

business was done. A large number of small buyers have been in and kept the different houses very busy. Cottons are selling off lively and the stock is running low. Woolens are in good stock but from present indications, all will be pretty well cleared out by the time the season has closed. In fancy goods, hoop-skirts, etc., there is a very fair amount of activity; we hear no complaints of dullness among the dry goods men. Payments are spoken of as slow, but now that barley has begun to move there will soon be a gratifying change in this respect.

GROCERIES.—There is not so much activity in groceries as in dry goods. *Sugars*—Continue very firm and tend upward in price. *Fruits*—The last English mail brings advices of large arrivals of new currants which were held at high figures. New Valencias were also to hand. "New Muscatels may be expected in about ten days. There has been another arrival of new Sultanias; the quality promises well for the rest of the crop, and the quality promises well for the rest of the crop, and prices are more moderate than we had expected. New Elemé Figs have arrived in London as well as at Liverpool; prices are moderate, and the quality of some of the marks encourages us to hope for some fine fruit this season. New Imperials will not be here before the end of the month. New Apricots and Elvas Plums have arrived of the latter is exceptionally fine."

PRODUCE.—The barley season has now opened in earnest. Receipts on the street for the past seven days foot up to 75,000 or 80,000 bushels. The sample is somewhat better, but is still very variable; inferior sells as low as 60c., and is not wanted, prices range up from that figure to 83c. Four vessels have cleared with barley for Oswego; the schooner J. J. Hill with 5,427 bush., shipped by G. Laidlaw; the C. Gearing with 6,670 bush., shipped by L. Coffee & Co.; the Scudd with 6,810 bush., shipped by H. Conlin; and the Royal Oak with 6,519, and shipped by P. E. Drake—total 25,726. The rate of freight paid was 3c. American currency. One cargo is leaving for Ogdensburg, not included above, freight 5c. *Wheat*—Nothing doing, old spring would bring \$1 to \$1.05. No new spring or fall coming in. Fall is nominal at the figures quoted for Spring. *Oats*—Are worth 35c. for car loads, very little doing. *Peas*—Are nominal at about 70c., no receipts or sales. *Flour*—There is none offering and not much demand. There are buyers of superfine at about \$4.50.

LEATHER.—The market has steadily improved during the past fortnight; the demand is better for all kinds, upper has moved off pretty fairly, but the market will only absorb a limited quantity. Prices of butter are firm and tending upwards.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter* is rather weaker; there is now no demand at the extreme quotations of last week, and the market may be quoted 3c. lower. There is not much offering, holders ask 18½c. to 19c. for choice tub, buyers would give 17c. to 18c.; sale 50 tubs choice at 18c. *Cheese*—The demand is solely of a retail character, at 11½c. to 12½c. *Pork*—No old mess in the market; new sells at \$18.50 to \$19. Extra prime, old, is worth \$22 to \$24. *Bacon*—The demand is but trifling at 12½c. to 13c. *Hams*—Little doing, covered sell at 14c. to 15c. *Lard*—A small demand at 14c. to 17c. according to quality. *Eggs*—Packed in shipping order are selling at 12½c. to 13c., loose 11c. to 12c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are coming in more plentifully, the demand is good and prices are firm at quotations. Calfskins are nominal. The supply of sheep skins, from the country, is on the increase, and all that arrive are picked up at once.

The following are the Grand Trunk Railway Company's summer rates from Toronto to the undermentioned stations, which came into force on the 19th ult.:—Flour to all Stations from Belleville to Lynn, inclusive 25c; grain, per 100 lbs., 13c; flour to Prescott, 30c; grain 15c; flour to all stations between Island Pond and Portland, inclusive, 75c; grain, 38c; flour to Boston, 80c,

gold; grain 40c; flour to Halifax, 90c; flour to St. John, 85c.

The Grand Trunk rates to Liverpool are:—Flour 4s. stg. per bbl.; wheat 8s. 6d. stg. per quarter; and boxed meats 55s. per ton.

Halifax Market.

BREADSTUFFS.—Sept. 21—Flour—The market is fairly stocked. We quote Canada No. 1 \$6 to \$6.10 for ordinary; choice brands command 10c. and 20c. more; Extra in small supply, at \$6.40 to \$6.75; No. 2, \$5.50; Extra State, \$6 to \$6.10. Rye dull at \$4.50 to \$4.60. Oatmeal in fair supply at \$6 to \$6.15 for Canada. Cornmeal scarce and firm at \$4.50 for kiln dried; Fresh Ground, \$4.25.

Imports from January 1st to September 12th, 1868 and 1869:—

	Brls. Flour.	Brls. Cornmeal.
1869.....	97,564	20,653
1868.....	130,143	40,381

FISH.—Cod arriving freely, and demand continues for all descriptions. Large Codfish, \$4.25; Small, \$3.75. Haddock, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Hake, \$2. Mackerel, very scarce, at \$13 for No. 1; \$9 for No. 2's large; \$7 for No. 2; and \$7 for No. 3 large. Herring unchanged at \$4 to \$4.25 for Shore Split; and \$3.50 for Bay Island Split. Salmon, No. 1, \$13.50; No. 2, \$12.50; No. 3, \$10.

FINANCIAL.—Bank drawing rates London 60 days, 12½ per cent. premium; New York Gold Drafts at sight, 4 per cent. premium; Currency Drafts, 23 per cent. discount; Montreal Sight Drafts, 4 per cent. premium; New Brunswick Sight Drafts, 3½ per cent. premium; Newfoundland Sight Drafts, 5 per cent. premium. Private bills, ½ to 1 per cent. lower than bank rates.—R. C. Hamilton's Circular.

