

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Haslle, James, & Co.  
Hankner, Beak & Co.  
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.  
Black, Lewis & Co.  
Claxton, T. James, & Co.  
Dowry, John, & Co.  
Foulds & Hodgson.  
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.  
Greenough, J. S., & Co.  
Harrison, James, & Co.  
Hill, Kay & Co.  
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.  
May, Joseph.

Max, Thomas, & Co.  
McIntyre, Denson & Co.  
Meyer, J., & Co.  
Moore, S. H., & Co.  
Mull, W., & Co.  
Murray, John, & Co.  
Ogilby & Co.  
Parker, Amable, & Co.  
Rimland, Edward & Co.  
Robertson, A. & Co.  
Roy, James, & Co.  
Stephen, William, & Co.  
Stirling, McCall & Co.  
Winks, George, & Co.

THE amount of business done in this line during the week shows no diminution from that reported for the previous week, and as a rule, the sales for the month of March just closed foot up very heavily, showing a striking increase over those for the same month of last year. The following figures give the value of imports of dry goods at this port for the first three months of the present year as compared with the same period of 1865, with the amounts remaining in warehouse on the 31st March:

	Cottons.	Woolens.
1865.....	\$1,644,820	\$1,660,964
1866.....	679,861	618,310
Increase.....	\$1,081,953	\$992,654
Rem'g in warehouse Mar 31, 1866	\$148,902	\$125,477

  

	Silks & velvets.	Fey goods.
1865.....	\$269,497	\$65,969
1866.....	103,191	36,107
Increase.....	\$166,306	\$19,862
Rem'g in warehouse Mar 31, 1866	\$21,545	\$7,587

Notwithstanding these heavy importations, there appears to be no over stock of goods, and in some lines, there are evidences of the supply being hardly equal to the demand. We are glad to be able to report the western trade as being in an unusually healthy state. Most houses report their customers as more prompt than usual in meeting their engagements, not only taking up their paper at its maturity, but in some instances anticipating the time of its falling due. This happy condition of the western buyers reflects back on the importers here, the result being much fewer discounts asked for and those chiefly to pay duties. Very few goods are remaining in warehouse, the values, as will be seen by reference to above figures being quite trifling when compared with the total business done.

Our latest Liverpool quotations of cotton are to the 23rd ult. by the *Damascus*. Sales for the week footed up 71000 bales, including 14500 to speculators, and 11000 to exporters. The market opened buoyant at an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1d. per pound, but the advance was subsequently almost all lost, closing flat. Latest quotations were: Orleans fair 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. middling 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Mobile fair 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. middling 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Upland 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. middling 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Stock in port was 120,500 bales, including 221,500 American.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.  
Buchanan, L., & Co.  
Charlebois, A., & Co.  
Crathorn & Caverhill.  
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.  
Evans, J. H.  
Evans & Evans.  
Fraser, F.  
Gilbert, E. E.

Hall, Kay & Co.  
Ireland, W. H.  
Kerhaw & Edwards.  
Morland, Watson & Co.  
Mullholland, & Baker.  
Robertson, J.  
Roual, John & Sons.  
Simms, F. H.  
Winn & Holland.

THERE has been a brisk trade during the week, orders coming in very freely. Shelf goods are becoming quite scarce, and as the arrivals by way of Portland will be limited, stocks must continue light until after the opening of navigation. The imports of Hardware for the first quarter of this year were \$109,615, against \$47,046 for same period of 1865. Goods to the value of \$14,172 were remaining in warehouse on the 31st ult. The imports of Iron for the quarter amounted to \$62,000, in 1866, and \$5,479, in 1865.

CORREN—Is scarce, and any lots coming in find immediate sale at our quotations.

IRON PIG.—None in market, and quotations nominal. The latest advices by mail from Glasgow quote Gartsherrie and Glengarnock No. 1, 78s. 6d., and Summerlee No. 4, 76s.

The *Cuba's* telegraphic despatch quotes Scotch Pig, 76s. 3d. Bar—is scarce for most sizes, particularly for large rounds, which are not to be had. Boiler Plate—Stocks light and nothing of moment doing. Canada Plates—in demand, and not to be had.

TIN PLATES.—Transactions have been principally of a retail character, but in this way a fair amount of business has been done. Stock here moderate, and held in two hands.

Much attention is being attracted to what is known as the "great Pig Iron speculation." A number

of Liverpool speculators combined together and quietly purchased about 370,000 tons in store at Glasgow at something like 55s. per ton, and though the stock there has been increasing ever since, until it has reached about 400,000 tons; the "bull" interest has succeeded in forcing the price to its present high point. The iron in store is represented by storekeepers' warrants, and the "bears" have sold to the Liverpool "bulls" a much larger amount for future delivery than is actually in existence, hence the "corner" and consequent rise in prices. The effects on the trade generally in Scotland, are represented as having been already most disastrous, many of the works being obliged to stop or work half time. It is not easy to foresee how the speculation will end, but iron must ere long recede to a figure nearer its actual value, which, it is calculated, is about 55s. per ton.

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

Chapman H., & Co.  
Child, George, & Co.  
Conry, John, & Co.  
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.  
Hartpatrick & Moore.  
Fournier, Jules.  
Gilliepie, Moffatt & Co.  
Hutchins, B., & Co.  
Joffe, Brothers & Co.  
Kings & Kitchin.  
Leeming & Buchanan.  
Maitland, E. Tyndal & Co.  
Mathewson, J. A. & H.  
Metcalf, Minner & Co.  
Morr, William, & Co.

