

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Ballie, James, & Co.  
Bauhaug, Beak & Co.  
Benjamin, Wm. & Co.  
Black, Lewis S. & Co.  
Claxton, T. James, & Co.  
Dougall, John, & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.  
Greenhilda, S. & Co.  
Hingston, James, & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.  
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.  
May, Joseph.  
Mar, Thomas, & Co.  
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.  
Mayer, J., & Co.  
Mier, S. H., & J.  
Muir, W., & R.  
Mundorff & Stecken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Perrot, Anable, & Co.  
Rindell, Ewart, & Co.  
Robertson, A., & Co.  
Roy, Jas., & Co.  
Stephen, William, & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
Winks, George, & Co.

CONTINUED activity still marks this Department of Trade, and the past week has been, on the whole, a busy one, a great many goods having been sold, and at the present time there are a great number of buyers in the market. Most of the buyers from the cities and large towns have been down, and made, we think, larger parcels than usual for the season; from some of the earliest buyers duplicate orders have been received, shewing an active and satisfactory early trade. The merchants now in town appear to be buying freely, but not more than is necessary for their legitimate wants, and express themselves generally well satisfied with the winter's business, and appear to be in good spirits respecting the future.

Stocks appear, notwithstanding the large aggregate sales, both large and well assorted, and although buyers may find that some houses may be out of some articles, yet there is now no difficulty in procuring a good general assortment, probably better than at any previous time this season. A large quantity of goods continue to be brought by each steamer to Portland, and the imports show each week a large excess compared with last year. To the 7th of April, they compare as follows:—

	1865.	1866.
Cottons.....	\$638,018	\$1,793,633
Woolens.....	67,576	1,702,642
Fancy Goods.....	41,213	67,952
Silks, &c.....	116,533	293,252

Still, we think, taking into consideration the large stock held on the 1st January, 1866, and the increased sales of 1866, the stocks now on hand are not much larger, if any, than at this time last year, with the decided advantage, that nearly all are new goods this season.

The trade circulars from Britain still continue to report a large and satisfactory business at advancing rates, both for Cotton in Liverpool and goods in Manchester; still, from the latest telegrams, we think there appear indications of weakness in the price of both, and we should not be surprised to see a decline in raw cotton, but while the demand continues so large for goods there can be little change for some time to come, we think caution should be the policy of all parties interested. Some parties think that with a stock of cotton in Liverpool amounting to nearly half a million bales, prices must come down, yet when we say that at the present rate of sales, which will average on 70,000 bales weekly, there is not more than seven weeks' supply on hand, and again that the stock of cotton in Liverpool on 5th June, 1866, was the enormous quantity (compare with the present stock) of one million three hundred and fifty-eight thousand bales, we think there is little cause for the expectation that there will be any sudden marked reduction. We think, nevertheless, that a gradual accumulation of stock may be looked for in Liverpool for the future and with that a gradual reduction in prices.

In Linens we have nothing special to report: stocks here are light, and prices continue fully sustained on the other side. Woollens of all descriptions are in good supply, with a good demand for all desirable goods. Wools and Woollen goods continue firm and advancing in the manufacturing districts. Silk goods are dear, and with a small stock are likely to be scarce before the end of the season.

## Latest quotations by Telegraph.

The S. S. Asia from Liverpool on the 31st ult., via, Queenstown on the 1st inst, arrived at Halifax on the afternoon of the 11th. Consols closed at 86½ to 86¾; Canadian securities generally had declined in consequence of anticipated Fenian attack. United States securities also lower, 5,20s, 70, to 70¼, Breadstuffs quiet and quotations barely sustained.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Chapman H., & Co.  
Childs, George, & Co.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.  
Fitzpatrick of Moore.  
Fournier, Jules.  
Gilliespie, Moffatt & Co.  
Gear, Henry J.  
Hutchins H., & Co.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kings & Kinloch.  
Leeming & Buchanan.  
Maitland, R. Tylee & Co.  
Mathewson, J. A. & H.  
Mitchell, Kincaid & Co.

