

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.  
Bankage, Beak & Co.  
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.  
Black, Lewis S. & Co.  
Claxton, T. James, & Co.  
Dongall, John, & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.  
Greenhields, S., Son & Co.  
Hagston, James, & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.  
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.  
May, Joseph.

May, Thomas, & Co.  
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.  
Meyer, J., & Co.  
Mose, S. H., & J.  
Muir, W., & R.  
Munderloh & Steenkoken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Prevost, Amable, & Co.  
Ringland, Ewart & Co.  
Robertson, A., & Co.  
Roy, J., & Co.  
Stephen, William, & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.

SOME improvement is beginning to be apparent in business, and those houses who have travellers out, are taking orders for a few staples for immediate use, with some orders also for fall goods. Stocks are coming forward freely, being from ten days to a fortnight in advance of last year; and by the close of the month, or perhaps even earlier, the market will be quite prepared for buyers.

**COTTONS.**—As far as we are at present able to judge, prices of cotton goods are considerably less than they were in the spring, yet not as low as it was anticipated they would be. The difference is most perceptible in goods in which a low class of cotton can be used; in finer goods the difference is not so marked. One thing appears certain with regard to goods now being received; they cannot be replaced at anything like the prices at which those who were early in the market were enabled to purchase. The advance on ordinary grey cottons, prints, &c., would range from  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. to 1 d. a yard from the lowest point touched in May last. And as the demand for goods now is in excess of the supply, manufacturers being unable to fill their orders, with an anticipated demand from the German markets, as soon as peace shall be proclaimed, and taking into consideration the increased cost of production, owing to the scarcity of labor, there is little likelihood that goods will be lower for this season, but, on the contrary, every probability that they will advance.

**WOOLLENS.**—Woollen goods are beginning to be received, and the indications are that there will be a full supply. Prices are about the same as they were at the corresponding period of last year. Recently the advance in wool in England has been from 1 d. to 2 d. per pound, which on all heavy goods, such as blankets, &c., will make a perceptible difference. The causes operating to sustain the price of cotton goods, will have a similar effect on woollens, only in a more marked degree, owing to their being no over-supply of the raw material.

**LINENS.**—Linen goods are decidedly cheaper, and a further decline may be looked for, as they are not being used as substitutes for cotton goods to the same extent as formerly.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Chapman H., & Co.  
Childs, George, & Co.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Davie, Clark, & Clayton.  
Fitzpatrick & Moore.  
Fournier, Jules  
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.  
Gear, Henry J.  
Hutchins B., & Co.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kings & Kinloch.  
Leeming, Thomas & Co.  
Maitland, E., Tyrie & Co.  
Mathewson, J. A. & H.  
Mitchell, Kinnear & Co.  
Nivlin, William, & Co.  
Noad, James S., & Co.

Phelan, Joseph  
Reuter, Lionais & Co.  
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Beattie.  
Robertson, David.  
Routh, Haviland & Co.  
Sanderason & 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.  
Winks, George & Co.

Winning, Hill & Warr.

THE amount of business done during the past week has been moderate, but shows some improvement over previous weeks, and there is rather more disposition to operate. After the 1st of September we shall look for greatly increased activity, at the same time fears are expressed that stocks will be smaller than the needs of the trade.

**SUGARS.**—The market for Sugars is decidedly firmer, with an improving demand. We hear of sales of a lot of about 850 hhds fair Cuba, at about 5½c in bond; and several jobbing lots have been sold during the week at 8½c for good grocery.

**TEAS.**—Are tolerably firm, with a fair demand for uncolored Japans and Greens. Sales of about 1000 packages Japans, and 800 packages Greens, chiefly Twankay and fine Hysons, at full prices, are reported.

**MOLASSES.**—Quiet and without change. We hear of no transactions having taken place.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.  
Buchanan, L., & 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.  
Round, John & Sons.  
Simms, F. H.  
Winn & Holland

THE business for the past week has only been of moderate extent, and without much buoyancy. The still unsettled state of the tariff induces purchasers to hold off, and transactions have been chiefly to supply immediate requirements. The market is now well stocked, manufactured iron and heavy hardware arriving freely. The importations will be much heavier than last year, yet not beyond the anticipated wants of the trade. Pig iron is, however, in small supply, and all lots arriving sell readily ex ship. The comparatively low Canadian and St. Lawrence freights offer considerable inducements to manufacturers in the Western States to purchase their supplies here, and all surplus parcels have been taken by them. We have not heard of any transactions, but prices are firm at our quotations. Of bar iron, the stocks are heavy. There is a moderate demand, but no activity worth noting in the market.