Neal, James & Co.  
Reuter, Lonsdale & Co.  
Rimland, Edward & Co.  
Rolle, Hutton & Co.  
Roth, Hayland & Co.  
Saunders & Co.  
Schneider, Baird & Co.  
Stirling, Jack & Co.  
Thompson, J. & Sons.  
Thompson, M. & Co.  
Torrance, Dav. & Co.  
Urquhart, Alex. & Co.  
Winn & Holland.  
Whitney, J. & Co.

THERE is little to report concerning the business of the past week, there having been no transactions of any particular importance since those reported in our last. Nearly all choice lots of Teas have been withdrawn from the market, and for common and low grades no demand exists. For grocery sugars, there has been an increased inquiry from the jobbers during the week, and sales of several 10 and 30 lbs. lots at \$9.25 per 100 lbs., duty paid, for bright Cuba. Common Porto Rico offered at \$9.25 to \$9.50, extra bright held at \$9.75 to \$10. Latest advices from Havana quote an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. to  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. per lb. on common grades of refining sugars, and of  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. to 1 c. on fine grocery, which is hardly procurable.

The following are the imports, at this port, of Tea, Sugar, and Molasses, for the first quarters of 1865 and 1866, with the amounts remaining in Bond on the 31st ult.:

	Molasses.	Sugar.	Tea.
	gallons.	lbs.	lbs.
1865.....	60,426	129,476	154,635
1866.....	61,700	91,607	108,681
Increase.....	368,837	2,677,014	164,635
Decrease.....	368,837	2,109,881	353,376
Being in bond	37,869	683,653	38,931
March 31, 1866	1,273	6,465,643	1,136,861
March 31, 1865	243,312	277,338	389,916

## PUBLIC REVENUE FOR MARCH.

WE learn by special telegram from Ottawa that the revenue for March, amounted to \$1,411,709, while the expenditure was \$461,332, bearing a surplus of \$950,377. The revenue includes \$1,033,434 from customs.

## Imports.

The following are the total imports of free and dutiable goods at this Port for the quarter ending March 31st, 1865 and 1866, with the amounts of duty collected for same time:—

	Free.	Dutiable.	Duty paid.
1865.....	\$425,563	\$5,503,468	\$1,139,949
1866.....	210,703	2,816,584	618,917
Increase.....	\$234,811	\$3,186,884	\$491,032
Total increase.....			\$3,471,335

## THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Child.  
Dougall, J. & Co.  
Hus & Richardson.  
Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.  
Seymour, C. E.  
Seymour, M. H.  
Shaw, F. & Bros.

THERE has been a fair business in most kinds of leather during the week, and as receipts are light, stocks are becoming somewhat reduced, and with any particular increase in the demand, the markets would be left quite bare.

SPANISH SOLE.—Sales have been limited, and receipts likewise have been moderate. An increased demand, chiefly from the lower ports, is looked for after the opening of navigation, and prices will probably be well maintained.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Is quite firm at our quotations, the supply being quite small, and arrivals light.

HARNESS.—Is in small request, and rather weak. Outside quotations can be obtained only for first class stock.

WAXED UPPER.—The sales for the week have been unimportant. The stock is not heavy, and accounts from the Western Province do not lead us to expect much augmentation of the supply.

GRAINED UPPER.—Is in little demand, and we hear of no sales having taken place.

BUFF AND FEMBED.—Have been in fair request, and prices are steady, having been unaffected by the somewhat increased supply of inferior makes.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Have been in brisk demand. No difficulty has been experienced in placing at full prices all that has been offered, which is quite limited in amount.

CALF SKINS.—Time is scarce. Some small lots of ordinary have been received.

SPLITS.—There is not much demand for heavy, but light and medium are sought after, and find ready sale at quotations, which are unchanged.

SHEEP SKINS.—Stocks have become very much reduced, *Russells* selling freely. Colored Linings, especially pinks, are scarce and wanted.

HIDES.—The receipts during the week have been unimportant. The sales have been small, and prices are unchanged.

## MONEY MARKET.

WE have to report more ease in money, with a decreased demand. Good paper is scarce and wanted. We learn that the money which was withdrawn so rapidly from our Saving Banks, in consequence of the Fenian excitement, is returning to them nearly as fast as it was taken out, depositors finding that their fears are not at present likely to be realized. Sterling exchange is dull and lower, and can be bought at from 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ , for banker's 60 day endorsed bills in even amounts. In New York, Banker's drafts are quoted at 106 $\frac{1}{2}$  for gold.

GOLD.—Has been more steady during the past week, 126 $\frac{1}{2}$  being the lowest point touched and 128 $\frac{1}{2}$  the highest. Yesterday afternoon's quotation is 127 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Bank demand drafts on New York are quoted at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 21 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. discount, and Greenbacks 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 22 per cent. discount.

SILVER.—Is in good demand, but the supply is also abundant, and rates continue about the same. Buying 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. discount. Selling  $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. discount.

## Latest Quotations by Telegraph.

The *S. S. Cuba*, from Liverpool on 24th, and Queenstown, 25th ult., arrived at New York yesterday morning. Flour was reported inactive and prices in favour of buyer. Wheat dull, but quotations unchanged: Winter, 10s. to 10s. 6d. per 100 lbs. Corn firmer, and in fair demand at 28s. 6d. to 29s. per 48 lbs. for 31x42. Beef quiet, and 2s. 6d. to 2s. lower under increased arrivals. Pork declined to 92s. 6d. to 95s. for old and new. Bacon inactive, and 1s. to 1s. lower on the week. Butter slow. Lard, 2s. lower on the week and tending downward. Cheese quiet but steady. Tallow in fair demand at 49s. to 50s. per cwt. Bank of England rate of discount still 6 per cent., but a reduction to 5 per cent. looked for in a few weeks. Bailion in the Bank had increased £128,000 in the week. Bank of France had reduced discount rate to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Consols, 86 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 87 for money. United States 5-20's 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ .