and the general tone of feeling amongst country merchants from nearly every section is hopeful founded on the quantity, quality, and current prices of the crops, which are now harvested and ready for market We trust all sanguine expectations may be abundantly verified by the event.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.	Mathewson, J. A.
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee.	Mitchell, James.
Chapman H., & Co.	Robertson & Beattie
Childs, George, & Co.	Robertson, David.
Couverse, Colson & Lamb.	Tiffin, Bros.
Franck, J. C., & Co	Thompson, Murray & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.	Torrance, David, & Co
Jeffery, brothers & Co.	West, Bros.
Kingan & Kinloch.	Winning, Hill & Ware.

OUR grocery market during the past week has generally exhibited a very good feeling, considering the near approach of the Trade Sales. For the last few days, the influx of visitors to this city, attracted at this time by the agricultural exhibition now in progress, the rifle match, &c., &c., has caused increased animation; but, nevertheless, it has been found difficult to dispose of large lots, buyers preferring to hold off for the auction sales. There is an improved feeling in most staples, and a generally healthy appearance for trade this fall.

TEAS—In high priced Greens there has been but little doing, and sales have been confined to lots required for our local trade. Medium and low Young Hysons have had fair enquiry. Twankays are more enquired for and scarce, samples being taken at advanced figures to supply immediate wants. Japans of all grades have met with good enquiry, but chiefly for samples at from 50c. to 52½c., which are now scarcely obtainable, unless at an advance of ½c. to 1c. on previous rates. In grades of about this value nearly 1,600 half-chests have changed hands in the past ten days, and holders are very careless of parting with their stock unless at full value. Really fine samples are also enquired for, though chiefly for our local trade, and are also somewhat scarce. Oolong is also in demand. Blacks in fair demand, but no transactions are reported.

COFFEE—Has met a fair enquiry, more especially for Java, Maracaibo, and Laguayra. The first named is scarce, and principally required for the local trade. Prices of all grades are steady.

SUGAR.—A fair business has been done in raws, though the feeling has not been one of activity. Sales reported are of about 200 hhds. of bright Barbadoes and Porto Rico, on private terms. Cubas have been in less demand, though we understand some Refinery offers have been made for most lots in market. Advices from New York and London report prices firm in those markets, and holders here are looking for an advance.

MOLASSES—Has exhibited a firmer tendency, with a demand mostly for better grades. Centrifugal lately in the market having been bought up, holders of balance of stock are unwilling to sell at previous rates. Clayed is also held firmly, and finds willing buyers at full previous rates. In barrels, all grades are much wanted, and full prices would be readily paid for round lots, if obtainable. The high grades, including Barbadoes Syrup, bright Muscovado, Porto Rico, and British Island, in puncheons have also received good demand for our local trade; but, being held for high prices, sales have been small.

FISH.—So far this season, the imports have been small, consisting principally of dry table Codfish and Salmon, the former being sold in round lots readily at $4 50 to $4.75, according to quality; the latter at $13 to $14. Labrador Herrings, really good No. 1 splits have not yet been seen. A lot of so-called were offered at auction last week, but proved small, and could hardly command a bid. Really good No. 1 would readily bring $4 50 to $5. Hake continues in fair demand, at $3 to $3 25 per 112 lbs.

FRUIT—Continues to receive fair attention, though but little changed from last week. Layer Raisins being very scarce, and no arrivals as yet of new crop, are in demand, but prices are as before quoted Valentias, however, having arrived rather early by steamship, have been offered in market in round lots at 7½c. to 8½c., though most holders are asking 8½c. to 8¾c. M. R. s are now offered at $1 90 to $1 95. Currants are in better demand, good ordinary samples old being held for 5c. to 5½c., and really fine to 6c. Figs, but few in the market, and without much demand, no change in figures. Nuts unaltered.

RICE—During the earlier part of the week showed some firmness, and holders were unwilling to sell unless at full prices; still the arrivals have been somewhat large, and the market being in an unsettled condition, buyers and holders are holding off until prices become established. We quote Arracan, good, $4.30 to $4 45; medium, $4 to $4.35, with sales of exceptional and broken lots at somewhat lower figures. Rangoon, $4.20 to $4.40; Patna and Moulain $4.05 to $4 20.

SALT—Liverpool Coarse, ex store, is held firmly at 72c, with the reported intention on the part of Quebec holders to advance their pretensions to 75c, in the course of the coming week, the arrivals being now expected to fall short of what was previously looked for. Fine is held at 80c

TOBACCO—Of all classes have met with good demand, but more especially for 10's, 8's and 5's, McDonald's manufacture of Prince of Wales, Queen's Own, and Forget-me-not, being principally asked for. Holders in the meantime (McDonald being unable through accident to machinery to execute orders) are unwilling to part with their stock unless at advanced rates. Qr-lbs also are in good demand, though more especially for mahogany and semi-bright, black samples being at present unasked for.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—A fair feeling has been shewn, both at auction and private sale. In Wines, medium Sherries and No. 1 Burgundy Ports have been most enquired for, both of which have had a fair sale and at full prices. Madeira also has good demand, and some few lots have been sold for the Western market. In Brandy, cases of Hennessy's are well looked for and full prices paid. Other cases are also in fair demand, with transactions at full rates. Brandy in wood also well enquired for. DeKuyper's Gin is held for full rates, and although transactions are small, buyers are supplying themselves gradually. In this article there has been a gradual but decided upward tendency, and advices from the Dutch markets is of a character to strengthen prices.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill.	Morland, Watson & Co.
Evans & Evans.	Mulholland, & Baker.
Evans, John Henry.	Robertson, Jas.
Hall, Kay & Co.	Waddell & Pearce.
Ireland, W. H.	

