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In Russia, hemp is asserted, according to its quality, into clean hemp or firsts, out-shorts or seconds half clean hemp or thirds, and hemp codilla. Of the first three sorts an immen. a amount is annually brought from the interior beyond Moscow, its quality very much depending on the region in which it is preduced. That here the from Karaishey is the best; next to thir, the produced in Botoe; hemp from Xxhatek is gonsuered inferior to the latter. As soon as the home is brought down in the spring, or in the course of the summer, it is selected and made up into bundles with great impartiality and executors. A bundle of clean hemp weights from 55 to 65 poods; a bundle of clean hemp weights from 55 to 65 poods; a bundle of clean hemp weights from 55 to 65 poods; a bundle of the fibre, which should be fine, thin and long. The first sort is quite clean and free from spills; but its good quality is proved by the strongth of the fibre, which should be fine, thin and long. The first sort is quite clean and free from spills; but its good quality is proved by the strongth of the fibre, which should be fine, thin and long. The first sort is quite clean and free from spills; but its good quality is proved by the strongth of the fibre, which should be fine, thin and long. The first sort is quite clean and free from spills; and is morev

The Cumberland coal trade, it is asserted, has been very active during the year, in consequence of the great demand in the Eastera markets especially for occan steamers. The shipment from the mines by railroad and canal, during 1838, it is stated will amount to about 1,30,000 truk. The fact is that the coal yield everywhere has been larger than agual, and the prices here ought to be as low as they were last very. last year.

MONEY MARKET.

THERE has been unusal inactivity in financial circles during the week, and the tendency of prices of stocks, &c., has been downwards.

The New York gold market has also been rather sluggish, and Gold has remained at from 181 to 185, closing at 124. Sterling Exchange has been quiet and 1 quoted at 1001.

Gold drafts on New York continue at 4 dis to par. Silver is bought at 4; dis and sold at 4; to 43 dis, The following are the latest quotations of Sterling

Frivate, 60 days sight 1104
Frivate, 60 days sight 108 to 109
Bank in New York, 10 days sight 109
Gold Draits on New York 170 par.
Gold in New York 181
Silver, 12120 41 to 0 dis.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

Raillie, James, & Co. Clave p. T. James, & Co. Could & McCubbin Orsenhis [d. 4, 5 & Co. Highes Probers. Lews, Kay & Co. McIntyre, Docum & French.

MacKentle, J. O. & Co. Eay, Joseph Stuff, W. & D. Economic, Warnest & Co. Eco, Jan. & Co. Roberthou, Stephen, & Co. Stirling, McCall & Co.

TNACTIVITY perveding other branches of business also prevails in Dry Goods, in which there is absolutely nothing doing.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Beldwin, L. H., & Co. Chiquan, Franc & Tylon-Carpain, H. & Co. Child., Secret, & Go. Ollispia, Secret & Co. Jeffry, Brithers & Co. Fefical, Brithers & Co. Kingan & Kindon, Maherwan, J. A.

Hitchelf Janear Michel Janes.
Released, Derid.
Tibre, Univ.
Thouspeen, Admiry & Co.
Corrence, Devid. & Co.
West, Bros.
Winning, Hill & Mark.

() UR market continues inscire in consequence of the week being broken by the holidays. The business tas been somewhat limited sail our local and Western merchants are looking forward to better times after the turn of the year.

Tras-Still continue to receive only limited attention, parties not carling to supply themselves until the opening of the year. No change to note in any grace, prices being maintained. Really good samples am hold for full figures. Medium and good grades of Uncolored Japans still in fair demand. Iwantays scarce and held for full figures. Blacks unchanged.

COFFEE. — No Hansactions to report: quiet but

Sugar-diss only been in moderate domand principally for our local trade. Uniders, however, evince a firmness in their views, ospecially for bright samples,

the stocks of which are considerably below the usual average at this season. No change in refineries.

Morabses -Have bad an improved equitry; principally for Sweet Clayed and Bright Muscovadoes, still in view of short stocks, holders seem unwilling to sell except at full rates, and consequently, so far. no large transactions have taken place. No change in Syrups at the refineries.

Figu-In small demand, with last week's quotations unchanged.

FRUIT-Although the holiday demand has improved the feeling in the market, still transactions have not been to the usual extent for this season. Stocks both of Layer and Valencia rai-ins are full, but, however, the prices at present obtainable are anything but satisfactory to the importers. Nuts of all kinds are in in demand. Walnuts being very scarce and held firmly at from 610 to 710. Really good softshell almonds are also scarce and held for higher

RIOB-Remains unchanged although but few lots are at present offering. Holders however seem to took dot highen prices with the Improved feeling in the general business, which may be looked for with the making of the winter roads.

SALT-With very little demand, prices unchanged, SPICES-Have received firm attention. Camia, Notmegs, sifted Black Popper and Pimento still remain scarch and full prices are readily obtained fransactions have been of a somewhat limited nature.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

akın & Kirkpatrick. Crawford, James, Dawes Brothers & Co.

