

Railway News.

TORONTO, Oct. 30, 1867.

The weather has been uncommonly fine, for the season, so that there is an entire absence of the usual fall rains and mud. These circumstances are very favourable to the marketing of the crops; but during the week, the stringency in money and the weakening of public confidence has almost put a veto on all business, not a single branch of which is without serious complaints on this score. One feature of the scare, arising from the late bank failure, is the frequent remittances of many country firms who desire to exchange their bills, on some of the banks especially, for credits on the ledgers of their city creditors; but accompanying this is a slackness in the demand for goods of nearly every kind, and the evincement of a general disposition to confine purchases strictly within the limits of absolute and immediate wants.

**Boots and Shoes.**—The fall business, up to within the last ten days, was very good; but since that time, there are complaints of slackness and a weakening of prices. A decline of about five per cent has been established, and the feeling is still weak.

**Dry Goods.**—All the leading houses report a very satisfactory business; but there is not so much doing just now as if there were greater ease in money matters. Sales are limited to small lots for sorting up. Imports continue light. It is now definitely ascertained that the United States crop of cotton for 1866-7 was 2,076,089 bales.

**Groceries.**—Several lots of new fruit arrived during the week, but the stock is very small and ill assorted; prices are irregular and high. A new and important movement has taken place in Teas, being the shipment of some lots from Montreal to England. We are informed that several parcels of fine Gunpowder were taken by different parties at the late sale of I. Buchanan & Co., and exported to England, the difference in quotations showing a fair margin. This demonstrates the advantage of direct importations of Tea from China, instead of purchasing in England, as formerly. There is no reason why the expenses of landing a cargo at Liverpool or London, and then repurchasing for our markets, should be incurred, when the article can be laid down in Montreal, nearly, if not quite, as cheap. This circumstance affords a lesson to our wholesale trade, which we hope will have its due weight. Sugars continue scarce, and prices are very firm. Montreal quotations for yellow refined are 8 1/2, 8 1/4 and 9c., according to number.

**Freights.**—The rate for barley to Oswego is steady at 2 1/2 a 3c., American currency; flour to Montreal 30c., grain 9c., by steamer.

**Hides.**—Demand quiet, and equal to supply. Skins dull.

**Hops.**—Good stock and a fair demand, at 35 a 45c. for fair to good.

**Leather.**—Trade is in a very satisfactory condition; remittances from the country come in well. Slaughter Sole, of good make, is scarce, and would sell at full prices. Kips are in good supply at lower rates. Hemlock Calf dull of sale at quotations. Upper, also a slow sale, although very little is offering.

**Lumber.**—The latest reports from the Albany market say:—"The receipts of lumber continue large and keep the assortment good. There is a fair supply of all kinds; best shingles, both rived and sawed, being most scarce. The sales for the last week have been good, and a manifest improvement on the previous week. Prices remain as per our previous quotations. The shipments have been large and in excess of their receipts. Late buyers have commenced laying in winter stock, and a good trade for the remainder of the season is anticipated.

**Petroleum.**—Trade continues brisk for consumption at 15 to 17c. for refined.

**Produce.**—The market is still much depressed, owing to the scarcity of money, but the tendency is towards an improvement in this respect. Only a very small business was done in this market during the week in Wheat; a number of cars of Spring sold at \$1 44 to \$1 45, but holders are firm at \$1 48 to \$1 50; nine or ten cars Fall sold at \$1 60 to \$1 70, a lot of 1700 bushels bringing \$1 69; receipts for the week, by rail, 47,795 bushels, and for last week, 70,170 bushels. Receipts at Montreal, for the week ended 23rd October, 344,506 bushels, and from the 1st January, 1,728,329 bushels, an increase of 1,093,232 bushels on last year. Shipments by sea-going vessels since the opening of navigation, 527,832 bushels, against 3,500 last year. Barley ruled dull;

about 12 cars sold early in the week at 70c. to 76c., and during the last day or two, some 10,000 bushels changed hands at 76c. to 77c., the market closing at these figures; receipts for the week, by rail, 16,374 bushels, and 25,287 bushels the previous week. The receipts at Oswego of the new crop, for the season, up to October 28, were 1,846,500 bushels, against 2,373,100 bushels for the same time last year. The receipts at Buffalo show an increase on last season of about 400,000 bushels. Peas have been dull, but are rather better, closing at 80c. to 81c., with sales of a number of car loads at these figures; receipts by rail for the week, 3,127 bushels, and 5,426 bushels the previous week. Oats are in better supply and quiet at 48c. to 50c., with few sales. Flour—receipts 1,827 barrels; market dull and nominal throughout the week, with sellers of Superfine at \$7 00, and buyers at about \$6 75; no sales reported. Other grades not quotable.

