

should receive general attention from importers in making out their orders as the autumn trade must necessarily be small compared with the past two years. The country evidently cannot legitimately consume the quantity of goods imported and throw on the market, and the only security is in a marked lessening of importation. This, with a bountiful harvest, of which at present there is every indication, will again place importers and country merchants in a comfortable position and doing a profitable business, which certainly has not been the case with either class for sometime. We unhesitatingly predict that those houses that take the cautious course for the coming season will, within the year, be in a far better position as well as make more money than those who adopt a different policy.

Remittances from the country, although they have improved of late, are still by no means satisfactory; but with warm, genial weather, trade will doubtless improve, and money come in more freely.

Prices of general goods remain about stationary. Staples continue to stiffen in price, as new goods purchased at an advanced cost reach this market. Light summer goods would be sold low to clear stocks, but there is no demand, and it is almost impossible to sell goods of this class in quantity at any price.

THE GROCERY TRADE

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Chapman, Frazer & Tylce.
Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Larub
Franck, J. C., & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Kingsan & Kinloch.
Mathewson, J. A.

Mitchell, James.
Moore, Semplo & Hatchette.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Tiffin, Bro.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
West, Bro.
Winning, Hill & Ware.

WITH the exception of the sales by auction our market has been exceedingly dull during the past week. although it has been visited by a larger number of Western buyers than at any previous time during the present season. The public sales, though well attended, were by no means remunerative to sellers, the feeling apparently being strong against making purchases that were not decidedly cheap. Some staples, however, such as brandles rice, &c., found a brisk demand and good prices.

TEAS.—At the sale last Friday, for account of Messrs. I. Buchanan & Co., nearly the whole of the Uncolored Japans offered were disposed of, and prices obtained for all grades were well up to market value. Green Teas were apparently less cared for, and such lots as were placed were taken at figures greatly in favor of buyers. At private sales but little has been done. Still such lots as have changed hands, more especially of good samples of high grade Greens, have been at full prices. There has also been good enquiry for Japan of medium grade, and holders are somewhat inclined to ask an advance on previous rates, though the general dulness of trade will probably prevent any such advance being maintained. In Blacks there are but little doing, but the feeling is firmer.

COFFEE—Has met with somewhat more enquiry, especially for Java and Laguayra. Still transactions have only been of a retail nature. Some 25 bag lots of Java were placed at 22 c., and sales of Laguayra in larger lots have also been made, but at prices which have not transpired. Rios not much asked for.

SUGAR—Has continued to receive fair attention, though not of the same active nature as during the last few weeks. The refiners have not altered their price list, and the advices from New York and England are such as to induce holders of Raws to be firm in their figures. There have been some sales of good Centrifugal Sugars at 8½c., and also of Bright Barbadoes at 8½c. Porto Rico are not in such good request, and Cubas are low in stock.

MOLASSES—Has received fair enquiry, more especially for our local trade and immediate retail requirements. Stocks continue low, and holders are firm in their views. Bright Muscovado is scarcely obtainable. The only lots of really good now in the market are Porto Rico and Barbadoes, for which holders ask long figures.

FRUIT—Has been in somewhat better demand for all grades. Layer Raisins are quotable at 10c. to 15c. per box advance on last week. Stocks becoming somewhat light, holders are sanguine of obtaining better prices before the new crop can arrive. Currants may be quoted in good lots at 4½c. to 6½c. for good and 2c. to 3½c. for ordinary. New Filberts at auction brought 6½c. readily, and at private sales 7c.

to 7½c. Walnuts are quoted 6c. to 6½c. Almonds—hard-shell, 7c. to 12c.; soft-shell, 15c. to 22½c.

Rice—Has had an active demand. At all the trade sales the bidding was prompt and brisk, and prices, according to samples, full up to the market value at private sale. The market at the present time is very firm. Arracan in round lots readily commanding \$4 60 to \$1 65, and Rangoon \$ 47½ to \$4 65.

SPICES—Are generally well-enquired for. Cassia is in good demand, though prices being so much higher than last year but few transactions have taken place. Good East India in cases is held at 40c to 45c, and stocks are very light. Nutmegs are in good request. Good Lined No. 1 are worth 46c to 60c, at which some round lots have been placed. Other lower grades can be bought on better terms. We may quote Cloves according to quality at 10c to 12½; Black Pepper 8½c to 9½c; White 20c to 22c; Pimento 6c to 7c; Ginger—Jamaica bleached 23½c to 25c; unbleached 17c to 20c. East India 15c to 17½c. Africa 15c to 17c.

SALT—A good business has been done. In Quebec holders anticipate longer figures. Liverpool Coarse is now held firmly in our market at 65c. Stored at 85c.

Trade Sale of Groceries, &c., for account of Victor Hudson, Esq.
J. G. Shilway, Auctioneer.

