THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Buchanan, I., & Co.
Charlebois, A., & Co.
Crathern & Caverhill.
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Evans, J.
Evans & Evans,
Fraser, F.
Gilbert E. E.

Hall, Kay & Co. Ireland, W. H. Kershaw & Edwards. Morland, Watson & Co. Mulholland, & Baker. Robertson, Jas. Round, John & Sons. Simms, F. H. Winn & Holland

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The disagreement between the Ironmasters referred to in our last report, which led to a breaking up of the combination between them, and a decline in the price of Cut Nails, appears to have been arranged satisfactorily, and they are again acting in accord with one another. Nails for present delivery cannot now be obtained below our quotations, but contracts for January delivery are taken by the makers at \$3.50.

In other goods we have no change to make in rates. Some sizes of round and square Scotch Bar Iron are very scarce and command highest quotations, while of other sizes there is a good supply, with less stiffness on the part of sellers.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

BUSINESS continues quiet, as previously reported.
Some descriptions of stock, such as are most D Some descriptions of stock, such as are most needed by manufacturers in making up for their spring trade, have been sold in moderate quantities, and, with small receipts, are becoming scarce. Prices generally are unchanged.

SPANISH SOLE—Has arrived more freely, and the market rather favours the buyers.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—There is very little offering. The demand is fair, at full prices.

WAXED UPPER.—There is some demand for light, with sales at about quotations, while for heavy there is no particular inquiry.

GRAINED UPPER.—The demand has fallen off, and it is now neglected.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—The former meets with an improved demand, and is scarce, while the latter is less active.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED—Are in botter request, and, with light stocks, sales are readily effected at fair rates.

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CALFSKINS.—The demand has improved somewhat, especially for desirable stock.

SPLITS—Are wanted, and a ready sale at quotations. SHEEPSKINS.—Are without special inquiry, but the stock still continues light.

HIDER—The receipts, though rather more liberal, have not been sufficient to produce any noticeable impression on the market.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick, Cameron & Ross. Converse, Colson & Lamb. Crawford, James. Dougall, John, & Co. Fuller, Thos., & Co. Hobson, Thomas, & Co. Jardine & Ferguson Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co

Laidlaw, Middleton & Ce. Laidlaw, Middleton & Ce. Laing, M. Leeming, Thomas & Co Mitchell, Robt. Morrice, D., & Co. Raphael, Thomas W. Sinclair, Jack & Co. Stewart, W. W. Seymour, C. E.

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The higher grades meet no demand except in broken parcels, on which the quotations are based. No. 2 and the grades below are in small supply, but engage very little attention. Bag Flour has been in small supply, and the demand mainly supplied by local millers. Prices, while suffering some decline, have not been affected in the same proportion as similar grades in barrels. Latest sales have been at \$3.30 to \$3.35 per 100 lbs., the trade having agreed to buy and sell on that weight for the future.

OATMEAL.—Meets a fair demand for export via Portland at \$5 to \$6.10, according to quality. A steady demand is likely to exist for good exportable samples during the winter months. Millers in the West should aim at producing the description which is most suitable for export, the local demand being fully met by small parcels from the surrounding farmers. Good meal must be well dried, but not scorched, of good flavour, high and sharp ground, and well sifted: and bar els should contain full 200 lbs. nett. Much of the meal received here latterly has been deficient in weight, entailing expense in weighing, taring, &c., while casting discredit on the brand and prejudicing its sale.

Wheat —The receipts since the close of navigation have been mostly direct to millers. The few parcels changing hands have, however, been placed at receding prices; latest reported sales of U. C. Spring being at \$1.47 to \$1.51, the latter being now rather above the extreme that beat samples would command.

Prasz.—The demand has been rather more restricted, and while no quotable decline can be noted, full former rates are difficult to secure.

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PORK remains without material alteration. The dullness continues, and to effect Sales a decline from quotations would have to be submitted to. It is indeed doubtful at what price a wholesale parcel could be moved, especially of Prime or Prime Mess. Dressed Hops are still tending downwards, and sales slow and dragging, the only demand being for City retail. A good deal of the late arrivals being in bad condition from the mild and damp weather, had to be packed or sold at a very low figure. The Western markets are narrowly watched by intending packers, and the trade generally, as in the present unsettled state of the market so operations are attended with considerable risk, and until prices have reached what may be deemed a safe point packers will be indisposed to go into the market to any extent.

HAMS AND LARD are dull, and participate in the decline of pork generally. The demand is the merest retail, as lower prices are looked for.

BUTTER continues without improvement. British and United States advices are so discouraging that, except a few packages of selected fine quality, no sales worth recording have taken place. A choice article is wanted and would sell readily, but almost the whole of what is sent to market described as "choice dairy" is found utterly wanting in every requisite of eatable butter, and consequently unsaleable, going to swell the already heavy accumulations of low grades which are oppressing every market at the present time.