**Provisions.**—Butter is a shade easier since the pinch in the money market; good Dairy may be quoted at 15c. to 17c. and scarce; Storepacked 11c. to 14c. and dull. Eggs 15c. Dressed Hogs \$5 25 to \$5 75, with a good supply arriving. Cheese steady at 8 1/2c. to 9 1/2c. according to quality. Cutmeats in very light stock. Pork—no lots in market.

**Wool.**—Dull, with buyers at 24c., and a couple of cents higher is asked for lots.

**TRADE OF DEMERARA—THE SUGAR MARKET.**—We clip the following from Sandbach, Parker & Co's circular of Oct. 8th. "Freights.—We have in the River sufficient tonnage to take all the Sugar likely to come forward by the 1st December, and before that date thirty or forty vessels are expected; we are therefore likely to have a repetition of the same state of affairs as this time last season, when from October to January rates ruled from 1s. to 1s. 3d.; at present 1s. 6d. for London, and 1s. 9d. for Liverpool are with difficulty obtained; the charters have been: Beatrice, 418 for London; 1s. per cwt.; Albacore, 247 New York, \$3 in gold per pun for Molasses.

**Produce.**—Several vessels are loading for United States and British Provinces. There has been a steady demand for best qualities of Sugar and Molasses, although no advance in price has taken place; a sudden enquiry for Rum sent up rates a little for this article; we quote sales: Best samples Vacuum Pan Sugar (per 100 lbs. dutch) \$5.75 to \$6.25; Inferior \$5.00 to 5.50, Muscovado \$3.75 to \$4.25; Vacuum Pan-Molasses from 25 to 30 cents per imperial gallon, Muscovado 20 to 25 cents, Strong Proof Rum 38 to 46 cents. (Packages are included in above rates.) **Weather.**—We have had a few showers, which tend to improve the young cultivation, although retarding the ripening of the older canes; we have no hopes that the loss of the crops in the first six months of the year will be made up this season, as the yield at present is hardly up to the estimates, and Estates will be fully engaged in making the same quantity of sugar as they did the last three months of 1866.

**HALIFAX.**—Oct. 22. Our own correspondent writes as follows:—"We have to note an improvement in business this week so far as our imports and exports are concerned, both have been large; however the cash trade shows no activity.

**Breadstuffs.**—Flour, notwithstanding large arrivals, keeps firm, holders not being disposed to force the market; extra Canada is finely held \$9 75; No. 1 may be quoted \$9 20; some lots may be purchased a shade under, but the majority of holders are firm at this figure. Rye in fair demand at \$6 25. Corn meal firm at \$5 25; it is doubtful if purchases could be made without an advance on this rate. Imports for the week: From Canada—1,011 bbls. flour, 426 bbls. corn meal, 2,500 bush. corn. Exports: 399 bbls. flour, 59 bbls. meal, 25 bbls. 6 boxes bread, 134 boxes crackers.

**Fish.**—Cod continues in fair demand; large in request at \$3 80 a \$4 00; prime hard cured small \$3 10 a \$3 25; good Talqual \$3 00; bank and bay may be quoted at \$2 60 a \$2 70; Labrador \$2 50 a \$2 60. Haddock in fair enquiry at \$2 25 for eastern cured and \$2 for western. Salmon continues in request, \$15 for No. 1, \$13 No. 2, \$10 No. 3. Mackerel, there have been a few arrivals from North Bay with fat mackerel; we quote No. 1 large \$9; No. 2 large \$8, No. 3 large \$6 25 a \$6 50; those are the opening prices. Herring in request: we quote shore split \$4 a \$4 25; round \$3 50; Bay Island \$3 50; Labrador \$4 50 a \$4 75; Bay St. George \$2 50; Alewives in full enquiry, \$3 a \$3 25. Receipts for the week: 6,183 qtls. codfish, 1,519 qtls. scale, 2,329 bbls. mackerel, 2,948 bbls. herring, 497 bbls. salmon, 20 bbls. alewives, 69 bbls. trout, 60 qtls. halibut, 60 bbls. tongues and sounds. Exports to West Indies—1,112 trcs., 40 drums, 821 boxes, 433 half boxes cod; 220 trcs., 4 drums scale; 88 boxes smoked herring; 672 bbls., 12 half bbls. mackerel; 1,362 bbls. herring; 160 bbls. alewives; 58 bbls. salmon; 8 half bbls. tongues and sounds. To United States—498 qtls. cod, 60 casks scale, 527 bbls. mackerel, 1,937 bbls. herring, 121 bbls. salmon,

60 bbls. tongues and sounds. To Canada—74 qtls. and 100 boxes cod, 150 boxes 200 half boxes smoked herring, 83 bbls. herring, 2 bbls. alewives, 20 bbls. salmon. To other ports—54 qtls. cod, 321 bbls. 12 half bbls. herring.

