

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.
Bankhage, Benk & Co.
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.
Black, Lewis S. & Co.
Clarion, T. James, & Co.
Dougall, John, & Co.
Foulds & Hodgson.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenhields, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
May, Joseph.
May, Thomas, & Co.

McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Meyer, J., & Co.
Moss, S. H., & J.
Muir, W., & R.
Munderloh & Steencken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Prevost, Amable, & Co.
Ringland, Ewart & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.
Winks, George & Co.
Woodhouse, Henry, & Co.

THE fall business has now fairly commenced. A good many buyers are now in the market, and large orders from the country are being received. All kinds of staple goods are selling freely, and some classes of articles are in too small stock to meet the demand. Stocks are not yet as well assorted as was expected would be the case at this time. The "Nova Scotian's" freights are not yet arrived, they having been transferred to lighters, and the shipments at Liverpool have also been behind hand. The assortment of all kinds of goods will be quite complete after the arrival of the next two steamers.

Reports from all parts of the country are very satisfactory, both as to the feeling of the merchants and as to the condition of the crops. In some parts, they are stated to be the finest seen for many years. The wheat yield, as a rule, is very heavy, though in some instances where it has become lodged by the rains, it is not as well filled out as it would otherwise have been. Barley and rye are pronounced to be unusually abundant, and largely grown in sections where hitherto little or none was raised.

We have no change to note in prices of manufactured goods in the English markets, which are well sustained. Cotton has been less firm, and suffered a decline of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for middlings.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

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

Seymour, C. E.
Seymour, M. H.
Slaw, F. & Bro.

ALTHOUGH there has been very little improvement in the money market, we have to note a greater activity in this branch of business. Most desirable kinds of stock are scarce, however, and dealers are not able to meet the demand. Prices, therefore, have become very firm, and outside figures have been given for strictly choice lots.

SPANISH SOLE—Is higher, with an upward tendency, and with a very light supply of all grades.

SLAUGHTER SOLE—Has only moderate demand, though there is no surplus in market.

ROUGH—Is scarce, and would sell at outside figures.

HARNES—Is unchanged. Receipts are light, and there is no particular demand.

WAXED UPPER—Light is in demand, with but little offering, while heavy is less inquired for.

GRAINED UPPER—Is in good demand, full prices being paid for choice stock.

BUFF and PEBBLED—The supply is very short, and prices are firm.

PATENT and ENAMELLED—Are rather scarce, but with no pressing demand.

CALF-SKINS—Are unchanged, with very few prime offering.

SPLITS—Have been in better demand, with sales at full rates.

SHEEP-SKINS—Would find ready sale at paying prices, there being very few in market.

HIDES—The sales are fully equal to the receipts, and there is no accumulation of stock. Hereafter hides are to be inspected, and this will prove of considerable advantage to the tanner.

WOOL—Has had more inquiry for both fleece and pulled. Sales of the latter have been made at about quotations.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co.
Brown & Childs.

Linton & Cooper.
Popham, James & Co.
Smith & Cochrane.

THE condition of this branch of trade remains nearly the same as at the time of our last issue. Prices are firmer, but we cannot note any real advance in them, although during the week an advance has taken place in leather. Undoubtedly higher prices in the manufactured article may be looked for soon.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Davie, Clark, & Clayton.
Fitzpatrick & Moore.
Fournier, Jules.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.
Gear, Henry J.
Hutchings E., & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Klugan & Klucho.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Maitland, E., Tylee & Co.
Mathewson, J. A. & H.
Mitchell, Kinnear & Co.
Nevin, William, & Co.
Noad, James S., & Co.

Chapman H., & Co.
Pholan, Joseph.
Reuter, Lionais & Co.
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Routh, Haviland & Co.
Saunderson & Co.
Schneider, Bond & Co.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Jos., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.
West, Bros.
Winn & Holland.
Withers, Joy & Co.

Winning, Hill & Ware.

THE market during the past week has not manifested much increase in activity. Only a moderate trade is being done with the country, and very few transactions of any moment amongst the trade in the city. The continued stringency of the Money Market operates to prevent a more spirited action, which, we think, would otherwise exist, on the part of the jobbers in anticipation of the large trade which is looked for this Fall, with the belief which appears to be general of a decided advance in all the leading articles of Groceries.

In Teas, there is a fair, active enquiry, with limited sales. The market is very firm. We hear of a sale of about 800 packages of finer grades Hyson Skin.

CHEMICALS—Market easier. Sales Bi-carb Soda on the spot and to arrive at \$6.75.

FRUITS—M R and Layer Raisins: sales in lots of 100 boxes, \$1.90 to 2.00. Currants, owing to advance in New York Market, firm; old held at 5c, new 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ c, with upward tendency.

SALT—Considerable sales; coarse, (including 1000 bags at 61c), at 61c to 65c, and fine at 86c to 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

HERRINGS—Sales Round, \$3, and Split at \$3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$3 $\frac{3}{4}$.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

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

Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Rout, John & Sons.
Simms, F. H.
Winn & Holland.

A FAIR amount of business, though chiefly to supply present wants, has been done during the last week.

