from 1,200 to 1,500 hhds of low grocery at 7½c to 8½c for Cuba, and 8½c to 8½c for Barbadoes. Holders now ask higher figures and Barbadoes are held at 8½c to 9c, with very reduced stocks in first hands. Refined is in steady demand, and quotations have been advanced ½c on crushed A, and ¼c on all other grades.

MOLASSES—Has again been inactive but is firmly held at previous quotations.

FISH—Herrings are inactive and unchanged, and the few sales made, of a retail character. Half barrels, however are still scarce and enquired for. Draft and table Cod have not been wanted, but prices remain as before.

FRUIT—Layer Raisins have been quiet, and sales which have been small were at about previous rates, holders evincing no disposition to force sales or reduce their prices. Valentias have had more enquiry, although the market is just now in the favour of buyers. Other fruits are unchanged.

RICE.—There has been a little more enquiry, but prices are nominally unaltered. A fair sample of Rangoon is offering at $4. Some round lots are reported sold at even lower, but the precise figure is not named. Arracan and first-class Rangoon, however, are still held at full figures.

SALT—Is held firmly at from 92½c to 95c for round lots, both of coarse and stoved, stocks being now comparatively light, with a steady demand.

SPICES.—Cassia, Pimento and Black Pepper, are still scarce; as are also Nutmegs, for which there has been an active enquiry during the past week, with increased firmness in price. Really good limed are held at from 45c to 50c, unlimed, 42½c to 45c. Other spices unchanged.

Sale of Groceries at the Stores of Messrs. J. G. Shipway & Son:—

9 brls North Shore salmon, $12.25, 130 do Carraquet oysters $1.20, 10 do Canadian ling fish $4, 10 bl do Canso split herrings $2 20, 20 bxs Marseilles maccaroni 11c, 1 bl do vermicelli 11c; 15 cs bath bricks 25c; 20 do 23c, 100 bags Liverpool fine stoved salt 95c; 20 bxs castile soap 9c; 2 cs 30 bxs Dutton bar 5c, 1 cs 25 bxs toilet honey soap 50c; 10 cases wine bottles $3 50; 112 qr bxs old layer raisins 55c. 25 half bxs old at it bunch Muscatel 92½c; 150 do 82½c, 280 do 80c; 125 bxs Muscatel raisins $1.45, 1 cs limed nutmegs 33c, 50 bxs layer raisins, $1.90; 115 half bxs new Valencia raisins 7½c, 1,025 do 7c; 1 cs 100 bxs Turkey figs 8,c; 20 bxs citron peel 27c, 15 do orange peel 20c, 2 do lemons $2 75, 17 cs mixed pickles $1 95, 2 brls soft shell almonds 13½c; 2 do 10c, 2 do 7½c, balance do 8c; 13 brls hard shelled almonds 3½c, 14 bl cuts long navy gunpowder tea 51c, 15 do Souchong tea 35c; 25 do Moyune gunpowders tea 50c, 50 bls 9 lb post paper $1 35, 25 do note paper 72½c; 10 do post paper 95c, 25 do 6lb grey wrapping paper 32c, 10 do 10lb do 52½c; 25 cs Beaker's red gin $7; 45 do $6½, 25 bxs 6lb candles 12½c; 12 mats dates 2½c; 5 cases old Palmetto whiskey 75c; 5 cs Renaud's hf-pts champagne $11 75; 5 do $11, 5 do Olives preserved 6,c; balance do 55c; 5 cs Imperial champagne pints $4, do qts $6, 15 qr cks Burgundy port wine 70c; 87 cs pickled gherkins $1 85, 1 cs 20,000 Feria cigars $6.75, 1 do $6 65, 30 000 La Iris do $6½; 50,000 do $6; 20,000 Irabuco's do $8; 20,000 La Feria de Saint Antoine' $6 37½.

## THE HARDWARE TRADE.

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| Crathern & Caverhill. | Ireland, W. H. |
| Evans, John Henry. | Morland, Watson & Co. |
| Hall, Ray & Co. | Robertson, Jas. |

THE business of the past week has been of a very limited character, both in heavy and shelf goods, with few sales making, and those reported being only of small lots. Prices are nominally unchanged.

## MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

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

THE general features of the trade are without notable change. Receipts have been light and the transactions for the most part of a purely retail character.

FLOUR—Receipts since close of navigation have been barely adequate to the supply, and though the demand is of a restricted nature, holders have been increasingly firm for the lower grades, and gradually advancing their pretensions. Strong Super towards the close sold for $5 15 to $5.20 and for broken lots of the more favourite sponging brands $5.25 was secured. Ordinary Canada Super together with brands from Western wheat range from $5 to $5.15, but meet a more restricted demand. Extras and fancies continue dull at former rates. Fancy is freely offered at $5 10, and Extra at $5 40 to $5 50. No. 2 and grades below engage little attention and continue without material change in value. *Bags* are steady but quiet, former rates still ruling.

OATMEAL—None but broken lots changing hands, and rates generally unchanged.

