THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverhill.	LaRivière & Bourdeau.
Evans & Evans.	Morland, Watson & Co.
Evans, John Henry.	Mulholland, & Baker.
Hall, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Jas.
Ireland, W. H.	Round, John & Sons.

Waddell & Pearce.

WE have to report some increase of activity in this branch of business, with a fair demand for all classes of goods. Orders come in freely from those who have season contracts with the Grand Trunk, summer rates of freight coming into force from the 1st of April, orders are also coming in for shipment after the 15th, at which date rates generally are reduced over the Grand Trunk.

PIG IRON.—Still continues without enquiry, and no transactions are reported, buyers waiting for new arrivals. Stocks are still abundant and the market is decidedly in favour of the buyers.

BAR IRON.—There is only a moderate demand, but prices are steady and will not be likely to recede. Round lots, however, could be bought a shade under our quotations.

NAILS.—Are wanted, but prices remain unchanged.

HORSE NAILS.—A fair business being done at about quoted rates. We hear of a lot of English offering, below these prices.

CANADA PLATES. — Are without enquiry, and quotations nominal.

TIN PLATES.—Are in good supply with only a moderate demand.

SHELF GOODS.—Are selling freely, the assortment being very good.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Hannan, M., & Co.
Black & Locke.	Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Buck, Robertson & Co.	Laidlaw, Middleton & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.	Mitchell, Robt.
Crawford, James.	Raphael, Thomas W.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	Sinclair, Jack & Co.

Seymour, C. E.

FLOUR.—No variation of moment can be noted since the date of our last. Receipts have continued liberal for the season, and the demand hitherto has been restricted to immediate local wants. Rather more anxiety to realize has been manifested on the part of some holders, and slight concessions have been made, so that at the close the several descriptions of the leading grades could be bought some five to ten cents lower. No variation in the higher grades is perceptable, but Strong Supers, previously commanding $7.60 to $7.65, are offered at $7.55 to $7.60, and only taken to a small extent. There is little doing in any of the lower grades, and no quotable change in value can be noted. Some parcels are on the market at recognized quotations, without, however, attracting much attention. *Bags.*—The supply is ample for the immediate wants of the trade, and though rates continue unchanged, there is little activity, the consumptive wants being unusually restricted. *Bag Flour.*—Sales are still confined to small unbroken parcels at previously quoted rates.

OATMEAL.—The features previously noted are practically unchanged. Until navigation fairly opens, no movement in either oat or cornmeal is looked for, but a fair demand is anticipated for both once the Lower Port orders required to be filled.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—There is none offering on the spot and no enquiry for delivery at any approach to asking rates, and no business of note is likely to take place till supplies are fairly on the market. *Pease.*—Meet a good demand and some few unimportant sales have been made at $1.04 per 66lbs and some little has been done on private terms, supposed a trifle above current rates. *Oats* engage little attention for the time, and firmer nominal rates may be repeated. *Barley* nothing doing, asking rate for the little in stock $1.15 to $1.20.

SEEDS.—Both Clover and Timothy are largely in excess, and much depressed in the absence of consumptive demand prices are practically nominal.

PROVISIONS.—*Pork* remains quiet. There is a small consumptive demand for mess at $19.25 to $19.50. *Prime* and *Prime Mess* are in limited supply, and in few hands, and mostly held for higher rates than buyers will for the present concede. Some demand is expected for the Lower Provinces once navigation opens, but intending shippers seem content to defer operations till pressed to fill orders. *Extra Prime* is offered at $13.50, but for the present declined. *Lard.* The demand is purely by retail, rates various according to circumstances. *Butter.*—The demand has become very restricted, only an occasional package for family use being required and the range of prices various according to quality. Unless a Lower Port demand of some magnitude is experienced, there seems little chance of quitting all in stock before new comes forward when as usual, old will only sell as grease.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The recent activity has materially subsided, and rates have declined closing dull at $5.70 to $5.80. *Pearls* are neglected and nominal, asking rate $6.60 to $6.65, but no buyers.

PRICES OF GRAIN.