PIG IRON.—The market is quite bare, and all receipts are sold ex ship as fast as they arrive. Quotations are fully maintained, though we do not alter them this week. Two cargoes, on Montreal account, have arrived at Quebec, and have been sold for delivery in the canal here, f. o. b., at \$24 per ton for No. 1 Glengarnock, and \$23.50 for No. 4. Garthherrie is held at \$25 to \$26 for same delivery.

BAR IRON.—Scotch is in demand at \$2.70 for best brands, inferior bringing 10 cents less. Stocks are not so well assorted, some sizes being scarce.

CANADA PLATES.—Stocks are unequal to the present demand, full shipments not having as yet arrived. Best brands are quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.50, with sales to a fair extent at these figures.

TIN PLATES.—Are in demand, with sales of best I.C. charcoal at \$9.50. The supply has now run down very low, and as English makers are very much behind hand with their orders, it is probable that prices will advance somewhat.

CUT NAILS.—Large sales have been made at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt., and the stock is now very greatly reduced. Manufacturers are entirely unable to fill orders now on their books.

MONEY MARKET.

THE Banks are discounting rather more liberally, and there is a slight improvement in the tone of the money market, but even for good business paper the rate is from 10 to 12 per cent. A considerable amount of money during the last six months has been invested here in U. S. 5-20's, which have seemed to offer a good security at a low price; and large sums on deposit on American account have been recently withdrawn from Canada. These causes, combined with the necessities of our own Government, and the financial measures resulting therefrom, have, to some extent, brought about the present stringency in money matters. [We look for more ease after the first of September, but we do not expect to see money abundant for some time to come. Sterling Exchange is dull and difficult of sale, at from 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 106 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bank 60-day bills. In New York, best bankers' drafts are quoted at 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 107.

GOLD—Has ruled during the week at a fraction over 148, closing at 147 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SILVER—Very abundant, at from 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Cameron & Rose.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Crawford, James.
Denholm, George.
Dougall, John, & Co.
Fuller, Thos., & Co.
Hill, W. G., & Co.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.

Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Lain, M.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Morrice, D., & Co.
Nevin, Wm., & Co.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sauvageau & Co.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.

Stewart W. W.

THE continued stringency of the money market and low rate of British exchange, has had a very depressing effect on all kinds of produce. Flour, alone, from actual scarcity, commands full and even increasing rates; but in that as well as in every other article, purchasers restrict themselves to the actual requirements of their trade.

FLOUR.—Superfine has been in steady demand all through the week. Desirable and strong brands have recovered the late decline, and sell freely at quotations. Stocks in the hands of dealers are very light, and although the demand for country consumption is trifling, they have difficulty in keeping up an assortment of desirable qualities for their retail trade.

The shipping demand for the Lower Ports has absorbed all the arrivals from the West, and reduced still further the stocks in warehouse.

It seems probable that the market will now remain steady at about present rates until new wheat begins to come forward. The late heavy rains are beginning to tell upon the crop, a good deal of which is cut and lying upon the ground. In some instances we hear reports of damage by sprouting; but as yet no material damage would appear to be done; and should we have fine and dry weather for the ensuing fortnight, one of the largest crops ever harvested in Canada will be saved, and for the most part in good order. Extras and Fancies are quite unsaleable at any price. They are being offered at the same price as supers, and in some cases even lower, but without attracting attention. Lower grades, from their comparative cheapness, are beginning to attract attention, and some parcels have changed hands at or near quotations.

WHEAT & COARSE GRAINS—Are all alike nominal, no transactions having taking place during the week.

PORK.—Mess, although only in retail demand, is very firm; but other grades are still neglected.

LARD & CUT MEATS—Are in small demand and supply, though gradually becoming scarce.

BUTTER.—A sale at a low price has greatly depressed the market, and for the past few days there have been no sales beyond the merest retail. British advices report butter as unmoveably dull, and that nothing had been done towards lessening the heavy stock on hand there during the week. Shippers find very little encouragement to operate with present prospects, and prices are consequently on the decline. It will be some weeks yet ere an active British demand can be looked for, as the markets there are amply supplied with both Irish and Continental, as well as with an unusual quantity of home-made, so that there is positively no enquiry for Canadian at any price.

ASHES.—The low rate of exchange prevents the execution of the orders on hand. Pots are consequently dull, and few of the ordinary operators care about offering. Arrivals are, however, very limited, which has prevented any decline in the price for 1st sorts. Inferiors are almost unsaleable, the stock in the inspection stores being unusually large, and no outlet appearing at present. Pearls remain unchanged.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

(Including the Receipts of Montreal & Champlain and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railways.)

RETURN OF TRAFFIC, Week ending Aug. 25th, 1886:—	
Passengers.....	\$57,881
Express Freight, Mails and Sundries.....	4,900
Freight and Live Stock.....	64,827
Total.....	\$127,358
Corresponding Week, 1885.....	121,788
Increase.....	\$5,590

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

TRAFFIC for the week ending 24th Aug., 1886.

Passengers.....	\$32,555 22
Freight and Live Stock.....	\$22,142 81
Mails and Sundries.....	\$1,957 84
Total.....	\$56,655 84
Corresponding Week of last year.....	\$64,851 60

Decrease.....\$ 8,195 74