

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, Co.
Baird, Mac, & Co.
Johnstone, James, & Co.
Clark, Jas. P. & Co.
Carruth, T. James, & Co.
Davis, Wm. & Co.
Gault & H. & Co.
Gault, Bros. & Co.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenhalgh, S., & Co.
Hargrove, James, & Co.
Lewy, J. & Co.
McFarlane, Andrew, & Co.
McKenzie, J. G. & Co.
Th. J. Thibault & Co.

MacKay, Joseph, & Bro.
May, Joseph
Max, Thomas, & Co.
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Moore, S. H. & Co.
Muir, W. & R.
Munkittrich & Stronach
Ogilby & Co.
Phillips, Aubin & Co.
Robertson, J. & Co.
Roy, Jas. & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, M. & Co.

WING to the almost total absence of a movement of any description in this department, we have during the past few weeks suspended our report of this branch of trade. but now, although there is still barely anything doing, there is the appearance of preparation for the coming season's trade. Summer goods (of which there are too many left over) are being packed away, and fall stocks begin to replace them, but the month which must elapse before the fall trade commences, will afford ample time for leisurely preparation.

The indications thus far are that there will not be a large trade done this season, and we fear that those who calculate on doing an average amount of business will be disappointed. Stocks in the country are evidently too large, especially of fall and winter goods. Country merchants, though apparently buying with caution, have for the past two seasons bought more goods than their customers required, and consequently they have now on hand many of them reasonably good stocks with which to commence the fall trade, and need only sorting-up parcels. The crops, it is true, promise an abundance, but so they do elsewhere, the reports from the United States and the Continent of Europe giving hopes of unusually large harvests, and prices of breadstuffs may be expected to rule low. We would, therefore, again caution country merchants to act with care, and buy lightly and more frequently if necessary. Goods are not likely to be any higher, any change being more apt to be in favour of the buyer.

Imports are beginning to come forward. Our merchants generally say they are importing lightly, and we hope this will prove to be the case. Judging from the manifests of vessels thus far, the appearances are that too many goods are coming out, but they may merely be earlier than usual.

Cotton and cotton goods have continued about stationary in price for some time past, and goods are now lower than they have been since the war in the United States. We do not look for much change for some time to come, nor do we expect any advance, although, with money at two per cent. at the Bank of England, and a quarter of a million of bales less of cotton in Liverpool than at this time last year, when money was ten per cent., and with a larger weekly consumption, higher prices may possibly obtain.

This market has been almost bare of staple desirable goods, but from this forward, the supply will be ample; as a good many goods have been received within the past three weeks, and we may now look for large weekly additions.

Woolen goods continue to come forward in large quantities, in fact too large for the need of the country, as so many goods of this class are being made here, though we are glad to observe that the imports to this date for the year are less than for the corresponding period of 1893. Prices of woollens are slightly lower than last year, but the difference is not very marked.

Linen also favors the buyer, and must be quoted rather lower for all coarse goods, while in fine there is not much difference to note.

Silks continue high in price, with no present likelihood, in our opinion, of lower prices for some time, and this will keep down stocks.

On the whole, we look for a sound and healthy, but not a very large trade for the coming season, though undoubtedly great efforts will be made by importers to get their goods off their hands.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Chapman, Fraser & Ty'ce.
Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Fitzpatrick & Moore.
Foster, Jules.
Frank, J. C. & Co.
Gillespie, Moffat & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Anderson, John & Co.
Kings & Kinloch.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, James.
Phelan, Joseph.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Jas., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.

West, Ernie.

BUSINESS continues dull, and no improvement need be looked for till the fall trade sets in. Some few transactions have been passing in Teas, and there has been some enquiry for Raw Sugars, small

stocks checking trade, but aside from these, we have nothing worth speaking of to report.

TEAS.—Transactions for the week, all told, will probably not foot up over a thousand packages, and these chiefly of Young Hysons and Japans. Some of these were forced sales, and prices are hardly as firm as provisionally. Blacks are neglected.

COFFEE.—There has been nothing whatever doing. The New York market is lower, and advices from foreign markets generally are of lower prices, and sales here have been very much restricted.

SUGARS.—Refined are in good demand, but without any change in prices. Cuba and Porto Rico have been more freely asked for, and are decidedly firmer. Bright grocery samples of the former are held at \$8½ to \$8¾, and of Porto Rico at \$8½ to \$9. The principal enquiry has been from the refiners.

MOLASSES.—Is decidedly firmer; the stock of Muscovado and Clayed being very small. We hear of sales of Muscovado, in lots, at 32c to 40c for puncheons. Syrup unchanged. No New York or Portland in the market in first hands.

FRUIT.—Very little doing, prices being entirely unchanged.

RICE.—Is steadier, and may be quoted at \$38½ on the wharf, and \$39½ ex store.

SALT.—Liverpool Coarse is a little easier, and can be done at 7½ net cash, bankable funds it has offered rather more freely during the week.

OILS.—Are certainly easier. At auction on Tuesday, Cod—Gaspé—brought 65c; has been offered at private sale at 65c, without finding buyers. Seal is purely nominal, and sold on asked for. Olive in quacks is worth \$1.25 to \$1.30.

LIQUORS.—Brandy is stiffer, with a fair demand. Gin has little enquiry, and prices tend downwards.

