THE GROCERY TRADE.

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Balletin, C. H., & Co.
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Chiverse, C. San, & Lamb,
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Mathews, J. A. & H.
Mitchell, Kinnera & Co.

IPHERE is still no animation to report in the market, and with the exception of a transaction in sugar, no sales of any magnitude have recently transpired. The bad state of the country roads has much to do with this state of the market, but as a heavy snow storm is setting in as we write, an improvement in the demand from this vicinity may soon be looked for Between 500 and 600 hhds, of sugar were sold early in the week on private terms. Stocks of late have been greatly reduced and holders are firm at an advance of a 4c, and ask 74c to 8c for bright Cuba and Barbadoes, and 84 for Porto Rico. Owing to the suffices of the markets in the West Indies, a still further hardening tendency is anticipated. Refinery prices have, many while, advanced [c, on nearly all grades. Molasses are in small stock in first hands but no demand is looked for until Lent. The only noticeable transaction in Tea is the sale of about 100 chests Twankay at a price which did not transpire. The stock of Rico is also light, and prices are firm at quotations. and with the exception of a transaction in sugar,

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Cameron & Rose
Construct Colon & Lamb.
Uran ford, James
Bougall, John, & Co.
Fuller, Thus, & Co.
Hobsen, The mas, & Co.
Jardine & Friguer
Kirkwesd, Inconstruct & Co.

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As is usual at the heliday period, we have to note A restricted operations in most departments. Flour arrives freely, and a goodly portion has to go into store, the demand not keeping pace with the supply There is little doing in gram, the arrivals of which are mostly on molers' account, and are not placed on the market. Oats Peas and Barley, have been hit sparingly supplied, and have engaged little attention. Provisions of all kinds are a slow sale: Pork only solls in a retail way. Hogs have hitherto been sparingly supplied, and have been principally absorbed by the consumptive di mand, but now begin to arrive freely by car loads, and must in future be unfully regulated in price by the packing de mand. Butter is in the same depress of state so leng noted, nothing being taken but choice for family use. The accumulations have, however, been diminished somewhat by several of the larger parcels being sent to Britain on consigner's account. Ashes show a proportionate decrease in the receipts with the foregoing period of the year, and though there are few orders in market, the limited arrivals have induced competition among speculators, whose operations have ruled the market to a large extent for a year past. Pots have in consequence improved, closing firm and active at the advance quoted. Pearls, which are in fair supply, are quiet but firm.

FLOUR.—Receipts continue in excess of requirements, and stocks are accumulating. Holders are, however, firm, for the most part, and rates have varied but little daring the week. Purchases have been mostly redicted to the better samples of Superfine in single hundreds, the ruling rate being \$6.95, occasional transactions being moted at \$6.55, and in strictly choice at \$6.55. The higher grades are in small supply, and only seleable in broken lots, rates being well sustained, the lower grades engage comparatively little attention, none but the sounder and better samples finding buyers, and rates being fregular according to quality.

BAG FLOUR—The supply from abroad is trifling, a S is usual at the heliday period, we have to note restricted operations in most departments. Flour

U. C. Spring changing hands have sold at about \$1.47.

PEARE—The continued lack of exporting facilities tends to hinder operations, and the few car loads recently sold have mostly gone at 885 per 19 lbs.

OATS engage little attention, and the lew car loads changing hands are allowed to remain in store awaiting opportunity for shipment to litrian. Hates are 31c to 32c, according to sample, most parce's going at inside rate.

PORE—The demand is merely by retail, and as usual at this season, dealers only buy from hand to mouth; a few parcels pressed to a sale have been placed at a figure much below our quotations. Diessed Hoss are now coming forward freely, and there being a likelihood of a steady supply for some time to come packers are beginning to make arrangements for the seasons operations—a fex experimental lots have aiready been packed, but the prices lately ruling were deemed too high for safety, and it was only when the price declined to about 55 50 per 160 lbs, that speculators felt justified in going in. If arrivals continue liberal, the opinion at present is that rates will range from \$5.25 to \$5.50 during the season. Supplies materially above or below the requirements of the trade

may make a temporary variation from these figures, but at \$5.500 minder, packers seem disposed to entertain the idea of operating extensively. A good many hogs among the parcels lately received turn out to be "soft" or beach nut fid-such are unsaleable, except at a considerable reduction, and buyers will do well to be careful in their selections for this market-diogs thus fed are most object-lonable, and the peculiarity is that however long the animals may be fed on hard tood, the beach nut taint is said never to be entirely removed—farmers therefore should be careful not to allow even their young animals to room in the bush during the fall months.

