

## THE HARDWARE TRADE

Brush, George.  
Buchanan, I. & Co.  
Charlboro, A. & Co.  
Crabtree & Caverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Fraser F.  
Frothingham & Workman.

Gilbert, E. E.  
Hall, Kay & Co.  
Ireland, W. H.  
Kerchaw & Edwards.  
Law, Young & Co.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Mulholland, & Baker.  
Simms F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

**D**URING the week just closed a marked improvement has taken place in this department of trade. The extreme dulness of the previous few weeks has given place to some slight animation, which we may reasonably expect to continue, and improve as it proceeds. The weather, up to the present, has not tended to improve the facilities for travelling; the roads are, in a number of places in the country, only very slightly covered with snow, while within the past week we have had a snap of very severe frost. It is hoped that a good fall of snow will shortly take place.

**BLOCK TIN**—Remains unchanged.

**COPPER**—Our market has not yet been affected by the recent decline of £10 per ton which has taken place in England. The stock here is exceedingly light, and confined to one or two houses, and until some further arrivals take place, and the stock is replenished, we do not expect that these holders will reduce their figures. We understand that some stuff is now on the way to this market, from Britain, although the quantity is by no means large. The Western demand is improving. In former seasons a goodly number of orders were received for supplies of old copper, the stock of which is this year found to be largely diminished, and is therefore being replaced by new.

**CUT NAILS**—No stock in market. Makers are full of orders, and actively engaged in their fulfilment. The manufacturers state they have sufficient to keep them busy until fully September next. Orders cannot therefore now be replaced except at increased prices, as five thousand tons will hardly fulfil the present engagements.

**GALVANIZED IRON**—Market rather bare of stock, and the demand is light for the present. Will, no doubt, be active as ever in the spring.

**HORSE NAILS**—Are very scarce; many sizes are not now to be had, and prices are therefore fully maintained. The lots coming by steamer have cost more than our present quotations.

**PIG IRON**—The only sorts in the market are, *Gartsherrie* and *Eglinton*; and the entire stock does not exceed three hundred tons. At the prices quoted it is held firm, and none can be bought under. The stock in Upper Canada is also very light. Many orders have been received here which cannot be filled until new arrivals. Some is ordered to come by first regular steamer, but only to fill orders.

**BAR IRON**—Some small lots are coming out by way of Portland, but this is merely for the purpose of sorting up stocks, the completeness of which had been very much broken. It was fortunate that the manufacturers in Montreal had, previous to the past season, been making supplies of many sizes not generally held in the trade. Had it not been for this, the market would have been entirely bare of many sizes, especially in *horse-shoe* and *small rounds*. No *rounds* above 2 inches can now be had, except some small lots coming in by each steamer, which are quickly picked up on arrival, and at extreme rates.

**HOOPS**—Prices have at present a tendency to advance; some sizes are out of market, and for those remaining, holders are asking full rates.

**BOILER PLATES**—Several lots in the market; quotations are reduced in consequence of arrivals. Western demand almost nil, as they were fully supplied before close of navigation.

**CANADA PLATES—STAFFORDSHIRE**—A small lot—about 250 boxes—in the city held at our quotations, and is rapidly moving off.

**BUD**—None at present to be had.

**BES**—A small lot arrived by last steamer which was picked up at once, and sold for the west.

**PONTPOOL**—About 125 boxes in stock which have been partly disposed of.

**IRON WIRE**—Stock light but complete. Demand light.

**LEAD**—Plentiful at our quotations.

**POWDER**—Market full. Large lots could be bought a little under our rates. The stock in this market is now larger than it has ever been known to be, owing to the large receipts which had been procured from England during the past season; while the local manufacturers both of Canada East and West have been continuing the manufacture, and the market is very largely stocked.

**PRESSED SPIKES**—No alteration. Prices will probably be changed slightly next week.

**TIN PLATES**—Are held in two hands exclusively. Market at present very firm. Prices will scarcely alter much until new arrivals can be reported.

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.  
Dougall J. & Co.  
Hua & Richardson.

