

HALIFAX TRADE REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12, 1867.

BUSINESS has been very quiet for the past week. No sales of consequence have been effected, but there has been more activity in shipments to the West Indies.

BREADSTUFFS.—We have no change to note in flour, quotations remain unchanged, very little having changed hands during the week; holders are firm but cannot find purchasers above our present rates, £8.65 to \$8.80 for Canada super, and \$7.75 to \$8.10 for No. 2. We do not look for higher prices as the demand now will be altogether local, the market is well supplied, and shipments will be coming in regularly from Portland. Corn Meal in fair demand at quotations, viz., \$4.50 to \$4.70 for "Brandywine." The receipts for the week have been—Flour 1,66 barrels; Meal 941 do., from United States.

FISH.—We have no change of moment to note. Cod, hard cured, suitable for the Spanish West India market has been in fair demand, and prices firm. Soft cured inactive. Haddock of good quality is in fair request, and sells freely at \$3.25 to \$3.50 per qtl. Mackerel unchanged. No. 3 large are in fair demand for West India trade, and prices are firm at \$7.00 to \$7.50, with an upward tendency. Herring dull, but we look for some activity as the stock decreases. Salmon dull at \$24, \$22, and \$20 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The receipts of fish for the week have been, Codfish 680 qtls. Mackerel 700 barrels. Herring 1173 do. And the exports for the same time to the

	West Indies.	U. States.	G. Britain.
	cks. drs. bxs. hlf. gr.		bxs. hlf.
Cod	1778 612 1164 672 60		110 94
Scale	154 669		
	bxs. hlf. kits. brls. hlf. kits. brls.		
Herring	3347 83 14 23 1/2 194 70 100		
Alewives	380 6		
Mackerel	1179 19 20 2256 70 314		
Salmon	62 3 15		
	Bxs. hlf.		
S. Herring	890 141		
	cks.	cks.	
Oil	16	207	

FRUIT.—There have been no arrivals lately, and the market is amply supplied for all requirements; prices remain unchanged.

PRODUCE.—The sales for the week have been small, and holders of Potatoes find it difficult to effect sales even at losing rates, as the stock afloat is still very large. Oats are in fair demand at 44c. to 47c. per bushel, and holders are firm at those prices, the stock afloat is still very large. Barley dull with little enquiry. Butter dull and declining, the only arrivals for the week are 10 0 bushels oats.

PROVISIONS.—Pork dull at \$18 to \$18.50 for New York City Mess. \$9 to \$11 for Prime, \$16 to \$18 for Nova Scotia. Mess. but very little sales making. Beef quiet, and the demand inactive at \$12 to \$14 for New York Mess, \$11.50 to \$13.00 for Nova Scotia Mess.

WEST INDIA PRODUCE.—Molasses quiet, very little changing hands, buyers not disposed to speculate beyond immediate requirements. Sugar dull, prices unchanged. We anticipate more activity in sugar during the ensuing week. Rum in fair request. The imports for the week are—Sugar 54 hhds, 14 from Martinique, 40 from Demerara; Molasses, 121 puns. from Demerara; Rum, 132 puns, 112 from Demerara, 20 from Martinique.

We have to notice the clearance from this port to-day of the barque "Ellen DeWolf" for Liverpool, G. B., with a cargo of deals, &c. as follows: 288,000 feet of deals, 80,000 feet of boards, 16,000 latins, 110 sleepers and sundry small goods.

ST. JOHN TRADE REPORT.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ST. JOHN, N.B. Jan. 23, 1867.

BUSINESS generally very dull; heavy snowstorms have occurred and the mails are very generally delayed. No further advance has taken place in flour, the excessive stock and light demand standing in the way of any upward movement. The market is however firm at \$8.25 to \$8.50 for strong superfine, and \$8 to \$8.25 for ordinary brands. Provisions unchanged.

MONEY MARKET.

MONEY still abundant, and mercantile demands though large, easily supplied. Sterling Exchange without change either here or in New York. Gold in New York has receded somewhat from last week's price, the closing quotation yesterday being 134, and the lowest quotation 134.