WHEAT—Receipts have been light and mostly direct to millers. Supplies previously in store are being gradually reduced and a growing inquiry experienced both for export and milling purposes. No sales of Red Winter have been reported and rates are nominally $1 12 to $1 12½. Upper Canada Spring has sold within the week at rates ranging from $1.12 to $1.15. 2,000 bushels going at the close at outside rate. Western No. 2 has sold at $1 09 to $1 10.

PEASE are practically nominal at 93c. to 94c per 66 lbs, only occasional cars coming in which are taken for local use.

*COARSE GRAINS* are purely nominal in absence of transactions.

PORK—Supplies though limited have been ample for the wants of the trade and rates have declined, latest sales of Mess have been at $21 to $21 50. Small lots of Prime are being picked up by jobbers at $18 50 to $19. No Prime Mess offering. *Hogs.* Supplies thus far have been barely adequate to consumptive wants and former high rates still rule. There have however been indications of improving supplies towards the close and the prospect of lower rates.

LARD is dull and sold in small lots at 13c. to 13½c., rates still tending lower.

TALLOW—Since close of navigation the demand has fallen off, and rates have partially declined closing dull at 9c to 9½c.

BUTTER—There is a demand for choice both for the States and local use, but the bulk of what is in stock being too inferior for either, is for the time unsaleable, though offered at some decline on the late rates.

ASHES—Pots have continued steady, closing at $5.60 to $5 65 for first sorts, and $4 75 to $4.80 for seconds. Pearls have slightly advanced latest sales being at $5.60 to $5 65 for firsts, and $5.05 to $5.10 for seconds.

CHICAGO—The 100 iron manufacturing establishments of Chicago employ 15,000 men, to whom is paid $12,000,000 yearly for their labor. The capital invested is $15,000,000 and the annual product is $25,000,000. The establishments are employed principally in manufacturing railroad supplies, and agricultural, mining, and mechanical tools. Chicago will become one of the largest manufacturing centres in the country just as rapidly as it is possible for a city to grow in any industry for which it has the most commanding advantages. With 36,000 square miles of cheap coal underlying the entire southern two-thirds of Illinois, with cheap canal transportation for it to Chicago, with cheap water freights for the iron ores of Lake Superior and Missouri to the same point, and with the rapid growth in commerce, capital and labor, which is secured by her position as the focus where the commerce of all the Lakes meets the commerce of all the Northern Mississippi and the Far West, Chicago must become one of the great manufacturing centres, no only for iron, but also for copper and woollen goods.

## NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Cotton steady at 25½c.

Flour 5c to 10c better; receipts 1,800 bbls; sales 9,400 bbls, at $6 00 to $6 50 for Super State and Western; $7.00 to $7 65 for Common to Choice Extra State, and $7 00 to $8.20 for Common to Choice Extra Western.

Rye flour steady at $6 75 to $8.50.

Wheat 2c to 3c better, and quiet.

Rye quiet.

Corn lower; sales 4,700 bush at $1 10 for old mixed Southern, $1.1a to $1 10 for do afloat; $1 01 to $1 03 for new do.

Oats steady.

Pork firmer at $26.75 to for new Mess; $25 50 to $25 75 for old do.

Lard firmer, at 17c to 17½c for kettle rendered.

## LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16, P.M.

Cotton firmer, but not higher.

Flour 26s, Red Wheat 9s 9d; White Wheat 12s; Corn 38s 9d, Barley 5s, Oats 3s 7d; Peas 40s; Pork 86s 6d, Lard 68s, U. S. Bonds 74½.

## NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Traffic receipts for week ending Nov. 28, 1868.

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| Passengers | $ 3,320.68 |
| Freight | 3,474 71 |
| Mails and sundries | 441.99 |
| Total | $ 7,247 38 |
| Corresponding week, 1867 | 8,013.00 |
| Decrease | $ 765.62 |

## GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending Nov. 29, 1868.

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| Passengers | $31,644.40 |
| Freight and live stock | 41,023 52 |
| Mails and sundries | 1,039.92 |
| Total receipts for week | $74 008 84 |
| Corresponding week, 1867 | 73,734.17 |
| Decrease | $ 274.67 |

