

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Fitzpatrick & Moore.
Fournier, Jules.
Gies, H. J.
Gilliepie, Moffatt & Co.
Hutchins B., & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Kings & Knicker.
Law, Young & Co.
Leeming & Buchanan.
Maitland, F., Tyce & Co.
Mathewson, J. A. & H.
Mitchell, L. H. & Co.

Nevin, William, & Co.
Reed, James S., & Co.
Reuter, Lloana & Co.
Rimmer, Gunn & Co.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Routh, Hay & Co.
Saunders & Co.
Schneider, Bond & Co.
Sindclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Jos., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.
Winn & Holland.
Witners, Joy & Co.

AN unusual dullness, even for this season of the year, still characterizes business in general groceries. Buyers come forward very slowly, and are disinclined to lay in large stocks, believing that they will be able to purchase goods at lower figures after the opening of navigation.

SUGARS—Are very heavy. We quote *Porto Rico* \$9.50 to \$10, and *Cuba* \$9.25 to \$9.50. *Refined* quiet and unchanged.

The imports of unrefined sugar at the Port of Montreal for February were:—

	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	lbs 262,352	\$13,604
In 1865.	" 393,915	15,168
A decrease in 1866 of " 130,563 \$1861		

The imports of refined sugar for same month were:—

	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	lbs. 73,373	\$1857
In 1865.	" nil.	

TEAS—Have been more enquired for, but sales effected have been of retail parcels for present consumption. Prices are firm for all grades, but a decline is anticipated during the spring, partly on account of the large shipments from China to England, and partly because high prices now ruling in China will have the effect of inducing a larger quantity to come forward to open ports.

The imports of Teas at this Port for February were:—

	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	lbs. 72,195	\$18,250
In 1865.	" 134,227	408,92
A decrease in 1866 of... " 61,731 \$22,612		

COFFEES—We have no change to note. The imports for the month of February were light, being 6,629 lbs., value \$1,053 in 1866, against nothing in 1865.

TOBACCO—Unchanged, with very little doing.

The imports of Tobacco, Cigars, &c., for February were:—In 1866..... \$5,459
In 1865..... 2,120

An increase in 1866 of..... \$2,319

WINE, SPIRITS, &c.—The business of the past week has been exceedingly limited, and we have no change to make in quotations.

The following are the imports at this Port for February:—

WHISKY.		
	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	galls. 691	\$332
In 1865.	" 35	76
Increase..... " 659 \$276		

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	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	galls. 418	\$121
In 1865.	" 680	not stated.
Decrease..... " 162		

ROM.		
	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	galls. 732	\$732
In 1865.	" 407	422
Increase..... " 325 \$310		

BRANDY.		
	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	galls. 723	\$948
In 1865.	" 1,313	1,579
Decrease..... " 617 \$636		

WINE.		
	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	"	\$925
In 1865.	"	49
Increase..... \$876		

DRIED FRUITS—Not much doing in any kind, and prices unaltered. There were imported during the month of February:

	Quantity.	Value.
In 1866.	lbs. 114,912	\$7,330
In 1865.	" 12,838	909
Increase..... " 102,074 \$6421		

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, & Co.
Bathurst, Beak & Co.
Benjamin, Wm., & Co.
Clark, James P.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Dougall, John, & Co.
Foulie & Hodgson.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenhalghs, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andw. W., & Co.
May, Joseph.

May, Thomas, & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Meyer, J., & Co.
Moore, R. H., & J.
Muir, W., & Co.
Mundeloh & Steencken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Ringland, Ewart & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, Met. & Co.
Walker, Alexander.

Winks, George, & Co.

SINCE our last, a few of the early buyers from the West have made their appearance, and seem thus far in good spirits at the business of the past winter, and at the prospects of the future, which appear flattering. By the 20th of the month, we may expect to see the city full of the Western merchants, and our wholesale houses busy to the extent of their capacity.

With reference to the goods already arrived, we have little to add to what was said last week. The market is now well supplied with all descriptions of staples, but we still observe a great deficiency in many classes of fancy goods and general haberdashery; owing partly to the detention of packages now on the way, between Portland and Montreal—the goods by three steamers arrived at the former place not having yet come to hand. When these are received, together with the freight of the *A. A. Scotian*, now due, the stock undoubtedly will be very complete. Some patterns of dress goods already opened, are very stylish and attractive.

We may remark, with reference to cottons, that although there has been a light decline in the price of the raw material, manufactured goods are decidedly firmer, with an advancing tendency—owing entirely to the great demand not only for the home trade, but also for the Continent, India and China. English factories are fully employed, and the amount of cotton withdrawn from market, for consumption, has very largely increased of late, besides being much in advance of the amount used in the corresponding period of 1865.

In *Linen Goods* of all descriptions there is a continual advance; and we observe that the price of flax at the present time shows an increase of nearly fifty per cent. over that of a year ago. With *Woolen Goods* the market is well supplied in all classes. All *Silk Goods* are very much higher, with a prospect of a very great increase in price. This advance is due to the limited supply of the raw material, and there is no prospect of an increased production, for the next season at least.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.
Dougall J., & Co.
Hill & R. L. & Co.