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.  
Dougall, J. & Co.  
Hua & Richardson.  
Shaw F. & Bros.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.  
Seymour, C. E.  
Seymour, M. H.

THE Leather Market during the past week has been influenced to a marked extent by the advance in Hides, and prices for most descriptions of stock have improved, with a decided upward tendency. Under present circumstances, we do not look for any falling off in quotations for some time to come, but rather a steady improvement.

**SPANISH SOLE.**—There is a fair demand both to meet local wants and for shipments to the Lower Ports, and prices are firm.

**SLAUGHTER SOLE.**—There is a demand for medium and heavy weights, but of these the market is bare.

**HARNESSES.**—Stocks have become much reduced in consequence of limited receipts, and prices therefore are firm at quotations.

**WAXED UPPER.**—Receipts are unimportant, and all lots arriving, especially of light stock, meet ready sale at full prices.

**GRAINED UPPER.**—Is coming forward rather more freely, but the supply is still unequal to the wants of the trade.

**BUFF AND PEBBLED.**—Are becoming more scarce at improved prices, and sales ahead have been made at the advance.

**PATENT AND ENAMELLED.**—Are without any marked activity, but are scarce and difficult to be got, with a tendency to improved rates.

**CALFSKINS.**—The receipts are on a more liberal scale, but prices are firm at previous quotations.

**SPLIT.**—There is ready sale for all descriptions, light and medium being most inquired after, and being less plenty.

**SHEEPSKINS.**—Scarce and in demand.

**HIDES.**—Are very firm, with a limited supply, and a probability of even still higher prices than the present.

## THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co.  
Brown & Childs.

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

THERE is an active demand for all classes of boots and shoes, and the manufacturers are engaged to their utmost capacity. Prices are firm at our quotations, and with an upward tendency, in sympathy with the advance which has taken place in leather. The competition with the manufacturers in the United States is now very trifling, the cost of labor and material there having advanced to a point at which it has become very unprofitable to sell goods in the Canada market.

## MONEY MARKET.

MONEY is becoming harder to get, and the banks are inclined to curtail their discounts rather than open any new accounts. Sterling Exchange is dull at 108½ to 108½ for Bank 60-day Drafts, the bank counter-rate for discount being from 1 to 1½ per cent. higher. Private bills are quoted 107½ to 107½. In New York, first-class Bankers' Bills sold, at latest advices, from 107½ to 108.

**GOLD.**—A decline of 5-20's in the London market caused greater firmness in gold, the closing price

being 148½. The average price for the week was 148½.

**SILVER.**—Is less abundant and in demand. Buying at 4 to 4½, and selling at 8½ per cent. discount, with prospects of a still further decline in the rate of discount.

## Conference of Trades' Delegates.

A conference of delegates representing the trades of the United Kingdom was commenced at the Temperance Hall, Sheffield, on the 17th ult. The object of the promoters of the conference is to counteract, as far as possible, the evils resulting from lock-outs. The proposed mode of accomplishing this end is "by a national combination of the trade societies of the United Kingdom for the purpose of rendering moral and pecuniary support to all trades comprising such organization." Though the primary object of the conference has special reference to lock-outs, the following, among other subjects, are suggested for consideration: Shortening the hours of labour; the alteration of the law of master and workman; and the establishment of courts of conciliation or arbitration. The Sheffield delegates represent societies which number 9,676 members, whilst the representatives from other places have a constituency amounting to 178,095; the aggregate total being 187,771 members.—*European Times*.

## HAVANA PRICES CURRENT.

The following is the last (James M. Lawton) Havana Prices Current of Imports, dated 28th July:—

Lard, Tr. Rendered, in tubs	40 per 100 lbs.	\$2.34 to \$2.44 per 100 lbs.	Three: for dirty 30 per cent., and on sales 16 per cent.
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" " " "	do	728 to 730	" "
" " " "	do	730 to 732	" "
" " " "	do	732 to 73	