

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.
Baukhage, Book & Co.
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.
Black, Lewis S. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Dowell, John, & Co.
Foulds & Holcomb
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenhalghs, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
May, Joseph.
Winks, George, & Co.

May, Thomas, & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Meyer, J., & Co.
Moss, S. H., & J.
Mumford & Steencken.
Ogilby & Co.
Preston, Amable, & Co.
Ringland, Kwart & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas. & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.

WE have to report since our last a very large business done, our wholesale merchants, with few if any exceptions, having as much as they can manage to serve their customers and ship the goods sold. In fact, in some houses, there are piles of goods sold, remaining unentered from want of time, even by working until after midnight. We venture to say that a larger quantity of goods has been sold in this city during the past ten days than during the same time in any previous spring. A continuance of this activity for a week or two longer would very greatly reduce the stock of dry goods held here. This may now be reported as complete in every department, and both large and attractive. The principal inducement offered to buyers is in the price, as we learn on careful inquiry that goods are being sold at a very low advance, in order to secure as much as possible the Western trade of Canada. It is too early for us to give an opinion as to the supply of general goods, whether the market is likely to be over or understocked, but we find all classes of staples moving off briskly, with indications that grey and white cottons will fall short of the demand. Prints are also selling freely, and if there are not many more coming forward, we think they will be scarce at the end of the season. The Liverpool and Manchester markets for cotton are reported considerably advanced, with an upward tendency. The sales for the week ending the 10th were unusually large, amounting to over 91,000 bales, 33,600 bales of which were for speculation and export. An advance of 1½d. was obtained on American, and of 1d. on other descriptions. The goods market had participated in the advance, and great difficulty was being experienced in placing orders except at a decided advance, it being hard to find desirable goods in stock. Consequently, those orders sent lately from this side will be filled at prices much higher than was paid for the goods now in stock here. There appears to be an impression on the minds of some, that, owing to the great decline in prices in New York, this market will be affected to some extent, but we cannot see that this is likely to be the case, as it matters not how much glutted the market there may be, goods once thrown on the market cannot be sent on here; and besides, so few staple goods suitable for this market are brought to New York, that we need look for no interference from there in this department. Goods manufactured in the United States are still much higher than they can be imported for, and can therefore only be sold here at a considerable loss. There will doubtless be some lots of fancy goods sent here for sale later in the season, but we do not anticipate that much will be done in them, the styles and colorings being so different from those here. We are glad to report the arrangements for an *Express Freight Train* complete, so that goods can now be forwarded to the West promptly and rapidly. All goods for this train must be marked "G. T. R. Express Freight." For hours of departure, &c., we refer to the advertisement in another column, the arrangement coming into effect on Monday the 2nd of April.

The following are the estimated stocks of cotton in Liverpool, March 9th, 1865 and 1866, with the amounts taken by the trade in 10 weeks, and the amounts at sea for Great Britain:—

| | 1866. | 1865. |
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| Estimated Stock, March 9 | bales 366,750 | 583,410 |
| Taken by the trade in 10 weeks | " 412,610 | 230,969 |
| Amount at sea, American | " 120,000 | 25,000 |
| East India | " 608,000 | 250,000 |

The increase of imports for 1866, to March 9, as compared with 1865, was 149,200 bales, while the increase of quantity taken for consumption was 221,630 bales, and the large sales of the week following will make this increase still greater. The stock on hand, March 16th, was only 340,000 bales, of which 193,000 were American.

The imports of woollens and cottons for the week have been very heavy, and the returns from 1st January to 24th March, show an extraordinary increase as compared with same period of 1865. The following are the figures:—

| | To 24th M'ch 1865. | To 24th M'ch 1866. |
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| Cottons | \$579,046 | \$1,661,693 |
| Woollens | 677,791 | 1,616,181 |
| Silks and velvets | 80,767 | 258,068 |
| Fancy Goods | 33,409 | 62,100 |

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Thomson H. & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Oulton & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Pittspatrick & Moore.
Fournier, Jules.
Hilfscie, Moffatt & Co.
Hutchins B., & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Kington & Kinloch.
Leeming & Buchanan.
Valliant, E. Tylee & Co.
Mathewson, J. A. & H.
Mitchell, Kinnear & Co.
Nevin, William, & Co.

Noal, James R., & Co.
Reuter, Lomala & Co.
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.
Robertson & Beattie.
Routh, Havilland & Co.
Saunderson & Co.
Schneider, Bond & Co.
Sincclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Jos., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.
Winn & Holland.
Withers, Joy & Co.

WE have not much improvement to notice in the General Grocery business since our last, there being no out-of-town buyers in the market, and orders coming in very slowly.

SUGARS.—We hear of sales of some 700 hhds. of very dark refining sugar on terms which have not transpired, and of about 100 hhds. of Grocery at 9c. to 9½c. for ordinary to fair, 9½c. to 9½c. for fair to bright, and 9½c. for choice. We hear of the arrival yesterday, at Portland, of the *Lizzie L. Tapley*, with a cargo of about 225 hhds. very bright sugars from Ponce, Porto Rico, for Messrs. J. Tiffin & Sons.

The imports of Raw Sugars at this Port to 20th inst. amounted to 1,234,236 lbs. as against 1,276,265 lbs. for same time last year.

MOLASSES.—Very little doing, with no change to make in quotations.

TEAS.—There have been sales during the week of considerable parcels of fine to choice Young Hyson at from 80 to 85c. and all desirable lots have been taken out of the market. There have also been large transactions in uncolored Japans. We hear of sales of 1400 half chests at from 55c to 60c. all sold to arrive. There has been some enquiry for lower grade Young Hysons, but no transactions have resulted, prices being too high to meet views of buyers.