Silver is abundant, with a falling off in the demand, buying at 4 1/2 to 4 1/4, and selling at 4 per cent. discount.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baillie, James, Co.
Baukhuis, Beak & Co.
Benjamin, Wm. & Co.
Black, Lewis S. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Foulds & Hodson.
Gault, Bros & Co.
Gilmour, J. Y. & Co.
Greenbield, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
May, Joseph.
Mar, Thomas, & Co.
McIntyre, Denoon & Co.
Meyer, J. & Co.
Moos, S. H. & J.
Muir, W. & R.
Mundorff & Steeneken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Preston, Amable, & Co.
Ringland, Ewart & Co.
Robertson, A. & Co.
Roy, Jas. & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, George & Co.
Winks, George & Co.

BUSINESS continues very dull, and offers no points of interest upon which to make any comments. Operations in the country have, to some extent, been retarded by the late heavy snow-storms and partial blocking up of the roads, but a few days of settled weather would permit the establishment of excellent winter communications, and an increased local business east and west.

Cotton in Liverpool, by latest telegrams, is firm at 14d. for Middling New Orleans, and there is no appearance of a lower figure being touched for the present. Manchester manufacturers have not as yet been able to realize an advance on their goods equivalent to the advance on the raw material, although prices are somewhat higher than they were six weeks ago, and a still further resort to short time in running the mills is freely spoken of. Should this determination be generally carried out, it would, no doubt, have a hardening effect on the goods market, and a correspondingly depressing effect on the raw material. With a continuance of the present rate of consumption, cotton would undoubtedly be higher, and it will be difficult to secure the necessary accord among the Manchester spinners to make the short-time movement a general one.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.
Cameron & Ross.
Crawford, James.
Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.
Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Laurie, M.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Mitchell, Robt.
Morris, D., & Co.
Raphael, Thomas W.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Stewart, W. W.
Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—Owing to snow storms, receipts have been scanty and irregular. A languid demand has prevailed throughout the greater part of the week, but the bulk of the stock being in the hands of speculators, there was little urgency to sell, and prices have been reasonably firm, the turn, however, being in favour of the buyer. The stock of Fancies and Extras has become almost exhausted, and rates paid are for retail parcels. Superfines have ranged from \$7.25 to \$7.35 for the several shades of quality. Little business can be noted in the lower grades, and rates quoted are mostly nominal. *Bag Four*—Continues steady, \$3.50 to \$3.55 being the current rates for good samples, the supply and demand are both restricted and about balanced.

OATMEAL.—The demand has materially revived, and prices have gradually recovered from the recent decline closing firm with fair demand at \$5.00 to \$5.10.

WHEAT.—Few sales can be noted, as receipts have been mostly direct to millers: nominal rates are \$1.47 1/2 to \$1.52 1/2 for U. C. Spring.

PEAS.—Good samples are wanted, and command prompt and satisfactory sale either on the spot or for forward delivery, the ruling rates here are 80c. to 82c. per 66 lbs., and about the same figure for spring delivery.

OATS.—The few car loads coming forward find prompt sale at 32c. from store some receivers being firm at 33c. in view of the existing competition.

BARLEY.—Nothing doing on the spot, and rates mostly nominal.

PORK.—Continues without notable change. Mess alone commands any sale, other kinds are quite neglected. There is little or none pressing, packers holding their stocks until opening of navigation before offering them for sale. *Dressed Hogs*—With a continuance of heavy arrivals, have been dull and drooping throughout the whole week. Some good selected carcasses have been sold from \$5.15 to \$5.25, which may be considered about current rates. Consumption as well as packing to a very large extent is going on all the time, as usual at this season, and as arrivals will not improbably materially fall off after the end of this month, the whole of the receipts will likely be needed, and prices are considered to be steady and not likely to decline further, \$5.00 to \$5.30 covering the range of the market for all weights and qualities.

LARD, HAMS, &c.—Are only in retail demand, the local trade being amply supplied from the packing now actively going on.

