## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baker, Popham & Co.
Baillie, Jhnes, & Co.
Clark, Jas. P. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Davis, Welsh & Co.
Donnelly, James.
Dunn, R., Fish & Co.
Foulds & Hodgson.
Foulds & Mc nbbin.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenshields, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, Telfer, & Co.
Hughes Brothers.
Johnstone, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
MacKenzie, J. G. & Co.
MacKay, Joseph, & Bro.
May, Joseph.
May, Thomas, & Co.
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McLachlin Bros. & Co.
McMaster & Co., Wm. J.
Moss, S. H., & J.
Muir, W., & R
Munderloh & Steencken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Plimsoll, Warnock & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Robertson, Stephen, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.

WE have to report rather increased activity in this branch of business during the past week. A greater number of buyers are now in this city, and the orders received from the country and from travellers more numerous than h retof .

*Nevertheless*, we have sti o state that the amount of business transacted falls nuch short of what was sold during the corresponding period of 1866 and 1867—the parcels sold averaging in amount, as far as we can learn, about *one half of what buyers took last year*. We are glad to notice that such is the case, and we are pleased to learn that the importations by the leading importing houses in this city will be from one-third to one-half less than *they were last spring*. Stocks are now about complete, and quite ample for the trade expected. Cottons are most in request, but, though not in overstock, are in full supply. So far, the purchases made have been chiefly of grey cottons and prints, the balance of parcels consisting principally of sorting-up goods.

We have no change to note in prices of any class of goods, which are low for everything, with the exception of silks.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee.
Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton,
Duncan & Forster.
Franck, J. C., & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Kingan & Kinloch.
Mathewson, J. A.
Mitchell James.
Moore, Semple & Hatchette.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Tiffin, Bros.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
West, Bros.
Winning, Hill & Ware.

TRADE during the past week has been exceedingly dull, and transactions in every class of goods very limited. Even in seasonable goods, such as fish and sweets, the demand is very light; buyers purchasing sparingly in view of the near approach of *Easter*, and also in consequence of the uncertainty as *to legislation on the sugar duties*, and the tariff generally being unfavorable to any large transactions

TEAS—During the past week have met with but poor enquiry, with the exception of low grade Japans and medium Young Hysons. The latter are in average stock but of quality not good value at figures quoted. Still the feeling is firm, in consequence of difficulty of importing at lower than present prices, or even as low. The demand for Twankays has somewhat fallen off—perhaps accounted for by the close of the lumbering season. Javas still remain very scarce in this market, with some enquiry. In Blacks there has been a little more doing, but prices remain as before. Doubtless there will be a more settled feeling than at present exists after the sales announced for the second week of April by Messrs. I. Buchanan & Co., and Converse, Colson & Lamb..

COFFEE—Remains inactive, and prices about as before.

SUGAR—During the past week has experienced a fair demand, although *only for* present wants in view of possible changes in the tariff, and also in view of the large arrivals reported at New York and other American ports. Stocks in our market are still light, with but few arrivals of really good grocery sugars. Advices from the West Indies report crops yielding a fair average, and we do not think higher prices to be looked for this season. In refining grades no transactions are reported.

MOLASSES—Has met a fair and steady demand, and holders have maintained their prices, but have not been able to place any round lots.

FISH—Some few transactions are reported at prices ranging from \$4.60 to \$5.25 for Labrador Splits in round lots. We note sale of 200 to 300 barrels North Shore Splits at \$2 50. No South Shore in first hands. Dry Cod, \$4 25 to \$5 Green Cod, per bbl of 200 lbs \$4½ to \$5½. scarce and firmly held.

FRUIT—Little doing. Good new Currants are somewhat scarce, and holders are looking for better prices Layer Raisins are in small demand. Valentias are rather scarcer.

RICE.—Rice has been in fair demand, mostly for local consumption, but prices are nominal

SALT—Liverpool Coarse is less wanted, and prices have somewhat given way. No Fine in market.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill.
Evans & Evans.
Evans, John Henry.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
LaRivière & Bourdeau.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Waddell & Pearce.

WE have, as yet, nothing to report worthy of special notice concerning this branch of business. *Travellers are out seeking orders*, but they are much less successful in selling goods than during previous years; and as *navigation will not* open before first of May, at least as far as the canals are concerned, we shall not look for much to be done in heavy goods for some weeks to come yet.

## THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co.
Brown & Childs
Hunter, Duffy & Johnson
Linton & Cooper.
Mullarky & Donovan.
McLaren, W. & Co.
Po h m, James, & Co.
Rolland, G
Smith & Cochrane
Smyth & Edminson.

TRADE in this line is quiet, and demand rather slack than otherwise Orders do not come in very rapidly, and are not very heavy in amount. Stocks are large enough, manufacturers having prepared for heavier demands upon their resources than they have as yet met.

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.
Bryson, Campbell.
Hua & Richardson.
Seymour, C. E.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.
Smyth & Edminson.

WE are unable to report anything more favorable as to this branch of business, which still continues comparatively dull; and as it is highly probable that the spring trade will be light, necessitating a still greater accumulation of stock, tanners should be cautious pending the existing stagnation, as until there is a marked improvement in the demand, prices of stock must tend downward, and may touch unremunerative figures.

## MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Black & Locke.
Buck, Robertson & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
rawford, James.
Dawes Brothers & Co.
Hannan, M., & Co.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Seymour C. E.