By trial-Hemains in the same dult and neglected state. Stretly Choice would be readily placed, but none is offering in sufficient quantities to be worth the attention of a shipper. Inferior still hangs on hand, and 'here seems no prospect of speedy relief.

Asters—Pots have gredually crept up in price, the short receipts for some time past having induced speculators to enter the market and take up the daily small arrivals. In Britain the price has declined, and the market is weak. Pearls are very quiet, and prices a little lower.

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THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Truch, George, Bu manar, L. & Co. Charlache, A. & Co. Carl ern & Carrellill, arre, W. & F. P., & Co. France, d. H. Earne & Evans France, d. France, E. Frank F. E. E.

Hall, Kay & Co.
Ito Is ad, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards,
Martand, Watson & Co.
Mult othard, & Baker,
Robertson, Jass.
Resurd, John & Sons,
Somme, F. H.
Whith & Holland

WE have no improvement to note since our last. The retail business is doing fairly, and tho season considered is brisk; but in the wholesale branches trade is very dull, and will most probably continue so for some time to come.

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"As the end of the year approaches, trade affairs seem to have settled down to their usual level; what change comes will, it is considered, be for the better. The Home Trade is cer amly steadving, and we have some reason to say—is improving, as it always will do when prices of wheat are not so high as to interfere too greatly with the comforts of the artizan classes. The very serious carnestness with which European toverninents are applying themselves to an extension and perfection of their railway systems, as well for commercial as for inhitary purposes, and the disposition sheav by our own Administration to recognize the necessity of protecting and assisting them in their necessities at this juncture, are encouraging capitalists once again to associate with contractors, who are known to be now preparing for a spring campaign than greatest enstomers the United States, are cautious at this moment, but India is stepping to the front, and both in works of construction, rails, and locomotives has been present this week in the market. Money matters are adjusting themselves, to the exigencies of the moment, first to loans—for those who fight must eat, and the se who cat must be paid for next to the victualling of the future—for a short harvest, which there has been—thegues it as they may—must be substitued, thirdly, to the wants of trade, which rises again with confidence; and, finally, to previding for the future of commerce new means of transit. The rate of interest of course keeps up—for money, having all these claims upon it throughout the whole world, must take the mean of the whole world's value of it—as its true rate of interest. Moreover, there are also disturbing causes in the present to keep rates higher. People in the country can hardly realize the alarm which prevails in all classes of London society in respect to the Fennans, in, spite of that vagneness about their threatened invasion, that institutional product

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Resemblished Lougalish & so Hunde Robertson.

THE trade of the past week has been very limited. Consequently there is no particular change to note as no sales of importance have transpired.

SPANISH SOLE.—Prices are steady, stocks light, and no decline anticipated SLAUGHTUR SOLE.—In view of an apparent scarcity, some consumers have been more disposed to purchase madvance, but the market has been and is still poorly specific.

supplied.

ILANNESS-Is not in large supply, but is inactive.

WAND TUPER-Is not particularly in demand at
this moment as very little is being cut, but stocks are

GRAINED UPPER-Has no call whatever, RUFF AND PIRREE-Prime stock is held only in cry moderate quantities, with no special inquiry

very moderate quantities, with no special inquiry existing.
PATENT AND ENAMEL—1 and moderate sale at recent quotations.

quotations CALF-KINS—Are very quiet, with no choice offering.
SPLITS—The receipts are triffing, and stocks very much reduced.
SPLITS—The receipts to arrive sparingly, with only a moderate demand.
HIDES—The receipts have been greater, but inadequate to meet the demand.

THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

Ames, Millard & Co. Brown & Childs Hunter, Duffy & Johnson.

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

WE have again no change to note in prices or the tone of the na-ket. Holders are still generally taking stock, and apart from this, have next to nothing to do.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

(Including the Receipts of Montreal & Champlain and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railways.) RETURN OF TRAFFIC, Week ending Dec. 22, 1866:-

Increase...... ... \$ 1,133

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices
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RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

_	For the week ending Wednesday Dec. 26, 1866.	From the lst January to Dec. 25, 1866.	To corresponding period 1863,				
Wheat, bushels Flour, barrels torn, bankels Floar, torn, bankels Floar, torn, bankels tyre, tile, tyre, tyre	14,200 9,005 1,500 601 7,70 211 1,671 422 422 16 131	995, 232 731, 231 2,106, 24 1,704, 065 777,549 137,027 137,027 137,027 131,403 25,620 14,499 3,331 13,336	2,661,064 793,639 866,234 437,536 67,306 32,616 23,611 2,977 22,983 67,614 27,613 1,612 2,074 2,074				

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