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Trade sale of Groceries at the stores of Messrs. Rimner, Gunn &
 & J. Leeming & Co., Auctioneers.

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Trade sale of Groceries at the store of H. J. Gies on 4th June.

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243. do do 2993; 244. do do 2994; 245. do do 2995; 246. do do 2996; 247. do do 2997; 248. do do 2998; 249. do do 2999; 250. do do 3000; 251. do do 3001; 252. do do 3002; 253. do do 3003; 254. do do 3004; 255. do do 3005; 256. do do 3006; 257. do do 3007; 258. do do 3008; 259. do do 3009; 260. do do 3010; 261. do do 3011; 262. do do 3012; 263. do do 3013; 264. do do 3014; 265. do do 3015; 266. do do 3016; 267. do do 3017; 268. do do 3018; 269. do do 3019; 270. do do 3020; 271. do do 3021; 272. do do 3022; 273. do do 3023; 274. do do 3024; 275. do do 3025; 276. do do 3026; 277. do do 3027; 278. do do 3028; 279. do do 3029; 280. do do 3030; 281. do do 3031; 282. do do 3032; 283. do do 3033; 284. do do 3034; 285. do do 3035; 286. do do 3036; 287. do do 3037; 288. do do 3038; 289. do do 3039; 290. do do 3040; 291. do do 3041; 292. do do 3042; 293. do do 3043; 294. do do 3044; 295. do do 3045; 296. do do 3046; 297. do do 3047; 298. do do 3048; 299. do do 3049; 300. do do 3050; 301. do do 3051; 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THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathorn & Caverhill.
Evans & Evans.
Evans, John Henry.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.

La Riviere & Bourdeau
Morland, Watson & Co.
Mulholland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Waddell & Pearson.

WE have to report continued dullness in this trade, with a general desire to sell on all parts. Stocks are now very complete.

Pig Iron.—Although prices are nominally as we quote, sales have been made at fully \$1 under, and lots can now be bought at same prices, if taken as they arrive from ships. Several orders are in the city from the Western States, conditional on getting low freights.

BAR IRON—Is quite a drug. Although prices are firm, large lots could be bought considerably under. Stocks, so far, are in excess of the demand.

HOOR IRON.—Very little doing, and prices merely nominal.

CANADA PLATES.—A large stock left over from last year, and still offering at about same prices, although in consequence of the duty lately imposed, new stock is coming in higher.

BOILER PLATES—Is in short supply, and lots going off as fast as received.

TIN PLATES—Are offering at quotations. All lots that have come in have been sold.

CUT NAILS.—The iron masters are firm, but we hear of inferior nails offering at \$2 50 in small lots.

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THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.
Bryson, Campbell.
Hua & Richardson

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

THERE is comparatively very little doing, as boot and shoe manufacturers are indisposed to purchase largely until there is greater improvement in the demand for goods; and in consequence stocks are not being materially reduced, while prices of all descriptions (excepting possibly very choice leather) are weak and in favor of buyers, nor is there any immediate prospect of a heavy fall trade.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Black & Locke.
Buck, Robertson & Co.
Converse, Colson & La-
wford, James.
Dawson Brothers & Co.

Hannan, M., & Co.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.

FLOUR—We have to note comparatively limited receipts, and a generally improved tone, with some advance in prices. A sudden advance in the West some days ago had the effect of exciting the market, and for a day or so holders declined selling except at an advance of 50c to 60c, but buyers not acceding to their views, rates again steadied at \$6.20 to \$6.40 for Supers, at which during a couple of days there was a fair amount of business done for local use. At the close, however, with some additional demand for the Lower Ports, an advance of some 20c to 25c was obtained, Super fetching \$6.40 to \$6.65 according to strength. Other grades, though less affected, have improved in somewhat the same proportion. Bags are readily saleable at \$3.20 to \$3.25 for good to choice. Rye Flour has latterly sold at \$5.35 to \$5.40, but some holders are firm at some advance.

GRAIN.—The improvement in flour has created a better demand for *Wheat*, and prices have advanced closing at \$1.62½ to \$1.65 for prime samples. *Pease* are now practically in single hands, and no sales have transpired for some days; rates are, however, nominally unchanged. *Oats*, *Barley*, &c., are practically nominal in the absence of transactions.

Provisions.—*Pork* continues quiet, but steady. Mess selling in smalls at \$22.75 to \$23. Prime Mess and Primo have been pressed in one or two instances, and about 500 under current quotations taken, not, however, affecting the general value, which continues as last quoted. *Lard* meets only a retail demand at unchanged rates. *Sutter*.—There is more demand, but no improvement in value, and the views of buyers and sellers being rather apart, there is little changing hands.

AGERS.—Both Pots and Pearls have been dull and neglected; Pots closing at \$5.35 to \$5.45, with still downward tendency. Pearls are nominal at \$5 1/2, there being only an occasional buyer.