

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Ballila, James, Co.
Baukhage, Brak & Co.
Johnston, James, & Co.
Clark, Jas. P. & Co.
Clanton, T. James, & Co.
Davis, Welch & Co.
Goulds & Hodgson.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Gronshields, N. Son & Co.
Harrison, Telfer, & Co.
Hughes Brothers.
Jerrin, Kay & Co.
MacFarlane, Andrew, & Co.
MacKenzie J. G. & Co.
Thomas, Thibault & Co.

MacKay, Joseph, & Bro.
May, Joseph.
May, Thomas, & Co.
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McIntyre, Denison & Co.
S. H. & Co.
Muir, W., & Co.
Mundelich & Stuenkel.
Ogilvy & Co.
Plymouth, Aubin & Co.
Robertson, J. & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Still, W. M. & Co.

THE past week has been one of increased activity. Trade may now be considered as having fully commenced for the fall. There have been quite a number of Western buyers in the market, and, as we write, many of the warehouses are quite busy with customers from the West. Orders are coming in more freely, and there is every indication that the coming week will tax the importers to the utmost to supply the wants of the trade. This is fully a week or even ten days later than last year, owing partly to the elections, partly to the large stock in the hands of country merchants, (which they wisely wished to see reduced), and also to the desire to see the harvest safe before increasing their stocks. This may now be considered safe, and at least a full average is reported from nearly all districts, so that the trade of the country will doubtless warrant storekeepers laying in the ordinary amount of goods, with a fair prospect, not only of disposing of them, but of being able to pay for them at maturity.

We now report stocks full and complete in every respect, and the warehouses never looked better stocked. Goods look attractive, and many fancy goods are entirely new in style. Dress goods are in full supply, and we think this class of goods never looked more enticing. We look for all classes of fancy goods a quick sale, and of course all novelties will be in short supply. Staples of all kinds are in full stock. The demand thus far has been fair for all descriptions, and for some classes the demand has been large but fully met, and there is no appearance of anything being short in this department. Prices keep well up, and as stocks are not over large in any desirable lines, we think buyers may safely count on prices being sustained for the present. As goods keep firm in prices on the other side, although we do not look for any advance, we hardly think there will be much, if any reduction for some time to come, still goods in this market cannot be higher this season. The present prospects for a fair average trade are good, and we shall be disappointed if this is not realized.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, G. H., & Co.
Chapman, Fraser & Tyee.
Chapman H., & Co.
C. M. George, & Co.
C. M. George & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Moore, Temple & Hachette.
Fournier Jules.
Frank, J. C., & Co.
Gilliepie, McDuff & Co.
Jaffery, Brothers & Co.

Anderson, John & Co.
Kingsman & Kinloch.
Mitchell, James.
Thelan, Joseph.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Joe., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
West, Bros.

WE have no improvement to note in this department of trade, orders from the country coming in slowly, and business in town, owing to the elections going on, and which, for some time past, have engrossed general attention, is about at a stand-still.

TEAS.—Nothing doing worthy of mention.

COFFEE.—No transactions, the only enquiry being for Java.

SCORR.—The demand is neither large nor spirited, but quotations are maintained. Fair to good Porto Rico is quoted at \$8½ to \$9½, and fine Barbados at \$8½ to \$9½ per 100 lbs.

MOLASSES.—No transactions reported, and the market shows a somewhat easier feeling. Centrifugal may be quoted at from 32½c to 34c, Clayed, 34c to 36c; Muscovado, 37½c to 41c.

FRUITS.—Holders have shown some disposition to accept lower prices. We may quote Raisins, Layers, in lots of 100 boxes, at \$2.25. M. Ra. scarce, and holders asking \$2.10 to \$2.10. No Valentias in market. Loose Muscatels in 50 lb boxes, 8½c to 9c. Eleme Figs, in 2 lb boxes, 12c to 13c. Sicily Filberts, 7½c to 8c. Naples, 6c to 6½c. Walnuts, 6c to 7c, according to quality. In the absence of new crop which will not be out till early in October, we may expect these figures to remain unchanged for some time.