## STOCK MARKET.

| | Closing prices. | Last Week's Prices. |
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| **BANKS.** | | |
| Bank of Montreal | 138¼ a 138½ | 138½ a 139 |
| Bank of B. N. A. | 105¼ a 105½ | 104½ a 105½ |
| City Bank | 102 a 102½ | 102 a 102½ |
| Banque du Peuple | 107 a 108 | 107 a 107½ |
| Molsons Bank | 109½ a 110½ | 109½ a 110 |
| Ontario Bank | 99 a 100 | 99 a 100 |
| Bank of Toronto | Books closed. | 119 a 120 |
| Quebec Bank | 98 a 100 | 98 a 99 |
| Bank Nationale | 105 a 106 | 105 a 106 |
| Ottawa Bank | 40 a 42 | 42 a 45 |
| Banque Jacques Cartier | 106½ a 107½ | 106 a 107 |
| Eastern Townships Bank | Books closed. | 99 a 102 |
| Merchants Bank | Books closed. | 112½ a 113 |
| Union Bank | Books closed | 105 a 106 |
| Mechanics Bank | 95 a 96 | 95 a 96 |
| Royal Canadian Bank | Books closed. | 86 a 88 |
| Bank of Commerce | Books closed. | 105 a 106 |
| **RAILWAYS.** | | |
| G T R. of Canada | 16 a 17 | 16 a 17 |
| A & St. Lawrence | ..... | ..... |
| G W. of Canada | 13 a 14 | 13 a 14 |
| A. & St. Lawrence | 9 a 12 | 9 a 11 |
| Do. preferential | 71½ a 72½ | 71½ a 72½ |
| **MINES, &c.** | | |
| Montreal Consols | $3 20 a $3 40 | $2.25 a $2.75 |
| Canada Mining Company | ..... | ..... |
| Huron Copper Bay | 25 a 40 | 25 a 40 |
| Lake Huron S. & C. | ..... | ..... |
| Quebec & Lk. S. | ..... | ..... |
| Montreal Telegraph Co. | 135 a 137½ | 135½ a 137 |
| Montreal City Gas Company | 134½ a 135½ | 134½ a 135½ |
| City Passenger R. R. Co. | 110 a 110½ | 110 a 110½ |
| Richelieu Navigation Co. | 116 a 117 | 118 a 119 |
| Canadian Inland Steam N Co'y | 106 a 109 | 106 a 109 |
| Montreal Elevating Company | 100 a 102½ | 100 a 102½ |
| British Colonial Steamship Co'y. | 50 60 | 50 a 60 |
| Canada Glass Company | 40 a 60 | 40 a 60 |
| **BONDS.** | | |
| Government Debentures, 5 p.c. stg. | 92½ a 93½ | 92½ a 93½ |
| " " " cy. | 93½ a 93½ | 93½ a 93½ |
| " " 6 p.c., 1878, cy. | 102 a 103 | 102 a 103 |
| " " 7 p.c., cy. | 104½ a 105 | 104½ a 105½ |
| Montreal Water Works 6 per cents. | 96 a 96½ | 96 a 96½ |
| Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents | 95½ a 96½ | 95½ a 96½ |
| Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c. | 1 1 a 102 | 101 a 102 |
| Quebec City 6 per cents | 80 a 90 | 80 a 90 |
| Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1860 | 87½ a 92½ | 90 a 92½ |
| Kingston City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1872 | 92½ a 93½ | 92½ a 93½ |
| Ottawa City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860 | 92½ a 93½ | 92½ a 93½ |
| Champlain R. R., 6 per cents | 67 a 00 | 67 a 00 |
| County Debentures | a | ... a .... |
| **EXCHANGE.** | | |
| Bank on London, 60 days | 109½ a 109½ | 109½ a 109½ |
| Private do | 108 a 109 | 108 a 109 |
| Private, with documents | 107½ a 108 | 107½ a 108 |
| Bank on New York | 25½ a 25 | 25½ a 26 |
| Private do. | 25 a 25½ | 25 a 25½ |
| Gold Drafts do. | par | par. |
| Silver | 4 a 4¼ | 4 a 4¼ |
| Gold in New York | 135¼ a 00 | 135½ a 00 |

## CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 2nd, 1868.

Consols for money, 92¾ to 00; for account, 92¾; Exchequer Bills, 10 to 15 pm.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

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| British Columbia 6 p. c., 31st Dec, 1872 | — to — |
| Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877 | 107½ to 108½ |
| Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug | 105 to 107 |
| Do 6 per cent. March and Sept | 105 to 107 |
| Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July | 95 to 96 |
| Do 5 per cent inscribed stock | 94 to 96 |
| New Brunswick 6 per cent Jan. and July | 104 to 106 |
| Nova Scotia 6 per cent., 1875 | 105 to 106 |
| Do 6 per cent., 1886 | 105 to 106 |

RAILWAYS.

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| Atlantic and St. Lawrence | 58 to 60 |
| Buffalo and Lake Huron | 3 to 3½ |
| Do preference | 5½ to 6½ |
| Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c. | 65 to 68 |
| Grand Trunk of Canada | 15½ to 16 |
| Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c. | 84 to 86 |
| Do 1st preference bonds | 50 to 52 |
| Do 2nd preference bonds | 39½ to 40½ |
| Do 3rd preference stock | 27 to 29 |
| Do 4th preference stock | 18 to 19 |
| Great Western of Canada | 13½ to 14½ |
| Do 6 without option, 1873 | 100 to 101 |
| Do 5½ do 1877-78 | 93 to 94 |
| North. R R. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds. | 80 to 83 |

BANKS.

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|---|---|
| British North America | 51 to 53 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Atlantic Telegraph | 30 to 32 |
| Do do 8 per cents | 76 to 79 |
| British American Land | 15 to 17 |
| Canada Company | 60 to 70 |
| Colonial Securities Company | — to — |
| Canadian Loan and Investment | 2½ to 3½ di |
| Hudson's Bay | 13½ to 10½ |
| Trust and Loan Company, U. C. | ½ dis to ¼prm |
| Telegraph Const'n & Maintenance (Lim) | — to — |
| Do. do | 15½ to 16 |
| Vancouver Coal Company | 2½ to 3½pm |