Niriv, William, & Co.  
Neal, James S., & Co.  
Reuter, Lionele & Co.  
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Beattie.  
South, Harland & Co.  
Sunderson & Co.  
Schneider, Bond & Co.  
Sinclair, Jack & Co.  
Stirling, J. C., & Son.  
Thomson, Murray & Co.  
Turner, David, & Co.  
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.  
Winn & Holland.  
Withers, Joy & Co.

IN general groceries, we have still to report great dullness. The principal business since our last has been in tea, which have changed hands to a considerable extent. There have been a few Western buyers in the market, but they are purchasing but sparingly. SUGAR.—There is some enquiry for good fair Cuba, with sales at 89½ to 89½. In Porto Rico, we do not hear of any transactions having occurred. Extra bright is held at 29.75 to 30.

The Imports for 1866 to the 7th instant, amounted to 3,669,474 lbs., against 3,093,874 lbs. for corresponding period of 1865.

MOLASSES.—There is nothing doing, and prices are unchanged.

TEA.—We have to report sales of about 2000 packages to jobbers, chiefly low and medium grades of uncoloured Japans and Young Hysons—the former at from 5½ to 5½c., and the latter at from 6c. to 8c. for medium and fine qualities.

The Imports to 7th April, from January 1st, were 606,693 lbs., and 429,919 lbs. for corresponding period of last year.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.  
Buchanan, J., & Co.  
Charlesworth, A., & Co.  
Crathern & Caverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Fraser & Evans.  
Fraser, P.  
Gilbert, F. E.

Hall, Kay & Co.  
Holland, W. H.  
Kershaw & Edwards.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Mutholland, & Baker.  
Robertson, Jas.  
Round, John & Sons.  
Stimms, F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

THE reduction in stocks of most heavy goods has checked business somewhat, yet there has been a fair amount of activity, and orders are not slow in coming in. Prices are firm and likely to continue so, as all metals are, by our latest English advices, quoted firm, with an advancing tendency, except copper which has still further declined.

BLOCK TIN.—Is in small supply with however no great demand.

COPPER.—Notwithstanding a further decline of £5 per ton for Pig Copper in England, prices here are fully maintained, owing to the very small quantity in market.

CUT NAILS.—Assorted are firm at 4s. Iron masters declining to receive orders below that price, in consequence of the large quantity already disposed of.

IRON.—Pig nominal at our quotations, there being none in market. The price in Glasgow is still maintained, although makers are turning out large quantities. No change to notice in Bars, Hoops or Plates. The imports of Iron of all kinds for this year up to April 7th, were \$65,432, against \$66,118 for same time last year.

TIN PLATES.—A fair amount of business is being done in these, and some sizes are becoming very short in market.

## MONEY MARKET.

MONEY still continues in good supply, all the legitimate wants of the merchants being freely met. The renewed reports concerning the Fenian movements have had no effect on the deposits of the Savings Banks, people generally seeming to have arrived at the wise conclusion, that their money is safer in the guarded vaults of the Banks than it could be in their own individual possession. Sterling Exchange is firmer, in consequence of an advance which has taken place in New York. We quote 60 days Bankers' bills at 107½ to 107¾, some of the Banks asking even higher figures.

GOLD.—Has ranged during the week from 125 to 128. Latest quotations 127. Bank drafts on New York 21 to 21½ per cent. discount. Greenbacks 21½ to 21¾ per cent. discount.

SILVER.—In active demand, with less abundant supply. Buying, 3½ to 3½ discount; selling 3 per cent. discount.

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs,  
Dougall J., & Co.  
Hus & Richardson.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.  
Seymour, C. E.  
Seymour, M. H.

Shaw F. & Bro.

THE business of the week has been fair, and sales have been rather in advance of receipts of most kinds of stock. This has produced a scarcity of some classes of leather, and prices, though in the main unchanged, are slightly stiffer.