Kirkwood, Livingston & Co.
Symour, C. E.
Symour, M. H.

Stearns F. & Bro.

THE business of the week has been rather limited in amount, there being an indisposition on the part of buyers to purchase heavy stocks, and sales made being chiefly to supply present demand.

SPANISH SOLE—Unchanged, with receipts coming in a little more freely. Of prime stock there is a very little in market, and prices are firm.

SLAUGHTER SOLE—With a good demand, and a stock much reduced in consequence of limited arrivals, we have to quote prices quite firm at our quotations.

ROUGH—None in market.

HARNESS—There is an average stock on hand, with but little doing, and both receipts and transactions are quite limited in amount.

WAXED UPPER—No receipts during the week, and the stock very light. Transactions have been quite limited.

GRAINED UPPER—Nothing doing.

BUFF AND PEBBLED—Prime buff is in fair demand with light supply, but pebbled meets with less ready sale, and is in better supply.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED—Are firm at quotations, with a lightly stocked market.

CALF SKINS—Unchanged, the receipts being of too trifling a character to cause any alteration in prices.

SPLITTS—Are in good demand at full prices, light and medium being in most request.

SHEEP SKINS—The demand is light, and notwithstanding a considerable reduction in stock, we have no change to make in our quotations.

HIDES—The stock of Green is small, but with little demand, is sufficient to supply the immediate wants of the trade.

WOOL—Pulled has been more looked after, but can only be obtained in limited quantities, and has advanced from 16. to 20. per pound.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Buchanan, A., & Co.
Charlbois, A., & Co.
Crathern & Caverhill.
Currie, W., & F. T., & Co.
Evans, J. H.
Straus & Evans.
Fraser, F.
Frothingham & Workman.
Gilbert, E. E.

Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Kershaw & Edwards.
Law, Watson & Co.
Morland, Young & Co.
Muholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Simms, P. H.
Winn & Holland.

THERE has been rather more activity during the past week, and though there have not been many buyers in the market, yet orders have been coming in pretty freely.

The imports of general hardware for the month of February at this Port were

In 1866.	\$35,910
In 1865.	14,420

Increase in 1866..... \$21,490

COPPER PIG—Is firm—latest advices from England quote it held stiffly, and an advance anticipated.

CUT NAILS—None in market, except a small stock in hands of manufacturers, who are making only to order.

GALVANIZED IRON—The demand is limited, and prices are unchanged.

HOUSE NAILS—Very scarce. The market is quite bare of 8s to 9s of No. 1 makes.

IRON—Latest advices quote *Pig* as having again advanced, and if this continued, *Bar* would be sure to follow. The imports for February were

In 1866.	\$24,117
1865.	13,725

Increase in 1866..... \$10,391

Very large orders for *Pig* have gone home from the Western States, and freights to a large amount engaged. Prices are expected to rule high during the coming spring.

BAR—Is in good demand, and the market very bare of ordinary sizes, prices being high for all sizes imported during the winter season.

BOILER PLATES—Are scarce and in demand. Expected arrivals are almost entirely to order, none coming out for stock.

CANADA PLATES—Are scarce and best brands would sell somewhat above our figures, but quotations may be considered nominal.

FLOORS AND BANDS—Are inactive, but with a reduced and now badly assorted stock, prices have advanced 20 cts.

TIN PLATES—Are firmer at home, and have advanced 25c. on all grades in this market. No decline is looked for at present.

The Money Market.

Money is somewhat easier, and there is no difficulty in obtaining accommodation on good business paper. Sterling Exchange is rather firmer, closing 108½ to 109½, for endorsed 60 day bills. The Banks refused to draw at less than 109. Private 60 day bills range from 107½ to 109½.

GOLD at 2:40 p.m. yesterday, was 131½, the lowest point reached for many months. The decline is attributed to the advance in England of U. S. gold bearing bonds, and to a general feeling of confidence in the Government.

GREENBACKS are in good supply, brokers buying at 21½ discount, selling at 21 to 21½ per cent discount.

SILVER advanced during the early part of the week, there being a very active demand with a limited supply, but it has again become more plentiful, and is offered freely at 3 per cent discount, at which figures the brokers are buying; they are selling at 2½ per cent discount.

Latest Quotations by Telegraph.

The Steamer City of New York from Liverpool on the 21st, and Queenstown 22nd Feb., arrived at New York on the 7th inst. Breadstuffs were quiet and steady. Provisions steady, except bacon which is firmer, and lard which tends upwards. Cotton had declined 1s. 4d. under American news. Bank of England had reduced the rate of interest to 7 per cent. Consols 87½ to 87½; U. S. 5.2. 69½ to 69½. Illinois Central 76½ to 77.

The Java from Liverpool on the 24th, and Queenstown on the 25th arrived at New York yesterday 9:30 a.m. Breadstuffs quiet and without change. Provisions firmer. Consols closed, 87½ to 87½; U. S. 5.2. 69½ to 69½. The cattle plague was still increasing, the latest weekly return being 18,000, the largest yet.