CHEMICALS.—Sodas are gradually receding in value. Bi-Carb. of Soda is worth \$4.62½ to \$4.75. Sal-Soda, \$1.55 to \$1.95.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & R. Patrick.
Cameron & Ross.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Crawford, James.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.

Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Seymour, C. E.

LOUR.—The market has been extremely quiet during the whole of the week. Receipts have been small, and the demand mostly restricted to single hundreds for local use. The higher grades only sell by retail, rates being as formerly noted. The market for supers has been weak, and the daily quotations increasingly difficult to secure; fair samples fresh ground and inspected, latterly sold at rates ranging down to \$7.20, and \$7.30 to \$7.40 were full rates for choice. The active demand for common grades has drawn in more liberal supplies, but the demand continuing good, prices have been well sustained. Rye Flour.—Though arriving in considerable quantity, has found prompt sale at full previous rates, and toward the close some advance was secured, good samples fetching \$6.10 Bag Flour.—The supply is mainly from the local mills, and good continues to command high relative prices, our quotations are for good merchantable samples, some inferior lots occasionally offer and bring low and irregular prices.

OATMEAL.—The demand has slackened, and though the supply is small, prices are the turn easier. Cornmeal sells to some extent at rates previously noted.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—There are fair arrivals by rail for the season, and though mostly direct to millers, several cars have come forward and been sold in the ordinary course, though on account of the generally weak and drooping condition of the market, quotations have been secured with difficulty, buyers gradually lowering their offers, latest transactions in U. C. Spring have been at \$1.55 to \$1.57½, from track and store. Pease.—The market continues as last noted. There are still some cargoes uncompleted, and the small parcels offered are eagerly picked up at full previous rates, but as these rates are regarded as too high, once present wants are met, a decline is looked for. Oats continue scarce and sell in a retail way at former rates.

PORK.—The market continues firm, but with little animation, limited sales of Mess continue to be made at \$19.75 to \$20, Montreal inspection. Other grades are in small compass, and mostly in the hands of jobbers, and in the comparative absence of consumptive demand rates are almost nominal.

HAMS, &c.—Are extremely dull, and sales are forced, and rates obtained most irregular.

LAND.—Continues neglected and sales may be regarded nominal.

BUTTER.—The market presents no new features, arrivals are small, and mostly to those employing buyers through the country. There is a scarcity of strictly good table Butter, and parcels of such in good condition sell by retail at fair relative prices; but though the average accumulations are offered at low rates, they do not engage attention, and seem likely to be neglected till the fall months, when it is to be hoped that with a more general and indiscriminate demand they may be forced off; but in view of past disasters in connection with the handling of poor Butter, little is likely to be taken for granted, but a close discrimination will be practiced by buyers, and every pains will be required to improve on the quality on past seasons which, judging from the samples thus far offered, has not hitherto been done.

ASHES.—Pots continue to meet a steady competition, and slightly improved prices have latterly been secured. Pearls.—The high sales as compared with Pots so long prevalent, seem at length to tell on receipts, which, being abundant, prices have been tending slowly downwards, closing rate \$7.30 to \$7.35, with still drooping tendency.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Charlebois, A., & Co.
Crashorn & Carehill.
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Evans & Evans.
Evans, John Henry.
Ferrier & Co.
Fraser, P.

Gilbert, E. E.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Kendall & Edwards.
Morland, Watson & Co.
Muhlenthal, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Waldell & Pearce.

WE have little to report in this line of business for the past week, the general trade being very slack with few orders coming in.

PRO IRON.—At private sale there is very little doing. The few transactions of a retail character which have taken place have been at previous rates. 700 tons of Eglinton and Dalmilton, cargo of the "Royal Charlie," were sold at auction yesterday on the wharf as follows: 150 tons No 1 Eglinton at \$19.70; 250 tons No 4 Eglinton at \$18.50; and 300 tons No 4 Dalmilton at \$18.40; all net cash.

BAR IRON.—Prices are firm, with however very little doing.

HOOP AND BAND IRON.—Are quiet; prices are firm but unchanged.

SHEET IRON.—Is without change, the demand being very limited.

CUT NAILS.—Are scarce, and prices firm.

TIN PLATES.—Are very dull of sale, and prices unaltered.

CANADA PLATES.—Are offered at rather easier rates, the tendency being downward.

SHELF GOODS.—Are without any demand whatever.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Hua & Richardson.
Seymour, C. E.

Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.
Smith & Edmiston.

THERE are indications of a more active trade, consumers having been rather more free in their purchases the past week, and as receipts have been only moderate, the recent accumulation has been checked.

SPANISH SOLE.—Has been in fair request at about quotations. Sales being fully equal to receipts.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—A slightly improved demand has sprung up, with some sales of small lots, but there is no special call existing.

HARNESSES.—There is no glut of stock, nor any pressing demand; prices remain steady for prime.

WAXED UPPER.—No difficulty exists in placing this stock at quotations if good, still there is no pressing demand.

GRAINED UPPER.—Is still quiet, and more difficulty is experienced in effecting sales.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—The enquiry is improving the sales the past week having been larger of all descriptions, inferiors at lower figures, prime at previous rates.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Are unusually dull, there being very little demand.

CALFSKINS.—Have had rather more inquiry, but it is difficult to place any except prime stock.

SPLITS.—In good demand at quotations.

SNEEFSKINS.—Light are wanted.

HIDES.—No green salted in market, this description are scarce, and prices tend upwards.