

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Druish, George,
Charlton, A. & Co.
Crathern & Cavershill,
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Fras & Evans,
Ferrick & Co.
Fraser, F.
Gillbert, L. E.
Hall, Hay & Co.

Ireland, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards,
Morrison, Watson & Co.
Moliholland, & Baker,
Robertson, J. A.
Round, John & Sons,
Stimms, F. H.
Waddell & Pearce,
Winn & Holland

TRADE generally has been dull during the past week, in consequence of want of assortment in most heavy goods. Orders are coming in freely for spring shipments. In shelf goods, stocks continue pretty good, and sales hardly as large as was anticipated, but from appearances in the West, most of the goods will be needed.

THE IRON is still held at our extreme quotations, for what is in the market, which will be all absorbed before any can arrive. Several orders are already here for spring arrivals. Prices, however, are not yet fixed for future deliveries. It is expected that rates will be about \$23 to \$24 for Summerco and Eglinton, and \$25 for Gartsheirrie. Transactions have been limited to small lots at about quoted rates.

RAIL IRON.—Any sizes in stock can be purchased at quotations, but nearly all sizes of rounds are scarce, and bring from 20c to 40c over, and will be so till the opening of navigation.

HOURS AND BANDS.—The stock is pretty fair, with one or two sizes becoming scarce.

BOILER PLATES.—The stock of 1/2 inch in market is large, but 5-16 inch and 3/4 inch are not to be had.

CANADA PLATES.—Are scarce and command full rates.

TIN PLATE.—There is very little doing, and quotations are almost nominal. Round lots could be bought a shade under current rates.

CUT NAILS.—Are offering at our quotations, but the manufacturers have now closed their books for orders up to June, except a few for present delivery.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Hos & Richardson,
Seymour, C. E.

Seymour, M. H.
Shaw P. & Bros.

WE have to report a very inactive market during the past week, with more quietness prevailing than has been noticeable for some weeks. Stocks, however, do not accumulate rapidly, receipts having been only moderate.

SPANISH SOLE.—Transactions have been small, and mainly to the local trade to supply present wants: but there are no heavy stocks, and there is no change in prices.

STRAIGHTER SOLE.—Is in light request, and except of heavy average, sales are made with difficulty, while current prices are barely maintained.

HARNESSES.—There is a great scarcity of prime stock, and holders will make no concessions.

WAXED UPPER.—Is without any particular demand, but the stock in market being mainly in the hands of one or two houses, prices are not likely to recede unless it is found profitable to import in quantity from the United States.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—For the latter, of choice makes, there is a better demand, with less enquiry for the former, at previous quotations.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Are for the most part unchanged, and without any special demand.

CALF SKINS.—Are not in request, and are in poor supply.

SPLIT.—There is a good inquiry for light and medium stock, receipts of which are very limited.

SNEAKERS.—With an increasing supply, sales especially of Russels are being effected at lower rates than heretofore.

HOVES.—The supply is quite insufficient, tanners being unable to supply their wants except with considerable difficulty. Importations are arriving only in limited quantities.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Amey, McHard & Co.
Hosier, Duffy & Johnson.

Hosier & Cooper,
Smith & Cochrane.

THE trade of the past week has been of an ordinary quiet character, fully equal, however, to that of previous years at same season. Orders to a fair extent are being received by manufacturing houses from their travellers from the West, and the prospects are good for the spring business. We have no change to make in prices, which are firm at quotations.

MONEY MARKET.

THERE has been a more active demand for money during the past week, and rates are firmer. Very little good paper, however, is offered on the street, and all such is readily taken by the discount brokers. Sterling Exchange is firm at 109 1/2, cash, for 60 days Bank Drafts; and at 109 1/2 to 109 3/4 for paper. Private drafts are quoted at 108 1/2 to 109 1/2. In New York, bankers were drawing at latest advices at 109 to 109 1/2 for 60 days sight, or 75 days date. Gold drafts on New York are in demand at 1/2 to 1/4 per cent. prem.

GOLD in New York, after some unimportant fluctuations during the week, closed yesterday at 131 1/2.

SILVER is unchanged, buying at 4 and selling at 3 1/2 per cent. discount.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick,
Cameron & Ross,
Crawford, James,
Hobson, Thomas & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.

Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Luke,
Raymond, Thomas W.
Simpson, Jack & Co.
Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—Receipts have been moderate for the season. During the fore part of the week the general inaction previously noted continued, but for a few days past the leading grades have met a better inquiry, and some advance has been established. Little variation in the higher grades can be noted, the supply and demand being nearly balanced. The more desirable brands of superfine have latterly been in active request, and best samples command from \$7.40 to \$7.50; ordinary, owing to the scarcity of choice, have engaged more attention, and find buyers at their current value. No. 2 and the lower grades are also in better demand, and recent quotations, which for a length of time have been nominal, are now freely paid, full prices being secured for the better samples. *Bag Flour.*

—The supply from all sources has so decreased as to be barely adequate to the demand, and prices have steadily improved, in fact sales of good samples being at \$3.55 to \$3.60. Confidence in the continuance of a high range of prices has become more general than at any previous time, the opinion gaining strength that supplies will ultimately fall short of the demand.

WHEAT.—There are few if any sales to note, a supplies have been direct to millers.

PEASE.—Less enquiry has prevailed, and prices are the turn weaker. There are few transactions either on the spot or for delivery quotations are therefore mostly nominal.

OATS.—There are no transactions on the spot, but as previously, considerable is being done at the various points along the lines of railway.

BARLEY.—Rates are mostly nominal in the absence of any but retail transactions.