FLOUR.—Receipts have been more liberal, owing to parcels detained during the winter storms bei g relieved. There is very little business to report, the demand continuing restricted to the small consumptive wants, and which. owing to the condition of the country roads, has been less than ordinary. Prices continue moderately steady, *though* the feeling is the turn easier: \$7 60 to \$7 65 are current rates for Choice and Strong Super, and Ordinary ranges down to \$7.50, at which there are free sellers. No. 2 and lower grades, though in comparatively small supply and held firmly, are little enquired for, the demand being unsteady and likely to continue so till the opening of navigation. The higher grades are only moved by retail, and quotations are practically nominal. *Bags* are rather easier, the choicest samples being placed with difficulty at \$3.70 to \$3 75

OATMEAL—Quiet at q tions.

GRAIN.—*Whea*.—The only arrivals are a few cars on millers' account; ra'es, therefore, are purely nominal, serving merely to indicate prices obtainable for limited parcels, it now available, the impression prevailing that a lower range will rule and supplies come forward. *Pease*—There are no sales on the spot, and few, if any for delivery; buyers continue to offer \$1.02½ per 66 lbs for best samples May delivery, which however, does not meet the views of sellers who continue firm at \$1.05. *Oats*—The market continues firm, but little business doing. *Barley*—Scarcely any offering; the little on market is held at \$1 10, but not taken.

PROVISIONS.—*Pork*—We have to note a quiet but steady market. Small sales of Mess are made for consumptive use within our range. In other grades there is practically more movement, all interested preparing for the Spring demand after opening of navigation, and an advance of \$1 on Prime is asked. *Lard*—The demand is of a retail character; present rates being above the views of wholesale operators, and in a measure sustained by the high price of Butter, which spring supplies must soon regulate. *Butter*—Though the supply in stock is thought to be ample for the wants of the trade till the new comes in, yet being in few hands, is held at such extreme rates as to limit business to small retail lots, and prices ruling afford little criterion of what round lots of ordinary would fetch if offered.

ASHES.—Pots have a *drooping tendency, owing to* all apathy of buyers, who are at present without orders. Pearls, for the same reason, are also neglected and tending lower.

## ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

| NAME OF INSOLVENT. | RESIDENCE. | NAME OF ASSIGNEE. |
|---|---|---|
| Belair, L. R. P. | Montreal | A. B. Stewart. |
| Chaffey, Geo., & Bro. | Kingston | J. G. Macdonald. |
| Desjardins & Scott | Montreal. | T. S. Brown |
| Desjardins, D. | Montreal. | T. S. Brown. |
| Flaws, John | St. Marys. | J. Kerr |
| Grindley, James | Guelph | E. Newton. |
| McKinnon, A. | Lindsay | J. C. Wood. |
| Morningstar, J | Berlin | H. F. Jackson |
| Prudhomme, J. T. | Ottawa | P. Clemow. |
| Reed, S. | Colleville | J. D. Dickson |
| Ross, Wm. | Goderich | J. Holden, Jr. |
| Ryan, M. | Guelph | E. Newton. |
| Smith, John | Redda le | Thos C. Sutton |
| Sullivan, E. R. | Toronto | Thos. Clarkson. |
| Spence, John | Goderich | J. Holden, Jr. |
| Tranchemontagne, J. G | Montreal | T. Sauvageau |

## APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

| NAME. | RESIDENCE. | DATE. |
|---|---|---|
| Bonhomme, W. D. | Quebec | June 1 |
| Gosler, G. | Colborne | May 26 |
| Hazen, H. W. | Simcoe | " 23 |
| Macaulay, A. | Lindsay | " 23 |
| Marsh, G. S. | Brighton | " 26 |
| McMullen, G. | Pembroke | June 8 |
| Watt, James | Quebec | " 1 |

## WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED.

| DEFENDANT'S NAME AND RESIDENCE. | PLAINTIFFS' NAME. | DATE. |
|---|---|---|
| Higginson, W., London | McInnes & Calder | March 10 |
| Richot et Fils, Montreal | P. J. Brioil | " 13 |

## RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURN.

FOR THE MONTH ENDED 29th FEBRUARY, 1868.

| NAMES OF THE RAILWAYS. | Passengers. | Mails and sundries | Freight | Total. 1868. | Total corresponding period of 1867. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Great Western Railway | 77,413 | 18,833 | 153,919 | 245,164 | 275,417 |
| Grand Trunk Railway | 140,048 | 26,600 | 339,684 | 606,834 | 566,188 |
| London and Port Stanley Railway | | | | | |
| Welland Railway | 621 | 1,281 | 828 | 2,170 | 3,877 |
| Northern Railway | 9,631 | 1,657 | 20,745 | 31,867 | 43,637 |
| Port Hope, Lindsay, & Beaverton Railway and Peterborough Branch | | | | | |
| Cobourg and Peterborough Railway† | | | | | |
| Brockville and Ottawa Railway | 2,149 | 184 | 3,761 | 6,094 | 6,763 |
| Prescott and Ottawa Railway | 3,486 | 732 | 6,163 | 10,400 | 9,611 |
| Carillon and Grenville Railway† | | | | | |
| Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly Railway* | | | | | |
| St. Lawrence and Industry Railway† | | | | | |
| New Brunswick and Canada Railway | 773 | 33 | 3,437 | 4,760 | 4,748 |
| European and North American Railway | 2,671 | 435 | 6,611 | 8,017 | 7,702 |
| Nova Scotia Railway* | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |

* No Returns.
† Road closed.

JOHN LANGTON, *Auditor*.
Audit Office, Ottawa, 29th February, 1868.