**Oils.**—Cod continues in fair demand, especially for Labrador, which may be quoted 52c. a 55c. ready for shipping; shore 48c. a 50c.; present rates are likely to be sustained. Kerosene unchanged, 30c. a 35c. Other descriptions quiet, quotations nominal. Receipts for the week: From United States, 232 casks kerosene. From Labrador, 100 bbls., 1,320 gns., 10 tons cod, 98 bbls. coastwise. Exports to West Indies, 18 bbls. cod. To United States, 50 bbls. cod. To Canada, 174 bbls. cod. To other ports, 11 casks cod.

**Produce.**—Potatoes retailing, 50c. for P. E. Island; 55c. for N. S. Oats 50c. per bush. Prices will likely come down very soon. Stocks light at present. Butter, no change to note; choice for town consumption, 18c. a 20c.; fair to good 13c. a 17c. Receipts for the week: From P. E. Island, 2,681 bush. oats, 24 bbls. oatmeal, 25 bush. potatoes, 1,358 bush. barley. From Canada, 600 bush. barley, 10 pkgs. butter. Coastwise, 1,600 bush. potatoes, 350 pkgs. butter, 267 boxes cheese.

**Provisions.**—Pork, mess, enquired for at \$21 a \$22; prime and prime mess may be quoted \$15 a \$18. Beef, mess, in good demand, \$14 a 16. Lard quiet. Receipts for the week: From United States, 67 bbls. beef. Exports: 31 bbls. pork, 22 bbls. beef.

**West India Produce.**—Sugars quiet at present quotations. Molasses in fair enquiry, 32c. for Cienfuegos, 30c. for good Br. Island. Rum in fair demand at 47c. for Demerara, 44c. a 45c. for St. Jago. Imports for the week: 159 puns. molasses, 74 puns. rum; 111 hds. 4 bbls. sugar, 5 bags coffee, 150 hds. Exports to Canada, 99 bags coffee, 2 puns. rum, 40 puns. molasses. To other ports, 12 puns. rum, 63 hds. 3 trcs, 6 bbls. sugar, 273 puns., 18 hds., 12 bbls. molasses.

**Money matters unchanged.**

**FIRE IN ST. JOHN, N. B.**—A fire broke out on the 23rd instant in Fairbank's Factory in the above city, and consumed it, with some adjoining buildings. The flames spread with such rapidity that it was impossible to save anything. There was an insurance of \$1,600 in the Liverpool, London & Globe on the property.

**RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS**  
FOR THE MONTH ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1867.

| NAMES OF THE RAILWAYS.                              | Passengers. | Mails and Sundries. | Freight. | Miles in operation |       |
|---|-------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|-------|
|   |             |                     |          | 1867.              | 1866. |
| Great Western                                       | 152,134     | 13,735              | 169,119  | 345                | 345   |
| Grand Trunk   | 168,476     | 15,000              | 258,491  | 1,377              | 1,377 |
| London and Port Stanley                             | 8,326       | 319                 | 7,107    | 25                 | 25    |
| Welland   | 1,088       | 1,749               | 6,352    | 25                 | 25    |
| Northern  | 11,951      | 1,049               | 12,459   | 25                 | 25    |
| Port Hope, Lindsay & Beaverton, & Peterboro' Brech. | 1,951       | 1,049               | 41,175   | 94                 | 94    |
| Cobourg Peterboro' and Marara Railway               | 3,648       | 231                 | 31,990   | 56                 | 56    |
| Brockville and Ottawa                               | 69          | 87                  | 5,393    | 18                 | 18    |
| Prescott and Ottawa                                 | 4,809       | 9,997               | 14,925   | 86                 | 86    |
| Carleton and Grenville                              | 5,777       | 485                 | 8,628    | 54                 | 54    |
| St. Lawrence and Chambly                            | 5,327       | 143                 | 7,278    | 12                 | 12    |
| St. Lawrence and Industry                           | .....       | .....               | 3,656    | 12                 | 12    |
| New Brunswick and Canada Railway                    | .....       | .....               | .....    | .....              | ..... |
| European and North American Railway                 | .....       | .....               | .....    | .....              | ..... |
| Nova Scotia Railway                                 | 7,120       | 902                 | 5,857    | 108                | 108   |
| Total   | .....       | .....               | 13,879   | 1,345              | 1,345 |