WITHIN a few days, we have to report a very sensible improvement in this branch of trade. A good many Western buyers have arrived, and are purchasing freely, both of heavy and of shelf goods The anticipations are that a large trade will be done, buyers being sanguine of a good general demand through the country.

PIG IRON.—There has been increased demand for favorite brands. No. 1 Gartsherrie is now quoted $21 50 for round lots, although transactions are reported in exceptional cases on rather better terms. Summerlee has had more enquiry, some considerable Chicago orders having been in the market. No transactions reported.

BAR IRON.—Scotch Bar has been somewhat more asked for, but stocks are large, and prices are as previously reported.

HOOP AND BAND IRON—Meets with an ordinary demand, at unchanged prices.

BOILER PLATES—Are without animation, but quotations are unaltered.

TIN PLATES—Are in fair demand, and with no overstock in market, prices are well sustained.

CUT NAILS—Are selling freely at quotations, in ordinary lots. Large parcels may be had at somewhat lower figures.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Aikin & Kirkpatrick.	Hannan, M., & Co
Black & Locke.	Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Couverse, Colson & Lamb.	Mitchell, Robt.
Crawford, James.	Raphael, Thomas W.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	

FLOUR.—We have to report another week of unvarying dullness in all descriptions of flour, which have further declined fully 25c. per barrel since date of our last. The local millers as well as holders generally, have felt the necessity of meeting buyers whenever they presented themselves, and of accepting such rates as they were able and willing to pay, hence a gradual settling down of the market to near a point at which operators would feel justified in commencing shipping operations on a large scale—both the Western and British markets have fluctuated somewhat during the week, but without very material alteration in value. Low grade Western Supers have been sold as low as $5.75. City brands and Welland Canal from $5.85 to $5.90, while strong Supers has been retailed out in the vicinity of $6. No. 2 closes dull at $5 25 to $5 45, and fine at $5. Extras have virtually disappeared from the market. Bag flour sells in a retail way at $2 90 to $3 for good samples.

GRAINS.—*Wheat*—The arrivals of Canadian have been mostly by carloads which have moved off from store at about $1 30 for Upper Canada spring and red winter; cargoes afloat would fetch somewhat more money when shippers are in the market. *Pease* are still scarce and are selling in carloads from store at $1.07½ to $1 10 per 66lbs. Cargoes afloat would fetch outside rates.

PROVISIONS.—*Pork*—The high price of Mess tells considerably upon consumption which is greatly reduced, and sales are merely by retail at somewhat irregular rates. Other grades are mostly in small supply, and stocks are beginning to run out. Prime Mess is worth $17 50 to $18. Prime $ 7, and Extra Prime $15 50 to $16. *Butter*—The little coming forward for sale is mostly required for City trade—a few shipping parcels have changed hands in the vicinity of 20c. to 21c.

ASHES.—*Pots* have been steady and quiet throughout the week. *Pearls* have been sold at $5 40 to some extent, but close weaker, a sale having been made at $5.35.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.	Seymour, M. H.
Bryson, Campbell.	Shaw F. & Bros.

BUSINESS having been rather more active among boot and shoe manufacturers, there has been a better enquiry for stock, yet the leather interest has not felt the effect of an increased demand for boots and shoes to the extent it will probably a little later in the season. The receipts of stock are not heavy, and Prime is not abundant.

Prices are steady, favoring buyers on all descriptions of an inferior character.

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Traffic receipts for week ending 29th August, 1868.

Passengers..	$ 3,587.66
Freight and live stock	8,782 91
Mails and sundries	216 67
Total	$12,587 24
Corresponding week, 1867.	10,957.01
Increase	$1,630.23

Traffic for week ending Sept. 5th, 1868.

Passengers	$ 3419 30
Freight	7,235.70
Mails and sundries	1,163.04
Total receipts for week	$11,883 04
Corresponding week 1867	7,067.60
Increase	$ 4,815 44

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending 21st August, 1868.

Passengers	$33 172.74
Freight	23 045 02
Mails and sundries	2,127 26
Total receipts for week	$58 345 02
Corresponding week, 1867	63,052.45
Increase	$ 1,293.57

ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

NAME OF INSOLVENT	RESIDENCE.	NAME OF ASSIGNEE
Ainley, J.	Port Hope	E. A. Macnachtan
Couvrette, E.	Montreal	T. Sauvageau.
Caro Brother	Three Rivers	A. B. Stewart.
Gillett, Thomas	Sarnia	J. Rodgers.
Grant[illegible] & Co., E. R.	St. Thomas	Samuel Price.
Grannis, H. Albert.	Joliet.	S. McL. Bookes.
Hanson, D. C.	Marysboro	T. Saunders.
Hart, Alex	Montreal	T. Sauvageau.
Miller, Anna S.	Hamilton	J. J. Mason.
Mack[illegible], William	Campbellford	Alex. Martin.
Robeson, H.	Brockville	R. C. Jones.
Sullivan, J.	Sarnia	J. Rodgers.
Wells, D.	Sarnia	J. Rodgers.
Wallace, Geo. A.	Brighton	Alex. Martin.

APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE.
Bergmann, F.	Hamilton	Sept. 28
Chapman, C.	Magog	Oct. 26
[illegible], A. B.	Napanee	Nov. 14
Griffith & Ballard	Montreal	" 17
Highland, R.	Aylmer	" 19
Lindsay, Wm.	Lindsay	Oct. 13
Merritt, D. H.	Oshawa	" 22
Morrison, W. C.	Toronto	Sept. 16
Platt, W. & F.	London	Nov. 16
Rowell, James	London	" 7
Sutherland, James	Ingersoll	" 27