. Bush, George. Buchanan, J., & Co. Crathern & Caverhill. Currie, W. & F. P., & Co. Elliott & Co. Evans, J. H. Evans & Evans. Ferrier & Co. Frazer, F. Forbes, A. H. Frothingham & Workman. Gilbert, E. E. Hall, Joseph N. Hall, Kay & Co. Ireland, W. H. Kershaw & Edwards. Law, Young & Co. McDougall, John. Morland, Watson & Co. Mulholland, & Baker. Simms, F. H. Winn & Holland.

ALTHOUGH the closing of navigation is now at hand, and business is becoming of a settled and dull character, yet there are a few descriptions of iron which are still in good demand. These are, however, the exceptions, and cannot be expected to remain active for any length of time. The boats for the West have been exceedingly busy during the last few weeks; and continue so up to the present. Everybody is endeavouring to secure freight for the stuff which is continually being made ready for shipment, and forwarders are very actively engaged. Of course where there is so much to be shipped within so limited a time, some little anxiety must prevail as to accommodation and freightage. It is hoped that should the orders in hand not be supplied to the West with the usual promptitude, these facts will be borne in mind by dealers.

PIG IRON—So far as the legitimate trade is concerned, the market may be considered exhausted of stock of pigs, and they can only now be had, if at all, in very small quantities, from an occasional dealer. The largest and best houses are entirely cleared out.

BAR IRON—Considering the season, this article is in remarkably good demand. Indeed, it may be regarded as the most active branch of the trade at the present time.

CANADA PLATES—Are now getting exceedingly scarce, and, with a moderate demand, prices remain firm.

TIN PLATES—Are also nearly cleared out of stock. The demand continues good, and prices have advanced. Best brands of I. C. charcoal sell well at \$10.

In England, the demand has been so great for this continent that in the month of September last, the shipments from Liverpool to the single port of New York, were 93,398 boxes. An average shipment of over 8000 boxes each day. Although in October the demand was not found so large, yet the consignments to and

from the same ports were 73,789 boxes, and at the present time the makers in England are so filled with orders, that they find it impossible to meet the demands made on them.

COPPER—Has again advanced £10 per ton in England, which will make a total advance of £20 per ton. This must have somewhat of a check upon the buoyancy of the trade.

CANADA PLATES—Are very scarce, and prices very firm. The least rate at which they can be had in England is £16 per ton.

CUT NAILS—The general demand continues good. Prices are full, but there is no probability of any reduction until after New Year's. All the nails hitherto turned out have been shipped as fast as delivered.

HORSE NAILS—Scarce and difficult to be got.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

James Austin & Co. I. Buchanan & Co. Bacon, Clarke & Co. H. Chapman & Co. Converse, Colson & Lamb. Jas. Douglas & Co. Forester, Moir & Co. Fitzpatrick & Moore. Gillespie, Moffatt & Co. B. Hutchins. Jeffery, Brothers & Co. Kingan & Kinloch. Law, Young & Co. Leeming & Buchanan. E. Maitland, Tyloe & Co. J. A. & H. Mathewson. H. J. Gear. Mitchell, Kinnear & Co. William Nivin & Co. Reuter, Lionsal & Co. Rinmer, Gunn & Co. Robertson & Beattie. David Robertson. Havilland Routh & Co. Sinclair, Jack & Co. Jos. Tiffin & Sons. David Torrance & Co. Thompson, Murray & Co. Alex. Urquhart & Co. Winn & Holland.

THE business of the week has shown considerable improvement on that of the week previous. Several dealers have been in town, and their presence has exercised a favourable influence on trade. The transactions have not, however, been very heavy.

TEAS—The trade sale on account of Messrs. I Buchanan & Co., which was the principal attraction of the week, induced many of the Western buyers to pay another visit to Montreal. The catalogue of Teas was a large one; but, owing to the undesirable nature of a great portion of those offered, the bidding was languid, and nearly three-fourths of the Teas offered were either passed or withdrawn. Some sales by private contract, about 1,500 to 2,000 packages, are reported. The prices, however, in many instances, showed a falling off from those realized at the trade sales at the commencement of the month.

COFFEES—Business light; prices firm.

FISH—Stock very limited, and little doing.

FRUIT—In moderate supply; fair demand.

MOLASSES—In good stock, but the demand is rather light.

RICE—Fair consumptive demand; limited stock.

SALT—Dull. Some sales at auction have been made, of old Salt, at considerably less than quotations.

SPICES—In fair supply. No new feature to report.

SUGARS—Market is rather dull, without any particular change.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

MODERATELY good demand for some descriptions of Leather has prevailed during the week. The sales, however, have merely supplied the immediate necessities of the trade; and as the leading boot and shoe houses will now be engaged in stock-taking, it is not probable that any great activity will characterize transactions for the next month. If they get just sufficient to keep their employes engaged, it is about as much as can be expected of them for the present.

SPANISH SOLE—The demand is of a limited character.

SLAUGHTER SOLE—Receipts light, and very little in market. Prices firm.

ROUGH—A few small packages have been received during the week, but the stock continues light.

SPLITTS—Are meeting with a good demand. A few sales have been made for the United States at good paying prices.

WAXED UPPER—Light in stock, and demand rather quiet; prices, however, unchanged.

GRAINED UPPER—Demand is slightly increasing, but principally for small lots.

PATENT AND ENAMMELED—Good enquiry; several parcels of good have been disposed of.

BUFFED AND PEBBLED—Stocks light. All good lots arriving are readily picked up at our quotations.

CALSKINS—Stocks very light, and receipts small. Prime scarce, and in request at our quotations.

SHEEPSKINS—Demand is pretty fair, but the stock is limited. Prices are firm.

HIDES—Some receipts have been effected during the week, of Green Salted from Chicago, but not sufficient to influence prices, which remain firm.