RICE.—Is a little easier. Good samples of Arracan bring 8½c to 8c in round lots, while some lots to arrive are offering at rather lower figures.

SALT.—Not quite so firm, in view of late arrivals, but quotations are entirely unchanged.

LICORNS.—Montreal High Wines, by the car load, have been sold at equal to \$1.20 duty paid. Transactions have only been for parcels in bond. In other liquor prices are without alteration.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Charlebois, A. & Co.
Currie & Carverhill.
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Evans & Evans.
F. and T. H. May.
Fraser & Co.
Fraser, F.

Gilbert, E. E.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Inglis, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards.
Morrison, Watson & Co.
Mullins, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Wadell & Pearce.

DURING the past fortnight business has been exceedingly dull, and marked by an almost total absence of transactions. Some orders from the country have been received, but there too trade has been very greatly checked by the election excitement. Stocks, however, are generally reported as quite low, and expectations are that between now and the close of navigation, a large amount of goods will be shipped to the West.

Heavy goods are reported firm at our quotations, holders being stiff in their askings, the disposition being not to press sales, even at present rates, but to hold on for more paying prices. The high outward freights also tend to give firmness to the market, and it is improbable that either pig or bar iron will be purchasable during the coming season lower than at present. Cut nails are unchanged, but held firmly, and manufacturers' order books are full for some months to come.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Hua & Richardson.
Seymour, C. E.

Seymour, M. H.
Shaw, F. & Bros.
Smith & Edmondson.

WE have to report a continued fair demand for stock, with corresponding sales, and prices of some descriptions are very firm, owing to a diminished supply.

SPANISH SOLE.—The receipts have not been large, consequently stocks are not increasing, and rates are firm.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Is still neglected, there being no inquiry whatever, so that concessions in prices would hardly effect sales.

HARNESS.—Has a moderate inquiry, with only a limited stock, prime commanding our quotations.

WAXED UPPER.—The receipts have been somewhat more liberal, but all desirable stock is readily absorbed for manufacturing at recent figures.

GRAINED UPPER.—Is more quiet, sales the past week having been limited.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—The latter of choice makes is still in poor supply, and prices are buoyant. The former is more plentiful, with a good demand for both descriptions.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Are yet neglected, no sales of any consequence occurring.

CALFSKINS.—Very difficult of sale, the market tolerably well supplied and outside figures are only obtained for Extra.

SPLITS.—Heavy are still chiefly enquired for, and sales of all arriving easily made.

SHEEPSKINS.—Very quiet, the demand the past week having been light.

HIDES.—We hear of no change; receipts have been a trifle larger, but no heavy lots are offering.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co.
Hunter, Puffy & Johnson.
Linton & Cooper.

McLaren, W. & Co.
Smith & Gossard.
Smith & Edmondson.

THE chief business done so far has been in orders taken by travellers, and these have been to a fair extent. Any buyers now in the city are at present engaged in laying in their stocks of dry goods, and will not turn their attention to boots and shoes till afterward. Prices for heavy work are in the main firm, though the competition for business is keen, resulting in some cutting under.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Cameron & Ross.
Conroy, Colman & Lamb.
Crawford, James.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.

Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Loring, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—As noted in our last report, holders have been decided on freely meeting the views of proposing purchasers for export to the Lower Provinces, a considerable business has been done, chiefly in city ground Supers from Western Wheat, at \$7 to \$7.10; several large parcels have changed hands. The local enquiry has been restricted to choice strong Supers, which, when perfect in quality and condition, have realized very exceptional prices from their scarcity. Ordinary Supers, defective in strength, color or ap-

pearance, are in overstock and pressing at low prices, with very little sale. In higher and lower grades there is no demand worthy of note. *Bag Flour*.—The choicest samples alone command any attention; other qualities are neglected. *Rye Flour*.—No sales during the week, prices are entirely nominal.