The imports of 1866 to March 24th are 866,670 lbs. compared with 322,226 lbs. for same period of 1865.

COFFEE.—There is little or no demand, and prices are unchanged. The imports to 24th are 47,169 lbs. against 5073 lbs for same period last year.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.
Dougall J. & Co.
Hua & Richardson.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.
Seymour, C. R.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.

THE business of the past week has been satisfactory, there having been a good demand for most descriptions of stock, with considerable sales at fair prices.

SPANISH SOLE.—The arrivals have been fair, principally of ordinary. Still there has been no accumulation, as the sales effected fully absorbed the receipts, and prices are firm.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Is in very limited supply, with no great prospect of being augmented to any great extent. There is a fair enquiry, and prices are fully sustained.

HARNESSES.—Is in greater quantities, without attracting buyers, and the tendency of the market is downwards. Sales to any extent could only be made at a reduction from quotations.

WAXED UPPER.—The stock is much reduced, further sales having been effected at prices which have not transpired, and there are indications of a scarcity without considerably increased receipts.

GRAINED UPPER.—Is without animation, the recent demand having ceased.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—Have had a fair inquiry, with sales of considerable parcels for city consumption as well as for Canada West.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Are in good demand, with little or no stock in market.

CALFSKINS.—There is no surplus stock in market, and there has not been any special call.

SKINTS.—Continue in good request, and sales are readily effected of all desirable kinds at good prices.

SHEEPSKINS.—Russets and Coloured Linings are in diminished supply, with a fair demand, and previous prices are fully sustained.

HIDES.—There has been a small local demand, but no sales of any consequence have been made during the week. Prices remain unaltered.

WOOL.—There is very little pulled wool being made, and none offering below our quotations.

Emigration to the United States.

The total number of emigrants arrived at New York in 1865, was 200,031, of which 128,020 came by steamers and 72,011 by sailing vessels.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

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

Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Kerchaw & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Stuart, John & Sons.
Stumm, V. H.
Winn & Holland.

BUSINESS continues good, but some lines of goods are quite scarce, and there is no present prospect of making up stocks. This is especially the case with cutlery and files. Orders sent from here in November last are not yet executed, and on account of strikes among the workmen, it is difficult to say when they will be. The imports of Hardware to 24th inst., are \$104,662 for 1866, and \$46,963 for same time 1865.

BLOCK TIN.—We have no change to make in quotations. There has been very little doing since our last.

COPPER.—We notice sales of about 1000 lbs. Pig at 23c. which leaves very little in market until the arrival of what is now on the way.

CUT NAILS.—Are scarce, and no new contracts being taken at present, manufacturers' orders being much in advance of their ability to fill them.

HORSE NAILS.—The better known brands are quite scarce but some other kinds are in tolerable supply with a good demand.

IRON.—The imports for 1866 to 24th inst., are \$66,420 against \$42,659 for corresponding period of 1865. Pig continues very scarce, but demand at this season is limited. Prices in Scotland are fully forty per cent higher for all brands than they were six months ago; in consequence of a speculative demand that has arisen there. *Bar*—Scotch is in small supply with a good demand. A few lots arriving by Portland have met immediate sale, at \$3.20 to \$3.25 per 112 lbs. *Hoops and Bands* are in fair request, but prices are unchanged. *Boiler Plates* are rather scarce, and in moderate demand, chiefly for work intended for the oil regions. *Canada Plates*—Some small sales at our quotations, but there is now little or none in market.

TIN PLATES.—There is rather a better supply of these, but the demand is good, and we hear of sales made of charcoal 1C and 1X at \$11.75 to \$13.75 respectively, though purchases could be made somewhat under these figures.

MONEY MARKET.

THE stringency already noted still continues, but regular business wants are as a rule promptly supplied by the Banks. Sterling Exchange has still further declined, and can now be purchased at from 107½ to 107½ for round lots, the Banks counter rate being 108 for cash. There are very few private bills offering, and rates are nominal.

GOLD.—There has been a very heavy decline in gold during the week, it having touched 124½. It has partially recovered however, and closes 127½c 128.

SILVER.—Is more plentiful, brokers buying at 3½ per cent discount, and selling at 3½ per cent discount.

Latest Quotations by Telegraph.

The *China*, from Liverpool 17th, and Queenston 19th inst., arrived at Halifax on the evening of the 27th, and brings one week's later news. At latest dates, in the Liverpool markets, flour was reported dull and nominal. Wheat quiet and steady; *Winter Red*, 10s. to 10s. 6d. Corn firmer at 28s. 8d. to 28s. 6d. for mixed. Provision market generally steady, except for beef which is easier. Pork firm, with an advance of 1s. on the week. Butter very dull. Cheese firm, and stock light. Tallow firmer and advanced 6d. to 1s, closing quiet at 49s. to 50s. Ashes quiet and steady. Petroleum firmer at 2s. for refined. Consols closed at 87½ to 87½ for money. U. S. 5-20s. 73½. The Bank of England reduced its rate of discount to 6 per cent. Its weekly returns show a decrease in bullion of £277,000.

Imports.

The total value of the Imports at this Port up to March 24th, 1866, and for same time last year, is as follows:—

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| 1866 | \$5,965,001 |
| 1865 | 2,287,999 |
| Increase | \$3,677,002 |

RAILROADS IN ILLINOIS.—It is proposed to construct a railroad from Cairo to St. Louis, and another from Cairo to Vincennes, Ind. The latter is to be of the wide gauge, so as to connect with the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, and thus secure a direct uniform line to New York.