Demerara Sugar Market.

The following is from Sandbach, Parker & Co's. circular, dated, Georgetown, Demerara, 23rd August, 1869.

SUGARS.—Since the arrival of the four vessels from New York there has been considerable animation in the market, the demand has been more for yellow qualities, say 15 to 17 D.S., rather than the higher class, and the lower grades have realized better prices in proportion. Sales have been made at \$6.75 to \$7 for No. 17 up to \$7.05 for No. 18. Muscovadoes are without change, say \$4 for No. 10 to \$4.60 for No. 12.

MOLASSES.—There has been an enquiry for best Vacuum Pan, and sales made 28 to 33c. Muscovadoes from 20 to 26c.

RUM.—Enquired for for Halifax at 55c., but no sellers.

Groceries at Montreal.

Imports of following Groceries for eight months ending 31st August, 1869, as compared with the same period, 1868:

	1869.	Quantity.	Value.
Sugar, lbs.....	47481039		\$2218573
Molasses, gal.....	14425313		340475
Melada, lbs.....	27958769		509712
Tea black, lbs.....	851893		239011
" green, ".....	5316059		4767044
Dried fruit and nuts.....	6417706		356407
	1868.		
Sugar, lbs.....	23410475		1114817
Molasses, gal.....	4675731		114643
Melada, lbs.....	10503524		389238
Tea black, lbs.....	205492		67913
" green, ".....	2022430		701900
Dried Fruit and Nuts.....	1985653		77700

Pennsylvania Oil Wells.

The production during August was materially enlarged by the finding of new wells. The daily average, shown by the shipments during the month and the stocks on hand on the first days of August and September, was 12,157 barrels of forty-three gallons, or an increase of 460 barrels over the daily average for July, and for 176 barrels over the daily average last year. The following table shows the production during August, the average

per day, the production previously reported in 1867, and the average per day since January 1st; the product from January 1st to September 1st last year, and the average per day for the same time:

Total shipment of crude for Aug. of bbls. of 45 galls. each.....	336,907
Add to reduce to bbls. of 43 galls each.....	14,973
Total shipment of bbls. of 43 galls each.....	351,880
Stock on hand August 1st.....	307,136
Stock on hand September 1st.....	332,139
Add increase on September 1st.....	24,933
Total production during August.....	376,873
Average per day for 31 days.....	12,157
Production previously reported.....	2,255,988
Total production since January 1st.....	2,632,861
Average per day for 43 days.....	10,843
Total production same time last year.....	2,382,799
Average per day same time last year, 244 days.....	9,806
Average per day during August last year.....	11,911

Grain "in sight" Sept. 18.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
	bush.	bush.	bush.
In store at New York.....	683,881	314,205	50,585
In store at Buffalo.....	232,863	607,082	100,206
In store at Chicago.....	496,034	1,341,547	192,307
In store at Milwaukee.....	171,000		
Afloat on N. Y. Canals for tide water.....	1,156,825	937,609	257,998
Afloat on lakes for Buffalo and Oswego.....	753,178	382,047	267,566
Rail shipments from Chicago and Toledo.....	200,087	501,511	205,922
Total, Sept. 18th.....	3,094,868	1,184,601	1,074,474
Sept. 11th.....	3,292,015	3,552,828	1,213,514
Sept. 4th.....	4,408,008	3,389,136	1,046,587
Aug. 28th.....	3,711,516	2,538,887	752,743
Aug. 21st.....	3,196,901	2,498,356	709,540

The following will show the receipts at the principal American lake ports, from 1st Aug. to 18 September:

	1869.	1868.	1867.
Flour, brls.....	557,379	831,513	722,058
Wheat, bus.....	8,769,501	9,122,903	8,201,945
Corn, bus.....	7,777,547	6,872,418	6,045,648
Oats, bus.....	2,558,024	6,237,333	4,542,239
Barley, bus.....	183,347	614,596	1,064,372
Rye, bus.....	289,748	839,477	749,129
Total grain, bus.....	19,578,167	23,686,727	20,403,333

Petroleum.

The following were the exports of Petroleum from the United States, from January 1st to September 21:

	1869.	1868.
From New York...Galls. 48,124,858	41,069,575	
Boston.....	1,742,300	1,854,397
Philadelphia.....	20,277,654	27,800,053
Baltimore.....	822,678	2,839,605
Portland.....		568,970
New Bedford.....		
Cleveland.....		

Total export from the U. States.....	71,026,490	72,832,600
Same time 1867.....		44,895,248
Same time 1866.....		42,252,859

The International Sugar Treaty.

The delicate question of the classification of sugars was supposed to be definitively settled by the International Treaty concluded between England, France, Belgium, and the Netherlands, but it has now cropped up again in France; for the sugars refiners at Marseilles are loudly complaining that the custom-house at that port classifies as No. 15 what is barely better than No. 13, and vastly inferior to the Dutch type No. 15. They therefore require their Government to procure standard samples identical with those of the general trade. In reply to their petition, the Minister for Commerce acknowledged the justice of their complaints, and admitted the necessity of remodelling the standard types, but confessed that the French Government were powerless to give any redress without the approbation and concurrence of the foreign Governments co-signatories of the treaty. He added that the needful negotiations had been opened with them on that subject, which, he hoped, would lead to more satisfactory and effective measures.—*London Grocer* Sept. 11th.