GRAIN.—In *Wheat* the transactions are confined to cargoes of Chicago and Milwaukee. No. 2 Chicago has been sold at \$1.35 to \$1.36 on the spot and to arrive; for Milwaukee No. 1 \$1.40 is asked. U. C. Spring has been arriving very sparingly, and is in the hands of millers only. *Pease*.—A cargo sale or two have been made at 90c. per 60 lbs on the spot or to arrive within a short time. *Barley and Oats*.—Nothing doing as yet.

PORK.—All kinds are steady with a very light demand. In *Meat* alone there any show of activity.

BUTTER.—With the exception of a small city local demand we are still without enquiry for butter for export, either to Britain or the Maritime provinces; a strictly choice article, from scarcity, will command exceptional prices, but the average of the butter sent forward this season is inferior, and greatly wanting, both in quality and condition. Now that the cool weather has set in, an improvement is looked for, and when such is the case at moderate prices, a fair and profitable trade may be anticipated. Medium and ordinary butter is and will continue a drug throughout the season, and those merchants in the West who persistently take in poor qualities at the price of good, making no distinction in the values, must make up their minds to suffer loss in consequence.

ASHES.—Pots have been gradually creeping up in value the past few days, a sound parcel showing a gain as the tars were sold at \$6 per 100 lbs. *Pearls* are unsteady, and quotations barely maintained.

PETROLEUM.—The continuance of the uncertainty with regard to storage and insurance still greatly depresses the market and prevents any disposition to operate either on the part of consumers or speculators. Quotations are merely the asking rates, and to a great extent nominal.

NEW YORK LUMBER MARKET

New York, Sept. 3rd—1897.

Lumber, Woods, Staves, &c.—Duty: Lumber, 20 per cent. ad val.; Staves, 10 per cent. ad val.
Spruce, Eastern, per M ft. 19..... 19 ..
Bird's-Eye Maple, logs, per sup ft. 6 .. 7
Black walnut, logs 8 .. 9
Black walnut, crotches 15 .. 20
Black walnut, figured and blistered 22 .. 125
Yellow Pine Timber, Georgia 60 .. 60
White oak, logs, per cub. ft. 45 .. 50
White oak, plank, per M ft. 50 55 ..
White pine shipping boards 30 ..

STAVES.

White oak, pipe, extra, per M 275 ..
White oak, pipe, heavy 225 ..
White oak, pipe, light 175 ..
White oak, pipe, culis, heavy 170 ..
White oak, pipe, culis, light 285 ..
White oak, hhd., extra 175 ..
White oak, hhd., heavy 175 ..
White oak, hhd., light 110 ..
White oak, hhd., culis 100 ..
White oak, bbl., extra 150 ..
White oak, bbl., heavy 115 ..
White oak, bbl., light 90 ..
White oak, bbl., culis 60 ..
Red oak, hhd., heavy 120 ..
Red oak, hhd., light 80 ..
Heading—White oak, hhd. 140 ..
Heading—White oak, double bbl. 240 ..

ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

NAME OF INSOLVENT.	RESIDENCE.	NAME OF ASSIGNEE.
Blair, James.	Wallerston.	W. Collins.
Colman, Edward.	Glenshard Town.	Thos. Miller.
Cowan, Andrew.	Uxbridge.	James Holden.
Harvey, John Joseph.	Montreal.	A. B. Stewart.
Hutchinson, Charles.	London.	Thos. Church.
Jackson, James Bennett.	Chatham.	Richard Monck.
James, William.	Caoyga.	Joseph Hursell.
Martin, Edward.	St. Anne de la.	T. Santagran.
Peckler, Joseph.	Seni.	G. I. Barthe.
Robertson, John.	Brantford.	A. W. Smith.
Russell, George Hiram.	Ottawa.	Francis Glenow.

APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE.
Agnew, John N.	Toronto.	Nov. 6
Anderson, Alexander.	Oshawa.	Nov. 2
Jardine, Robert Charles.	Bundas.	Oct. 30
Lange, Ezekiel Foster.	Simcoe.	Nov. 9
Little, James.	London.	Nov. 11
Rose, Colin Henderson.	Chatham.	Nov. 4