ST. JOHN, N. B.—SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

(From Cudlip & Snider's Circular.)

St. John, N.B., December 29, 1868.

FREIGHTS.—Remain in the same dull state, as advised in our last—with very scanty offerings of tonnage, and but little disposition on the parts of the shippers to make engagements. Nothing cleared for Liverpool since last steamer and nothing loading or engaged.

We quote—Liverpool, 72s 6d, nominal: London, 70s nominal; Clyde, 65s to 70s, ... Channel, 70s; Ireland, East Coast, 72s 6d to 85s, according to port and size of vessel.

The engagements have been - Ship, 629 tons, for Limerick, 80s.

SALT AND COALS.—Salt with only retail sales remains *very dull, and doubtful if a cargo would bring* 60o. Coals are very heavy in stock and the arrivals large. Last sales—Scotch, $3.50 per chaldron; Liverpool, $4.50.

There were 3 ships, 2,316 tons, in Port at this date, against 9 ships, 7,238 tons, same date in 1867, of which none are loading for Liverpool against 6 in 1867.

MONEY MARKET.

THERE is little change to note in the money market, the demand having, if anything, rather improved in consequence of the adjustment of accounts at this season of the year having caused the usual scarcity outside the Banks.

Sterling Exchange is rather firmer in response to the somewhat improved tone of the New York market.

Gold Drafts on New York not much enquired for and may be quoted at ¼ discount to par

Gold in New York has ranged from 134¾ to 135¾ during the week, closing at 135.

Silver continues quiet at 4¾ selling at 4 to 4½. There is not much offering, many parties no doubt expecting better rates should the export movement succeed.

In United States funds there is very little doing, the quotations are—Buying at 26¾ to 29¼ discount. Selling 26 to 26½.

The following are the latest quotations of Sterling Exchange, &c:—

Bank on London, 60 days sight	....	109¾
" " sight	....	110½
Private, " 60 days sight	....	108½
Bank in New York, 60 days sight		109½
Gold Drafts on New York	....	¼ dis.
Gold in New York	....	135
Silver, large	....	4⅜ to 4½ dis

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Claxton, T. James, & Co	May, Joseph.
Foulds & McCubbin.	Muir, W., & R.
Greenshields, S., Son & Co.	Pickwell, Warnock & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.	Roy, Jas., & Co.
McIntyre, Denman & French.	Robertson, Stephen, & Co.
MacKenzie, J. G. & Co	Stirling, McCall & Co.

IMPORTERS are receiving goods from Europe in small quantity to keep up stocks, but beyond a few sales of no importance nothing has been done the past week.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill.	Ireland, W. H.
Evans, John Henry.	Morland, Watson & Co.
Ferrier & Co.	McDolland & Baker.
Hall, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Jas.

THERE is very little to report concerning the hardware business.

Recent advices report an advance in Block Tin of about £6 per ton. Present quotations are therefore unsettled.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.	Mathewson, J. A. & R.
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee.	Mitchell, James.
Chapman, H., & Co.	Robertson, David.
Childs, George, & Co.	Tiffin, Bros.
Gillies, J., McNab & Co.	Thompson, Murray & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.	Torrance, David, & Co.
Kingan & Kinloch.	Wait, Bros.

FOR the past week, business has been extremely quiet, and with but few changes to note.

TEAS—With the exception of retail lots to fill immediate local wants there have been no transactions, our wholesale merchants not yet shewing a desire to operate. Uncolored Japans and Twankays, however, still remain firm, and no doubt, with an improved feeling in business, will realize holders' figures.

COFFEE.—Nothing doing.

SUGAR.—Although no transactions to note, holders of good samples of bright Porto Rico's, and Barbadoes are looking for an advance on last week's quotations; and although only nominally, we may quote the price as 8¾c. to 9c., less than which holders have refused to sell. No change at the Refineries.

MOLASSES—Has received fair attention, though transactions, considering the dullness of the season, have necessarily been limited. No change in Syrups at the Refineries.

FISH—Quiet and unchanged.

FRUIT—Very little doing. Last week's quotations remain unchanged.

RICE—Since our last report, has had but little enquiry. Holders, however, seem more inclined to meet buyers' views; still, we cannot alter our last week's figures

SALT—Unchanged.

SPICES—Quiet, with ordinary demand. Prices firm.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Crawford, James.	Mitchell, Robt.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	Raphael, Thomas W.

THERE is little change to note in the general features of the market, business has, for the most part, been limited to the supply of present consumptive wants, and prices of the several products have undergone little perceptible change. The flour market has latterly been more steady owing to the healthy tone of British advices, and some little disposition evinced by the larger operators to pick up round lots of *good Super., as they have been available at $5 or* under. There has also been rather more movement in Wheat, the bulk of the U. C. Spring in first hands, having latterly been placed at $1.17 to $1.17½. Nothing to report in coarse grains. The Provision market continues firm and buoyant, but from the little in stock transactions have been necessarily restricted. Ashes have been quiet and without notable change in value.