Hobson, Thorses, & Co. Mitchell, Robt. Baphael, Troppes W.

THE general quietude prevalent at this stage of the season, has been even more marked than ordinary. There is titue speculation in any department, and heavy receipts in some, departments have modifled the previously restricted local demand. Flour belog in baces has ruled dull and lower. Grain continues without notable change. Provisious show more activity, but limited stocks and caution in buy ing have kept operations within a narrow compass. Ashes meet less competition and have suffered a consequent decline.

FLOUR.-Beyond the merest consumptive enquiry there is little business to report, and with heavy recelpts and anxious sellers, the little taken has been partially on buyers own terms. There is so little of the higher grades changing hands that rates are nominally unchanged, but large concessions will be necessary to move round lots. Supera have been steadily receding. Ordinary to low grade Canada closing at \$4.91 to \$5. City brands are held at about \$54 but sales if any, have been on private terms. Strong is taken in smalls at \$5 to \$5.10, the smaller the percel the more accordant with the views of buyers. No. 2, Fine, &c, still meet a slow and precarious sale within quoted range. Bags are in ample sapply and moye slowly at \$2 40 to \$2.50 for fair to chology

WHEAT .- A few cars of U. C. Spring Wheat have been placed from track at \$1.15 to \$1 16, but arrivals, the total of which have been very trifling, are mostly direct to millers. No sales of Red Winter reported nominal rates \$1.14 to \$1.15. Western may be quoted nominal at \$1.10 to \$1 11.

PEASE - Only & few cars have been offered, which have sold at 900 to 940 per @ lbs.

COARSE GRAINS-Nothing doing, and quotations of those are purely nominal.

PCBR -Buyers lang regulating comparated to supply immediate wants, and owing to small stocks, have had to submit to sellers views Most of the Mess in stock less changed hands at \$22 to \$22.00. There being no immediate use for other grades, nor any disposition to speculate, rates are nominal, only occasloud small lots passing into the hands of the regular trade to be held over. Mogs are still in small emply, falling within city aquirements; former, high cates, and in some instances more, bave therefore, reloit, selected externs fatching as high ab \$5 50. All pack. ing at these exceptional rates is in abeym or, being quilté beyond the idees of the most sanguine.

LARD-Has been scarce, and for small lots 13 c to He is paid.

Butter Little dains receipts continue heavy and his some days past have both on the increase, choice along most with ready sale; other kinds have to await the caprice of the larger holders.

ASHES,—With less composition rates have given way, Pots closing at \$3.40 to \$3.50 with limited domand, and Poarls nominal at \$3.50 to \$3.60.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Crathern & Caverbill. Evans, John Henry Perrier & Co. Hall, hay & Co.

Ireland, W. H. Merland, Watson & Co Mulholiand & Baker Robertson, Jas.

THERE is nothing to report; quotations are nominal and unchanged, and there is no business

NEW YORK MARKETS. NEW YORK, Dec. 80.

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Cotton firmer at 25je to 26c

Flour dull and declining; receipts 4,600 bbls and
1 500 bzgs; edge 8,990 bbls, at \$5.35 to \$8.16 for Super
State and Western; \$6.80 to \$7.25 for Common to
Choice Extra State; \$6.60 to \$7.90 for Common to
Choice Extra Western.

Rio flour dull at \$0.00 to \$8.00.
Wheat dull and heavy, sales 7,500 bush, Choice No.
2 Spring, delivered at \$1.60.

Rye dull.

Com heavy, receipts 19.000 bush, sales \$2.000 bush.

lkye dull. Corn heavy, receipts 19,000 bush, sales 36 000 bush at \$1 07 to \$1.10 for old mixed Western in store and affoat; 920 to 91c for now do; 980 for mixed Western

Yellow.
Barley dull and nominal.
Oats dull and nominal, receipts 600 bush, sales at 750 for Western in store; and 7810 do affoat
Pork firmer and quiet, at \$27 to \$27,25 for new Mess;
\$25 25 to \$25 50 for old-do.
Lard firmer, at 1610 to 171c for steam, 1740 to 1720 for kettle rendered.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, December 30th, P.M.

Consols 93) to 921 for both; bonds 74]; Eric 26]; I. C. 95]; A. and G. W. 41].

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 30, P.M.

Flour 22s to 22s Cd. Red Wheat 9a 10d to 10s. White Wheat lie 9d: Corn 37s 9d to 33s: Barley 5s: Uats 37s: Peas 45s; Pork 57s 6c; Lerd 55s. 1 25 P.M.—Lard 65s 6d.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

Traffic for the week ending Dec. 4, 1863

NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Traffic receipts for week anding Dec. 19, 1869.

Increase \$ 1,504.98

ASSIGNEES APPOINTED.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

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WEITS OF ATTIONMENT ISSUED.

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Canadrer, P. D., Toronto	Morolants' Bank	Dec. 18	