The time is now fast drawing to a close if not already past, when Butter unfit for table use will sell at any price beyond that of grease, and in the future all concerned in the trade will have to make quality not quantity their study if they would avoid ruinous losses, as repetition of the last few years' high prices will recur.

Abits.—Both Pote and Pearls have been dull and drooping: although arrivals are light stocks are ample, and the bulk of th

HAVANA PRICES CURRENT.

The following is the last (James M. Lawton) Havana Prices Current of Imports, dated 1st Dec., 1866:

B8.	Tallow 1920 do Brooms 1930 per dos. Brooms 1930 per dos. Paper, Straw, Wesning 000 per footn. Lumber, Yallow Pine 500 do	oleum	Bran, Shipping Stuff 904 d	Corn, Yellow, Kound		Potatoes	Beans, White, Egg, and Marrow 1 08 per 100 lba	Beef, mess, in bbls 3 23 per brl.	Bacon, clear and unsmoked, in boxes 2 68 per 190 lbs.	Pork, mess in bbls 4 30 per brl.	" " Salt do c	Hams, American, in canvass, Sugar Cured 3 58,	Cheese, American 2 98	Butter, Yellow, kegs and firkins 4 77	do	8	Lard, Pr., Rendered, in tierces 84 30 per 100 lbs.	i) During.
Three: For duty, 20 per cent.; and for sales, 6 per cent. Stock of Lard still large. Superior scarce. Superior called for. Scarce. In fair demand. Abundant. Scarce, and solicited. Still improving in price. Large receipts. In good demand. In fair demand. Solicited. Phinted handles. Thin Manilla 879c. In request.	~ *** ***	per gal. \ 56% to 00c per gal in tine. \\ 47c to 00c per gal in bbls.	lo \$3 to \$3 \(\) do 3 \(\) to 4 per bale.		39	_	_			_							_	_
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Northern Railway of Canada.

The receipts of this railway for the week ending December 1, 1866, were \$10,117 07 being an increase of \$3,024 41 as compared with the corresponding week

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
Bank of Montreal,	13134	1213
Ontario Bank,	99%	99]
Bank of B. N. A.,	101	101
City Bank,	9914	991
Commercial Bank,	."6⅓	75
Banque du Peuple,	10314	102
Molsons Bank, Bank of Torouto,	108%	108
Bank of Toronto,	109%	109
Banque Jacques Cartier,	1044	104
Merchants Bank,	10934	109
Union Bank,	1003	100}
Gore Bank,	9834	96)
Eastern Townships Bank,	9914	98
Mechanics Bank	9214	92
Royal Canadian Bank	8814	86)
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	137 %	138
Richelieu Navigation Co.,	127 14	197
City Passenger R. R. Co.,	78	78
Government Debentures, 5 p. c.,	8214	824
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c.,	100⅓	10 0<u>1</u>
Montreal Corporation Bords	8634	P5)

PRICES OF GRAIN.

	Average Prices on	8 F F 0
	Priday Dec. 7. Satur. 8. Monday 19. Tuesd. 11. Wedner 12. Highest	Average for wee Correspi
Flour, Superior Extra, Extra Fancy Superfine 'No. 2. Fine. Coatmeal, bbl 200 lbs. Wheat, U. C. Spring Peas, per 66 lbs. Burley, per 50 lbs. Oata, per 32 lbs.	8 00 8 00 8 00 8 00 8 00 8 00 8 00 8 0	8 00 6 674 7 63 6 35 7 37 6 93 5.164 6 62 4 70 6.27 4 15 3 44 2 92 5.06 4 924 1 59 0 90 0 90 0 61 0 63

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1866.	From the lst January to Dec. 12, 1866.	corresponding period 1865,
Wheat, bushels	34,250	906,463	2,611,464
Flour, barrels	11,856	713,946	773,985
Corn, bushels	l <u>-</u> -	2,106,024	898,244
Peas, "	4,701	1,032,565	430,556
Oate. "	1,100	773,418	67,184
Barley, "	1,270	291,848	32,430
	559	132,027	25,811
Corn Meal, brls		934	2,397
Ashes, barrels	279	28,044	21,892
Butter, kegs	741	79,861	66,346
Cheese, boxes	43	29,620	27,279
Pork, barrels	208	13,988	20,287
Lard, "	25	3,364	1,484
Tallow, "	103	2,165	2,453
High Wines& Whiskey	109	13,254	6,868

IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the Imports at Montreal for the week ending 8th Decr., 1866; with the figures for corresponding period of last year:--

ARTICLES.	1865.	1866.	Increase, 1866.	Decrease.
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Sugare,	19,436	449		18,967
rens,	40,853	22,329		18,523
Molassos	382			381
Wines	264	1.053	789	
Woollens,	31,101	16,842		14,256
Cottons,	37.673	13,936		23,737
Silks, &c.,	6,782	18		6,764
Hardware,	7,261	12,543	5,282	-,,,,,
Other articles	132,096	70,676		61,410
Total Imports.	275,837	137,846		
" Decrease			l	137,991

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