

Weekly Monitor.

RIDGETOWN, MARCH 27, 1878.

Below we copy an extract from the "Trade and Navigation Returns of the Dominion of Canada," for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1877. It will be seen that there has been a large decrease in the importation of all classes of goods consumed.

From an examination of the returns from the principal ports of entry, and information otherwise obtained, I am led to believe that prices of general merchandise have continued to recede. At the end of the Fiscal Year 1875-76 it was generally believed that market values had reached bottom, and the tendency thereafter would be upward, but the result has not justified that expectation. It is true that sugar and molasses show quite a considerable advance upon the average of the year's importations. The rise has not been sustained, however, but has receded since the first of July last below its former level.

In hardware there has been a marked decline in prices, especially in imports from the United States. English heavy hardware has fallen about 7 1/2 per cent, and heavy shell goods in the same line about 5 per cent. The same classes of goods, however, from the United States show a general decline of about 12 1/2 per cent.

Iron from Great Britain has fallen materially, although a revival is usually a low figure. Bar, rod, hoop, and nail sheets have declined 20s. to 25s. per ton, and galvanized iron 35s. to 40s. sterling per ton. Tin plates 3s. to 3s. 6d. per box, and Canada plates 1s. 6d. to 2s. per box.

Cottons and cotton goods have fallen generally from 5 per cent. to 7 1/2 per cent, including brown ducks and cotton flannels from the United States.

Stationery from Great Britain does not appear to have sensibly receded in price, but that from the United States appears to have fallen to a serious extent, viz.: Paper about 10 and stationery from 10 to 25 per cent.

Drugs and chemicals, so far as they affect the Revenue, appear to remain nearly in statu quo. In free goods, however, such articles as "Caustic Soda" and "Sal Soda" have fallen about 15 per cent.

Teas.—It is very difficult to determine whether there has been an actual fall in the price of tea or not. According to the Trade Returns the average prices, both in Green and Black, of the Dominion imports have been steadily declining for the last four or five years.

This falling off, however, may, and probably is, to a great extent, the result of smaller importations of the higher grades or classes, and larger importation of the inferior grades.

These are but a few examples introduced to indicate the continuance, up to the end of the Fiscal Year, of a general depreciation of values and accompanying the depression in commerce. It also points to the fact that less revenue has been realized than the tariff rates would have secured, if applied to goods purchased in a higher market.

It is further apparent, from the warehouse returns, that the necessary consumption of the tea has been drawn to some extent from previous importations, the balances in warehouses at the close being smaller than at the commencement of the year; and various indications render it apparent that it has become the general practice of importers to order more frequently and in much smaller quantities than was their habit in more prosperous seasons.

It is, perhaps, correct to assume that both measures are prudent, and will have a tendency not only to prevent extensive disasters, but to hasten the recovery of our Canadian commerce from its present depressed condition.

With reference to the great reduction in the percentage of imports over exports observable in 1876, it will be readily seen that the cause is attributable chiefly to a diminution in the value of imports of about \$30,000,000 as compared with the preceding year, while the exports, by the same comparison, show an increase of over \$3,000,000.

Linens and woollens have declined from 7 1/2 to 10 per cent, and silks from 10 to 15 per cent.

ROYAL READERS.—In another column will be found A. & W. MacKinnlay's advertisement of the new edition of the Royal Readers. We have looked the one sent us over and think it will be in every respect most admirably adapted for use as an Advanced Reader, not only in the higher classes in Common Schools, but in Higher Schools and Academies.

The new edition contains 456 pages—some 50 more than the old edition. The selections have been very carefully revised, with the aid of some of the foremost Educationalists of the day. The best poets, moralists, historians and scientists of Great Britain are drawn upon, and a place is found for selections from some of our own eminent men—such as Sir W. Young, McGee, Wilnot, G. M. Grant, &c. The definitions, notes, &c., are all that teachers or pupils can desire.

We confidently submit the Sixth Reader of the Royal Series as incomparably the best yet offered for the use of schools.

REFORM CLUBS.—On Thursday evening the usual meeting of the Dutch Reform Club took place at the Court House. No question of any importance came before the meeting. The evening was enlivened by songs, recitations, &c. A Mr. Jones, of Montreal, sang a solo, entitled "Good by, Sweet Heart." He possesses a very musical tenor voice, and was warmly applauded at the close.

SOCIABLE.—On Saturday evening a number of the old and young gathered at Fairfield, the home of Mr. Alfred Vidito and his amiable wife, to take part in a sociable given for the benefit of the Baptist Parsonage. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Twenty-three dollars was realized towards the object named.

CONCERT.—The Concert given in Victoria Hall, on Tuesday night, the 19th inst., was attended by a large and attentive audience, despite the storm and bad roads. To give an extended notice of the same would be merely going over the same ground as notices which have appeared in the Monitor and heretofore from Middleton and Lawrence-town. It is due to Professor Hall, however, to say that eight or ten of his best singers did not get here in consequence of the weather, and he was compelled to omit several solos, which made the performance too much of a sameness; but two solos were sung, one by Miss Young, "Thou Dear Redeemer Dying Lamb," and the other by Miss Alena Bishop, of Williamston, "Nearer My Home." Both did credit to themselves and their instructor. Miss Zodora Johnson, of Port Williams, possesses a very fine alto voice, a fortune to her if rightly trained. The alto solo, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord," by this young lady, was most beautifully executed. Mrs. Albert Randolph and Miss Levaughn Young presided at the organ. The Port Williams' Brass Band were also in attendance and discoursed sweet music during the evening.

A correspondent writing to the Alliance Journal from Wilmington, Delaware, says:

Your readers will be pleased to know that George M. Dutcher, who has labored so sincerely and earnestly in this section of the country, and in the British Provinces for the last year is still hard at work, and meeting with extraordinary success.

Fourteen thousand people in this city, have signed the pledge, two new temperance weeklies have been born from the great reform, and Mr. Dutcher is sweeping everything before him through the whole Chesapeake Bay county.

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—In our advertising columns to-day will be found the card of Messrs. Clark, Kerr & Thorne, of St. John, N. B., who have succeeded to the Hardware business, so long carried on by I. & F. Burpee & Co. The firm is composed of young men, who for years have been in the employ of the Messrs. Burpee, and we have no doubt they will give satisfaction to those who patronize them. It will be observed that they also occupy the old stand on Prince William Street, in the handsome new building erected for them by the Hon. Isaac Burpee.

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AUCTION On Saturday, April the 6th, at the Baptist Parsonage, Bridgetown, viz: Grey Horse, Riding Wagon, Sleigh, Harness, Buffalo Robe, Whips, a quantity of Hay, Rake, Hay Forks, 5 barrels of Ashes, Hard Wood, Kitchen Stove, Piping, Boiler, Lamp, Lantern, Table Knives and Forks, Map of Annapolis County, and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m. JOHN CLARK. Bridgetown, March 27th, 1878.

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Shall continue to sell at the above rate until the first of April next, after which time shall sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, until all is disposed of. All must be sold on or before THE FIRST DAY MAY NEXT.

Those who have UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS with me must call at once. I shall not send any more bills but leave all For Immediate Collection. I have heavy bills to meet now, and unless I collect I cannot pay.

Those who have bills against me will please send them in between this and the first day of May next, for payment.

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