Seymour, C. E.  
Seymour, M. H.  
Shaw F. & Bros.

**T**HE business of the week has been tolerably quiet. The receipts have as usual been moderate, and the trade is in a quiet and easy state.

**SPANISH SOLE**—Is only in limited demand; the stock, however, is pretty good, and better at present than that of any other description of Leather.

**SLAUGHTER SOLE**—In small supply, and only limited demand.

**ROUGH**—Market perfectly bare of stock, and on this account the demand has ceased.

**WAXED UPPER**—No enquiry whatever.

**SPLITS**—Are very active. Some large sales have been effected during the week. Boot and Shoe manufacturers take up immediately any lots offering in the market, and as the stock is light at present, we may anticipate that prices will become firmer.

**HARNESSES**—Receipts light, but owing to the demand also being limited, the prices have not altered.

**ENAMELLED**—In rather limited supply with considerable enquiry, and prices tending to stiffness.

**PATENT**—In small supply and limited demand.

**BUFF**—The stock which is light is being rapidly exhausted, and anything offering is quickly picked up.

**SHEEP FELTS**—Colored linings, in pretty good demand, and certainly, no excess of stock. *Russets*, however, while there is a good moderate stock, remain inactive.

**PULLED WOOL**—Has been sold in liberal quantities latterly at about our quotations.

**HIDES**—Market tending slightly downwards. Now that cattle are prohibited from entering the United States, we may conclude that hides have reached their point in prices. There is at present very little stock in our market.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

James Austin & Co.  
I. Buchanan & Co.  
Bacon, Clarke & Co.  
H. Chapman & Co.  
Converse, Colson & Lamb.  
Jas. Douglas & Co.  
Forester, Moir & Co.  
Fitzpatrick & Moore.  
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.  
B. Hutchins & Co.  
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.  
Kings & Kinloch.  
Law, Young & Co.  
Leeming & Buchanan.  
E. Matland, Tyloe & Co.  
George Childs & Co.  
J. A. & H. Mathewson.

H. J. Gear.  
Mitchell, Kinnear & Co.  
William Nivin & Co.  
Reuter, Lional & Co.  
Blimmer, Gunn & Co.  
Robertson & Beattie.  
David Robertson.  
Haviland Bouth & Co.  
Saunderson & Co.  
Sinclair, Jack & Co.  
Jos. Tiffin & Sons.  
David Torrance & Co.  
Thompson, Murray & Co.  
Alex. Urquhart & Co.  
Winn & Eiland.  
Withers, Joy & Co.  
Julie Fournier.

**I**n this department of trade the week has presented no change whatever. The ice bridge opposite the city has at length been formed, and the retail trade has been benefited to some extent. No wholesale transactions have been effected. There has never, in the history of our local trade been such a continuous and intense dulness in the grocery market. For the last four weeks, the total amount of orders executed would not, we are persuaded, equal a moderate week's business in ordinary times.

The stocks, too, are very light, not in Montreal alone but in New York. The stocks in the latter place on 1st January, this year, are only half those of the same time twelve months ago. Every department of trade here is suffering from the absence of good roads; and until these improve, we cannot expect any large improvement.

Our latest dates from China are dated Hong Kong, 1st November. From these it appears that a large business had been latterly transacted, particularly in scented teas, notwithstanding which, the prices of all grades had advanced. The supplies from the interior continued full and ample, although there was rather a restricted selection. The Chinese markets are represented as singularly excitable. The quantity of scented teas, owing to the large exports, were beginning to fall off, and, for the better sorts, the teamen were decidedly firmer, while buyers were holding off from purchasing the lower kinds.

## Stock Market.

More activity is observable in the stock market this week, there being a better demand and the prices of favourite stocks is a trifle higher than last week's quotations, the market being rather barely supplied. Bank of Montreal has been sold at 112½ to 112¾. Ontario at 101. City Bank at Par. La Banque du Peuple at 108½, and Molsons Bank at 115. City Gas stock has been placed at 128. Bonds and Debentures are quite neglected.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

James Baillie & Co.  
Bauchage, Beak & Co.  
Wm. Benjamin & Co.  
James P. Clark.  
Alexander Walker.  
John Douglal & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
J. V. Gilmour & Co.  
S. Greenhalghs, Son & Co.  
James Hingston & Co.  
Lewis, Kay & Co.