SPANISH SOLE.—We hear of no important sales having taken place during the week, but prices are steady, and no decline is anticipated at present.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Has been in less demand; transactions have been chiefly in heavy average, light being but little inquired for.

HARNES.—Exhibits rather a downward tendency, and is quiet, with a good stock in market.

WAXED UPPER.—We hear of considerable sales having taken place during the week at about our quotations, and these have very greatly reduced the Stock. Prices have altered but little, but exhibit great firmness.

GRAINED UPPER.—No Stock in market.

BUFF AND PERBLED.—The chief demand is for *Perbled*, of medium substance, but strictly first-class of both sorts is in poor supply.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—The supply is unequal to the demand, and some difficulty is experienced by buyers in supplying their needs.

CALF-SKINS.—Prime are still scarce, but some small lots of ordinary are being received.

SPLITA.—Arrives sparingly. There is a continued good demand for medium and light weight at full prices.

SHEEP SKINS.—The demand is good, and sales are being effected at full prices, especially for light stock. The supply of heavy is very small. *Colored Linings*, are inactive, with but a small stock in market.

HIDES.—The stock in market is very much reduced but there is little or no call at this season, nor will there be till the opening of navigation.

List of Vessels Building under the Rules of Lloyds' Registry of Shipping, at the Port of Quebec, on the 29th of March, 1866, all of which are to be launched this season.

By whom building.	Tonnage.	Progress to date.	For what class intended.	Whether for sale or under contract.
H Dinning .....	1100	Planked	7	Sale
Do .....	500	1/2 finish'd	7	do
Do .....	700	Planked	7	do
Do .....	500	Comm'd	7	do
Do .....	500	do	7	do
J E Gingras .....	1500	Frame'd	7	do
Do .....	1150	1/2 finish'd	7	do
Do .....	650	3/4 do	7	do
Do .....	120	1/2 laid	7	do
I V Valin .....	1150	1/2 finish'd	7	do
Do .....	600	R'dy 1/2 ch	7	do
Do .....	350	1/2 finish'd	7	do
W H Baldwin .....	450	R'dy 1/2 ch	7	do
Do .....	1250	Planked	7	do
Do .....	1300	Framed	7	do
Charland & Co. ....	1300	Planked	7	do
Do .....	1100	1/2 finish'd	7	Con
Do .....	800	do	7	do
N Rosa .....	1200	do	7	Sale
Do .....	800	Plank'd	7	do
Do .....	600	Framing	7	Con
E W Sewell .....	820	1/2 finish'd	7	Sale
Do .....	575	do	7	do
Do .....	230	Framing	7	do
John Gilmour .....	1200	1/2 finish'd	7	do
Do .....	1200	Framing	7	do
T H Olivier .....	500	R'dy 1/2 ch	7	do
Do .....	400	Comm'd	7	do
Lachance & Co. ....	740	Iron fra'o	8	do
Do .....	400	Plank'd	7	do
Valin & Dugal .....	550	Plank'd	7	Con
Do .....	1300	Framed	7	Sale
J & G Samson .....	1250	Plank'd	7	do
Do .....	450	Framing	7	do
Labbee & Co. ....	200	1/2 finish'd	7	Con
Do .....	340	Framed	7	Sale
Dunn, Samson & Co. ....	1150	Plank'd	7	do
Do .....	750	Framing	7	do
Shipwrights' Ass. ....	500	Plank'd	7	do
L Rosa .....	120	1/2 finish'd	7	do
Richard & Co. ....	1000	Framing	7	do
McKay & Warner .....	500	1/2 finish'd	7	do
H Dubord .....	1350	Framing	7	do
Do .....	800	Framed	7	do
Cantint .....	200	Plank'd	7	Con
E Berry .....	1300	do	7	Sale
Do .....	1300	Framing	7	do
Do .....	600	do	7	do

\* Building at Pointe-aux-Trembles.

† Building at Montreal.

‡ Building at Kingston, C. W.