ARTICLES.	Average Prices on Thursday, April 2.	Friday 3	Saturday, 4	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Highest prices, Wed. April 8.	Average for week.	Corresponding week, 1867.
Flour, Superior Extra	8 12	8 12	8 12	8 12	8 12	8 25	8 12	07
Extra	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 0	8 05	8 00	81
Fancy	7 62	7 63	7 62	7 62	7 62	7 70	7 62	8 20
Superfine	7 45	7 45	7 45	7 45	7 45	7 50	7 43	35
" No. 2	7 22	7 25	7 22	7 22	7 22	7 30	7 22	7 93
Fine	6 52	6 52	6 52	6 52	6 52	6 65	6 52	6 71
Bag Flour, 100 lbs.	3 72	3 71	3 71	3 71	3 7	3 72	3 71	11
Oatmeal, bbl 200 lbs	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 37	6 50	6 37	5 20
Wheat, U. C. Spring	1 64	1 68	1 68	1 68	1 68	1 70	1 68	1 77
Peas, per 60 lbs	0 92	0 92	0 92	0 92	0 92	0 93	0 92	0 83
Barley, per 48 lbs	1 07	1 07	1 07	1 07	1 07	19	1 07	0 62
Oats, per 32 lbs	0 48	0 48	0 48	0 48	48	0 49	0 48	32

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Tuesday, Apr. 9, 1868	From the 1st January to Apr. 9, 1868.	To corresponding period 1867.
Wheat, bushels	..	19,062	93,351
Flour, barrels	6,007	59,643	107,989
Corn, bushels	400	8,313	—
Peas, "	350	4,050	35,160
Oats, "	-	10,165	9,964
Barley, "	350	14,290	12,261
Rye, "	....	2,257	4,551
Corn Meal, brls	46	171	—
Butter, kegs	203	6,634	6,381
Cheese, boxes	291	1,634	81
Pork, barrels	260	1,245	1,392
Lard, "	38	1,876	2,175
Tallow, "	1,005	1,223	1,163
High Wines & Whiskey	1,374	3,180	922

HAVANA PRICES CURRENT.

The following is the last (Lawton Brothers), Havana Prices Current of Imports, dated March 27, 1868:

	DUTIES.		PRICES	
Lard, Pr., Rendered in tierces	$3 69 per 100 lbs.		$16 50 to $17 00 per 100 lbs	Firm and in demand. Stock 500 tr
" " in kegs	do	do	15 50 to 16 00 do	Dull
" " in tin pails	do	do	17 50 to 18 50 do	Solicited Tins 21 lbs net.
Butter, Yellow, kegs and firkins	5 63	do	26 00 to 32 00 do	For superior.
Cheese, American	3 10	do	10 00 to 12 00 do	Dull.
Hams, American, in canvass, Sugar Cured	4 83	do	17 00 to 18 50 do	In fair request
" " Salt	do	do	15 00 to 16 00 do	" "
Beef, mess in bbls	1 72½	do	11 00 to 13 00 per bbl.	In limited request for small lots.
Pork, " "	4 83	do	21 00 to 23 00 do	
Bacon, clear and unsmoked, in boxes	2 76	do	13 50 to 14 50 per 100 lbs	
Beans, White, Egg, and Marrow	0 46	do	10 00 to 11 00 do	For Superior, which are scarce.
Potatoes	0 86¼	bbl.	5 00 to 5 50 per bbl	No supply. Solicited at prices.
Onions	0 72	do	6 00 to 8 00 "	Supply of native.
Corn, Yellow, Round	0 46 per 100 lbs.		2 37½ to 2 64 per 100 lbs.	Solicited
Oats	0 46	do	2 75 to 3 00 do	Fair demand
Bran, Shipping Stuff	0 87½	do	2 75 to 3 00 do	" "
Hay	0 21	do	3 25 to 5 00 per bale.	According to size and quality.
Oil, Petroleum	2 39	do	47c. to 00c. per gal in tins; 37c to 40c per gal in bbls.	
Tallow	1 49½	do	11 00 to 11 50 per 100 lbs	Fair demand
Paper, Straw, Wrapping	2 00	do	50c to 56¼c per ream, 18 x 20	Thin manila; 75c. to 87½c.
Brooms	6 44	do	3 00 to 3 37½ per doz.	Fair demand
Lumber, Yellow Pine	1 18	do	22 to 24 00 per 1,000 feet.	A cargo 35 ft long would bring $25
White Pine boards	do	do	24 to 25 00 do do	Solicited.

EXCHANGE.—London 60 days	10	to	00	per cent. prem.
Paris "	0	to	2½	per cent. dis.
New York " Currency	31	to	29	per cent. dis.
" 3 days	00	to	28	per cent. dis.
" 60 days gold	1¾	to	2	per cent. dis.
" 3 " "	⅞	to	¼	per cent. dis.

STOCK MARKET.