Joseph May.  
Thomas May & Co.  
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.  
J. Meyer & Co.  
Munderloh & Steencken.  
Ogilvy & Co.  
Ringland, Ewart & Co.  
A. Robertson & Co.  
Strling, McCall & Co.  
William Stephen & Co.  
T. James Claxton & Co.  
George Winks & Co.

**T**HE same inanimate condition which pervades business generally, is apparent in this particular department. Very few orders indeed are coming in from the west.

The last two steamers from Britain have brought a good many dry goods: and these, added to the stocks already in hand, must render the assortment pretty complete. The British markets are advancing in every particular article of dry goods. Cottons, woollens, linens, and silks are all partaking in this upward tendency. This is the only feature of importance that presents itself for comment, and a forcible feature it certainly is. From present indications it would be impossible to predict when this upward feeling is to be checked, and we must wait further advices before we can express any opinion on the subject.

## MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET.

**T**HE stoppage of the export of Cattle into the United States by order of the American Government, has had its effect upon our Cattle Market. For some time the market has been quiet, but we have now to report increased activity. During the week there has been a much larger supply of Cattle than usual, resulting in a decrease in prices. One of our leading butchers disposed of a fine herd of 65 at from \$6 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs. So long as the American markets continue closed, Montreal must be the chief Cattle Market at the command of drovers, and it is not probable that prices may be still further affected.

**BEEVES**—Supply abundant. The fall in prices is at least from \$1.50 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Extra Cattle, \$7.50; first quality, \$6.50 to \$7; 2nd do., \$5.25 to \$6; 3rd do., \$4.50 to \$5; ordinary, consisting of bulls and refusals, bring \$4 per hundred.

**WORKING OXEN**—Sales at \$100 to \$120 per yoke.

**MILCH COWS**—Supply slightly improved; prices are slightly lower. We quote at \$24, \$30, \$36 and \$40; a few of extra quality have reached as high as \$50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**—The demand continues good; deliveries moderate. Extra Sheep, \$9 to \$10; good, \$6 to \$8; by the lot, \$3.50 to \$4.50 each.

**TALLOW**—7 to 7½c. per lb.

**LARD**—There is nothing doing in Lard. Rendered 15c. to 18c. per lb.

**HIDES**—First-class hides are worth \$6 per 100 lbs.; common, \$5.50.

**BARRELLED BEEF**—No sales reported.

—The new proprietors of the Acton mine have begun operations, and now have twenty-five men at work. The recent advance in the American copper market, has had a beneficial effect on the Eastern Townships mining interests, and extended operations on a sound commercial basis may be expected next summer.

—Honbles. Messrs. Ferrier and Galt, and Messrs. A. Knight, M.P.P., C. J. Brydges, Lorenzo and Avery Ives, have applied for a charter under the provisions of the Act 27 and 28 Vict., cap. 23, to incorporate them into a Copper Mining Company, under the name of the "Ives Mining Company," the capital of which will be \$32,000 in 32 shares, of \$1000 each; and its seat of operations the counties of Brome, Shefford, and Compton.

—The general feeling in Europe seems to be eminently pacific. France has discharged 52,000 men, but in such a way that they could be all recalled in a few days if needed. Prussia, in consequence apparently of a conference with France, is disbanding 30,000 soldiers; and Italy has sent 50,000 soldiers to their homes. These diminutions are effected on the score of economy, though it is doubtless the pacific aspect of Europe which warrants them.

—The Government Immigration Office at Quebec furnishes the following figures showing the amount of immigration into Canada this year:

Cabin passengers, 1,560; Steerage—adult males, 10,441; Do adult females, 4,959; Do children, 1 year to 12 years, males, 1,282; Do children, 1 year to 12 years, females, 1,565; Do infants, 929; Births during passage, 19; Total, 21,406; over 12,000 of these immigrants went ultimately to the States.