FLOUR—No general improvement to note in the higher grades. Supplies are ample and demand of a purely retail nature. Supers have latterly engaged more attention, and a few thousand barrels of good supers have been taken at about $5 down to $4 95 This, with the healthy tone of British advices, has *given more confidence to holders, who demand some* advance, but above $5 there is no disposition to exceed the days requirements. No. 2 and the lower grades are a slow sale, holders being ready to meet the views of buyers as opportunity of sale presents. Bags continue quiet, the supply though chiefly from the local Mills is ample for the limited demand, and rates rule in favour of purchasers; some secondary parcels from a distance have sold at $2.25 to $2.35, according to sample.

OATMEAL.—Nothing doing of moment; little offered, and any demand is alone for retail use.

WHEAT.—The little arriving has been mostly on millers account, but has proved ample for their limited requirements. A few parcels of U. C. Spring in store since close of navigation, have at length passed into the hands of shippers at $1.17 to $1.17½. In other descriptions there are no reported transactions.

There is a limited demand for Pease, and any offered would be readily taken at full previous rates.

COARSE GRAINS —There is nothing to report.

BARLEY.—The little remaining is in one or two hands, and held for rates above present views of consumers.

OATS—Are neglected, and tending downwards, and in the opinion of the best informed, must go to 40c. or lower, supplies in the country proving larger than were anticipated.

PORK.—There is little business to report. Supplies of Mess are light, and holders firm, but consumers only come forward to supply present wants. Mess rules about $23.50 to $24. Other grades are comparatively low, and rates more various. *Cut Meats* - Are only taken in a retail way for city use. *Hogs*—Are sparingly supplied, and former rates still rule.

LARD.—Supplies are barely adequate to the demand, and prices have crept up, closing at 14c. to 14½c.

BUTTER.—Not much changing hands. Choice is wanted for city retail, and commands ready sale at 22c. to 24c. Secondary sorts range down to 20c., and in the comparative absence of choice, meet a fair demand.

ASHES.—*Pots* close with more buoyant feeling, good tares commanding $5.50 to $5.55. *Pearls*—Are neglected, and the turn lower. Latest sales of firsts at $5.65 to $5.60, and seconds at $5.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6th.

Cotton quiet at 27¾c.

Flour Common grades are scarce, 5c to 10c better for medium, and good grades dull and heavy; receipts 5,500 bbls; sales 7,900 bbls, at $6 10 to $6 25 for Super State and Western; $7.05 to $7.50 for Common to Choice Extra State; $6 85 to $8.10 for Common to Choice Extra Western.

Rye flour Quiet at $6 00 to $8.00.

Wheat 1 to 2 cents better; receipts 200 bushels; sales 15,000 bush at $1.60 for mixed Spring; $1.65 to 1 80 for No 2 do. in store and and afloat, latter for choice 1.17½ for No. 1 do.

Rye quiet.

Corn improved; receipts 18,000 bush; sales 30,000 bush at 99c to $1.01 for new mixed Western; $1 08 to 1.11 for inferior to prime old do. in store and afloat, 97c to 98c for White Western.

Barley dull

Oats heavy and lower; receipts 900 bush; sales 37,000 do, at 76c to 76½c for Western in store; and 75½c to 76c for do afloat

Pork quiet, at $28 75 to $29 for new Mess, $27 75 to $28 50 for old do.

Lard firmer, at 17¾c to 19c for steam; 19c to 19¾c for kettle rendered.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, January 6th, P.M.

Consols 92¾ for both; bonds 74⅝; stocks firm; I. C. 95½; Erie 25¾.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan 6th, P.M.

Cotton firm, Uplands 11d to 11¼d, Orleans 11¼d to 11½d.

Lard buoyant at 68s 6d. Pork buoyant at 91s. Bacon 55s.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending Dec 11, 1868

Passengers	$23,593.13
Freight and live stock	40,007 89
Mails and sundries	2,514 02
Total receipts for week	$66 118 04
Corresponding week, 1867	70,865.70
Decrease	$4,747.66

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Traffic receipts for week ending Dec. 29, 1868.

Passengers	$ 2 333.50
Freight	4,263 04
Mails and sundries	359.21
Total	$ 6,987 75
Corresponding week, 1867	7,613.59
Decrease	$ 625.84

The New York Central Railway has declared a dividend of four per cent. in cash, and eighty per *cent. in scrip.*

ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

NAME OF INSOLVENT.	RESIDENCE.	NAME OF ASSIGNEE.
Buckland, Howell & Co.	Montreal	T. S. Brown.
Carlisle, Wm O.	Montreal	John Whyte.
Desjardins, P. M	St. Jean Baptiste	T. Sauvageau.
Irish, Peter	ramabe	Alex Martin.
Jeffery, John	Whitby	James Holden.
Marston, Geo. Jacob, jr.	Hull	T. S. Brown.
Owens, Frank	Montreal	A. B. Stewart.
Parks, Calvin C.	Hamilton	P. T. Buchanan.
Scott, Geo.	Montreal	A. B. Stewart.

APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE.
Duhamel, Joseph N	Montreal	March 17
Freeman & Mainey	Hamilton	" 9

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED.

DEFENDANT'S NAME AND RESIDENCE.	PLAINTIFF'S NAME.	DATE.
Park, Robert, Goderich	Thomas McIntyre	Jan. 13