PORK.—Continues firm and steady, with a small demand for all grades within the range of quotations. Lard.—The only sales are a few tubs by retail-holders are not pressing at present while there is no inclination to purchase, and are content to await the opening of navigation. Hams, cut-meats &c.—no demand.

BUTTER, has continued unchangeably dull during the week—even the advent of Lent has not caused any movement—arrivals, which for a while had been very light, are now increasing and the stock through the country seems far from being exhausted. In Britain the low prices having at length put the article within the reach of an extended consumption, have caused a material reduction of the accumulations which had gone on increasing since the early fall, and dealers there continue selecting the best parcels they can find at current rates. Here we may look for an improved demand when navigation opens, though hardly much earlier.

EGGS, remain steady and unchanged. Receipts are very light, and are saleable at quotations, in British markets are drooping.

Ships Loading for the B. N. A. Provinces.

AT LIVERPOOL.—For Montreal: Lancaster, Onida, Cavalier, Pericles, Mount Royal, Ardmillan, Forgan-hall, Ardence, Psyche. For Quebec: McLeod, Tip Tree, Hope. For Halifax: Joshua S., John S. Harris, Alice Roy, Liverpool. For St. John, N.B.: New Lampedo, Indomitable, Archibald, British Queen, A. L. Palmer. For St. John, Nfld.: Constance, Island, Miranda. For Georgetown: P. E. J. Fannie Gordon. AT LONDON.—For Montreal: Chaudiero, City of Hamilton, John Bull, Laurel. For Quebec: Allan, Sunbeam, Planet. For Halifax: LaPlata, Forest King, Forest Queen, C. H. Trumbull. For St. John, N.B.: Eleanor, Scotia, Choice. For St. John, Nfld.: Billow Crest, Glenlivet. For P. E. Island: Albion, Lotar. IN THE CLYDE.—For Montreal: Angeline, Myrtle, Abouca, Glenlivet, Pericles, Clydesdale, Polly, Shannon. Queen of the Clyde. For Quebec: Cuthberts, Tadmor, Cameo, Liverpool, Queenshall, Home, Imperial, Research. For Halifax: Rosebath, David McNeill.

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal	125 1/2	125 1/2
Bank of N. A.	101	101 1/2
Commercial Bank	75	75
City Bank	102 1/2	102 1/2
Ganque du Peuple	103	103
Molson Bank	111 1/2	111 1/2
Ontario Bank	102 1/2	102 1/2
Bank of Toronto	111	111 1/2
Quebec Bank	94	94
Bank Nationale	106	107 1/2
Quebec Bank	92	92
Bank Jacques Cartier	106	106 1/2
Eastern Township Bank	99	100
Merchants Bank	109	109
Union Bank	100 1/2	100 1/2
Montreal Bank	95	95
Royal Canadian Bank	91 1/2	91 1/2

RAILWAYS.		
G. T. R. of Canada	20	21
A. & St. Lawrence	12	12
C. W. of Canada	10 1/2	11 1/2
St. Lawrence	10 1/2	11 1/2
Do preference	9 1/2	10 1/2
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols	\$2.00	\$2.00
Canada Mining Company	50	50
Huron Copper Bay	50	50
Lake Huron S. & C.	50	50
Quebec & L. S.	131	131
Montreal Telegraph Co.	130	131
Montreal City Gas Company	85	85
City Passenger R. R. Co.	85	85
Richelle Navigation Co.	107	107
Canadian Star and Steam N. Coy.	109	109
Montreal Elevating Co.	100	102
British Colonial Steamship Coy.	100	102
Canada L. & Comp. Co.	100	101

BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p.c. 1877	85	85 1/2
Do do, 4 p.c. 1878	85 1/2	85 1/2
Do do, 4 p.c. 1878, 1879	85 1/2	85 1/2
Montreal Water Works 6 p.c. 1879	92	92 1/2
Montreal City Bonds, 6 p.c. 1879	92	92 1/2
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p.c.	92	92 1/2
Quebec City 6 p.c. 1879	92	92 1/2
Toronto City Bonds, 6 p.c. 1879	92	92 1/2
Ottawa City Bonds, 6 p.c. 1879	92	92 1/2
Champlain R. R. 6 p.c. 1879	84	85
County Debentures	84	85

EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	109	109 1/2
Private do	104	104 1/2
Private, with documents	104	104 1/2
Bank on New York	21	21
Private do	21	21 1/2
Gold Drafts do	104	104 1/2
Silver	104	104 1/2
Gold in New York	131 1/2	131 1/2

PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Average Prices on					
	Friday	Satur.	Sund.	Mon.	Tues.	Wednes.
Flour, Superior Extra	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.15
Extra	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10
Superior	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
No. 2	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95
Barley	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.85
Oats	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Peas	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65	3.65
Wheat	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55
Barley	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.45
Oats	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35
Peas	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
Wheat	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15
Barley	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05
Oats	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95	2.95
Peas	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.85
Wheat	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Barley	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65
Oats	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
Peas	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45
Wheat	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35
Barley	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Oats	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
Peas	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
Wheat	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95	1.95
Barley	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
Oats	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Peas	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65	1.65
Wheat	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
Barley	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45	1.45
Oats	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Peas	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Barley	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05
Oats	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Peas	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.85
Wheat	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Barley	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65
Oats	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
Peas	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Wheat	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Barley	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Oats	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Peas	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the Imports at Montreal for the week ending March 9, 1887, with the figures for corresponding period of last year:

ARTICLES.	1886.	1887.	Increase.	Decrease.
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
Wheat	11,114	11,114	0	0
Barley	4,102	4,102	0	0
Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
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Oats	23,622	23,622	0	0
Peas	12,000	12,000	0	0
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