ASHES.—Pots have fluctuated during the week both in demand and value, closing more steady at 16.0 to \$6.10 for firsts, \$4.75 to \$4.80 for seconds, and \$4 for thirds, these latter without deduction. Pearls are not much enquired for, and close dull and drooping.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Brush, George.
Barbelle, A. & Co.
Cuthbert & Caverhill.
Currie, W. & F. P., & Co.
Evans & Evans.
Frazer, F.
Gilbert, E. R.
Hall, Kay & Co.
Ireland, W. H.
Kenshaw & Edwards.
Morrison, Watson & Co.
Mullolland, & Baker.
Robertson, Jas.
Round, John & Sons.
Sinclair, P. H.
Winn & Holland.

THE past week has been one of continued quiet, and business in shelf goods, iron, and other metals, of very limited character. There is no alteration to be made in prices, which are firm for most articles on the list. The present demand, however, for Copper Tin, Lead, &c., is so limited that holders, in order to make sales, would give way slightly from our quotations: and that, too, although the English makers have recently declared an advance in the price of Copper of £5, and of Tin of £2 per ton.

Respecting the English iron trade, it is now in a very depressed condition, with no immediate prospect of any improvement. Manufacturers have found it necessary to reduce their list prices, and even this reduction has had little effect in attracting increased orders. The relations between master and men is becoming less unsatisfactory, and most of the workers out on strike have agreed to submit to a reduction in their wages, and have resumed work. Much interest continues to be felt in the question of foreign competition with England, and in the letters of Messrs. Creed and Williams, on the subject of the Belgian collieries and ironworks, extracts from which will be found elsewhere.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Chapman, Fraser & Tyee.
Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Fitzpatrick & Moore.
Fournier, Jules.
Frank, J. C., & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.
Gear, Henry J.
Hutchins B., & Co.
Joffrey, Brothers & Co.
Kings, & Kinloch.
Leeming, Thomas & Co.
Winning, Hill & Ware.
Mathewson, J. A. & H.
Mitchell, James.
Noad, James S., & Co.
Phelan, Joseph.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Schneider, Hund & Co.
Sinclair, Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Jas., & Sons.
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
Urquhart, Alex., & Co.
West, B.
Winn & Holland.

BUSINESS, though still continuing dull, shows symptoms of improvement, and if country communication should become good, increased activity may be looked for.

SUGAR.—Very little doing, and sales limited chiefly to retail lots of Cuba, ordinary to bright, at 7c to 7 1/2c. Porto Rico, extra bright, held at 7 1/2c to 8c. In refined sugar, the inquiry is but moderate at quotations.

MOLASSES.—The demand is very light, and though stocks are small, we have no change to notice. Syrups are quiet and unchanged.

TEAS.—Have been more active, with a fair demand for all descriptions of Greens, prices of which are firm. Latest English and China advices report advancing prices for all kinds of fine teas.

COFFEE.—Inactive. Sales in small lots at outside quotations. Stocks low.

RICE.—There have been sales of good Arracan at \$3.60. First qualities held for higher figures, but prices are tending downwards.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Brown & Childs.
Seymour, C. E.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.

THERE has been more inquiry for almost all descriptions of stock, and the trade of the week has considerably increased.

SPANISH SOLE.—Sales to a fair extent of both Nos. 1 and 2 have been made at quotations, the minimum price only being realized for sound lots. Receipts have been liberal.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Is very scarce with but little coming forward, and prices are firm.

HARNESSES.—Continues as before noted.

WAXED UPPER.—Has no particular demand, but is held firmly, the quantity arriving being light and stocks small.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—Are more active for prime. Receipts are only moderate, and prices are firm.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Sales are about as usual at this season, fair, with no accumulation.

CALF-SKINS.—Are rather more inquired for. No very choice Canadian in market.

SPLITS.—Receipts have been less, with no very pressing call, but saleable at quotations.

SHEEP-SKINS.—Colored Linings are in demand, while Russetts are less active.

HIDES.—Receipts have been very limited, and no very important sales have taken place during the week.

WOOL.—Large sales of Pulled have been made, and the stock is very much reduced.