	Closing prices.	Last Week's Prices.
BANKS.		
Bank of Montreal,	129 a 129½	129½ a 129½
Bank of B. N. A.,	101 a 03	101 a 103
City Bank,	101 a 102	101 a 102
Banque du Peuple,	106 a 107	106 a 107
Molsons Bank,	108 a 109	108 a 109
Ontario Bank,	10 a 1 0	99 a 99¼
Bank of Toronto,	110½ a 111	110 a 111
Quebec Bank	98¾ a 99¼	98¾ a 99¼
Bank Nationale	106 a 108	108½ a 108
Gore Bank,	70 a 72½	70 a 72½
Banque Jacques Cartier,	104 a 108	108 a 107½
Eastern Townships Bank,	97 a 98½	98½ a 99¼
Merchants Bank,	104 a 106½	106 a 106½
Union Bank,	100 a 101½	100½ a 101½
Mechanics Bank	97 a 98	97 a 98
Royal Canadian Bank	87 a 90	87 a 90
Bank of Commerce	99½ a 100½	99½ a 100½
RAILWAYS.		
G. T. R. of Canada	15 a 16	15 a 16
A. & St. Lawrence	......	......
G. W. of Canada	16 a 17	16 a 17
C. & St. Lawrence	6 a 10	8 a 11½
Do. preferential	70 a 72½	70 a 75
MINES, &c.		
Montreal Consols	$1 85 a $2 0	$1.75 a $2 00
Canada Mining Company	......	......
Huron Copper Bay	45 a 50	45 a 50
Lake Huron S. & C.	......	......
Quebec & Lk. S.	......	......
Montreal Telegraph Co.,	33 a 133	132 a 133
Montreal City Gas Company	132 a	132 a
City Passenger R. R. Co.,	103 a 106	103 a 106
Richelieu Navigation Co.,	00 a 102½	100 a 102½
Canadian Inland Steam N. Co'y	107½ a 108½	107 a 108
Montreal Elevating Company	100 a 102½	100 a 102½
British Colonial Steamship Co'y.	50	50
Canada Glass Company	95 a 98	95 a 98
BONDS.		
Government Debentures, 5 p. c. stg.	85 a 87	85 a 87
" " " cy.	87½ a 88	87½ a 88
" " 6 p.c., 1878, stg.	99½ a 100	99½ a 100
" " 7 p.c., cy	101 a 101½	101 a 101½
Montreal Water Works 6 per cents.	90 a 91	90 a 91
Montreal City Bonds, 6 per cents	90½ a 91	90½ a 91
Montreal Harbour Bonds, 7 p. c.	99½ a 100½	99½ a 100½
Quebec City 6 per cents	80 a 90	80 a 90
Toronto City Bonds, 6 per cent, 1860	92½ a 95	92½ a 95
Kingston City Bonds, 6 per cent. 1872	93 a 95	93 a 95
Ottawa City Bonds, 6 per cents, 1860	90 a 91	90 a 91
Champlain R. R., 6 per cents	70 a 75	70 a 75
County Debentures	.... a	.... a ....
EXCHANGE.		
Bank on London, 60 days	109½ a 109¾	109½ a 109¾
Private do	108½ a 109½	108½ a 109½
Private, with documents	109 a 109¾	109 a 109¾
Bank on New York	27 a 27½	27½ a 28
Private do.	27½ a 28	28 a 28½
Gold Drafts do.	....	....
Silver	3½ a 4	4 a 4½
Gold in New York.	137¾ a 00	138½ a 00

CANADIAN SECURITIES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 18th, 1868.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

British Columbia 6 p. c., 31st Dec., 1872	— to —
Canada 6 per cent. Jan. and July, 1877	100 to 101
Do 6 per cent. Feb. and Aug.	98 to 100
Do 6 per cent. March and Sept	98 to 100
Do 5 per cent. Jan. and July	86½ to 87½
Do 5 per cent inscribed stock	85 to 87
New Brunswick 6 per cent Jan. and July	99 to 101
Nova Scotia 6 per cent., 1875	99 to 101

RAILWAYS.

Atlantic and St. Lawrence	54 to 56
Buffalo and Lake Huron	3 to 4
Do preference	5½ to 6½
Buffalo, Brant, and Goderich, 6 p. c.	00 to 00
Grand Trunk of Canada	15½ to 15¾
Do equipt. mort. bds., charge 6 p. c.	77 to 80
Do 1st preference bonds	39 to 42
Do 2nd preference bonds	32 to 34
Do 3rd preference stock	— to —
Do 4th preference stock	16 to 18
Great Western of Canada	16 to 16½
Do 6 without option, 1873	97 to 99
Do 5½ do 1877-78	92 to 94
North. R. R. of Canada 6 p. c. 1st prf. bds.	78 to 80

BANKS.

British North America	49 to 51

MISCELLANEOUS.

Atlantic Telegraph	55 to 58
Do do 8 per cents	102 to 107
British American Land	15 to 17
Canada Company	58 to 62
Colonial Securities Company	— to —
Canadian Loan and Investment	2½ to 1½ dis
Hudson's Bay	13½ to 14½
Trust and Loan Company, U. C.	1 to ½ dis