HAMILTON GROCERY TRADE.

Kerr, Brown & Mackenzie.
Jas. & A. Turner
Brown, Gillespie & Co
G. J. Forster & Co.
Harvey, Stuart & Co.

THE Grocery trade in this city has been very satisfactory during the past autumn months, notwithstanding the numerous trade sales in Montreal during the past few weeks. The wholesale houses of Hamilton have had no lack of orders from the country, nor have their sales been small at home.

SUGARS—Are held very firmly, and have advanced one quarter of a cent per lb on all grades in unison with the advanced rates of the refiners and partly in consequence of the reduced stock of sweets in the Eastern markets, which gives promise of yet higher prices.

SYRUPS—Are a turn easier.

TEAS—Are held strong for fine grades.

COFFEES—Are exceedingly reasonable, and well worth the attention of merchants low in stock

FRUIT—Has been sold at very low figures, Raisins especially; but now the surplus importation has been well divided throughout the country, holders are more firm and there is less disposition to sell, excepting at increased values Currants are in large demand

SPIRITS—Of all kinds are held at considerably duced enhanced figures, partly owing to the supposition that both the Custom and Excise duties will be advanced nearer to the Nova Scotia tariff Brandy is thought well of, in consequence of the last poor vintage, and the advanced prices in the European market Whiskey is scarce, and commands a price that must be remunerative to the distillers.

CHEMICALS—Continue low, and are only in moderate demand.

FISH—Is not in as large supply as usual at this season, and as the price for most kinds is reasonable, a good demand is expected

TOBACCOS—Are stiffening in consequence of the increased value of the leaf, and because many of the manufacturers are shutting up their factories during the winter. Stocks of manufactured are lighter than they have been for two years past, but are, no doubt ample for all requirements.

OILS—Of all kinds are dull, especially Coal Oil, which, even at its present very low value, does not attract buyers The principal feature of the week is the usual fall sale of Messrs Brown, Gillespie & Co, which is to be held at their stores, in Hamilton, on Thursday, 5th December, and which, we observe, is to be conducted as heretofore by our townsman, Mr. A Booker The continuance of the periodical trade sales by this firm affords proof of the growing trade of the Western portion of the Dominion, and we wish it that success which all such enterprise merits.

MONEY MARKET.

NO change has taken place, other than as is generally the case at the end of the month, the banks have been contracting somewhat in order to make up their statements for the Official Gazette. Sterling Exchange is firm at 10½ for Bank 60-day drafts, with sales at that figure.

GOLD in New York closed at 139¾. Bank drafts on New York sell at 28 to 28¼ per cent discount, and Green Backs at 28¾ to 28½.

SILVER is abundant at 5 to 4½ per cent. discount.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

Baker, Popham & Co
Baillie, James, & Co.
Clark, Jas. P. & Co.
Claxton, T. James, & Co.
Davis, Welsh & Co
Donnelly, James.
Dunn, H., Fish & Co.
Foulds & Hodgson.
Foulds & McCubbin.
Gilmour, J. Y., & Co.
Greenshields, S., Son & Co.
Hingston, Telfer, & Co.
Hughes Brothers.
Johnstone, James, & Co.
Lewis, Kay & Co.
Macfarlane, Andrew, & Co.
Mackenzie, J. G. & Co
MacKay, Joseph, & Bro.
May, Joseph.
May, Thomas, & Co.
McCulloch, Jack & Co.
McLachlin Bros. & Co.
McMaster & Co., Wm. J.
Moss, S. H., & J.
Muir, W., & R
Munderloh & Steencken.
Ogilvy & Co.
Plimsoll, Aubin & Co.
Robertson, A., & Co.
Roy, Jas., & Co.
Stephen, William, & Co.
Stirling, McCall & Co.

BUSINESS continues about an average for the season in this department. There is no animation, and the feeling is that there are too many goods in the market for the legitimate wants of the country. This is shown by the desire to push off goods to reduce stock, even at a sacrifice. The event of the week has been the sale of the bankrupt stock of Messrs Bankhage, Beak & Co, conducted by Messrs. Benning & Barsalou, in their usual attractive business style. A large number of buyers were present from both East and West, as well as from the city A good deal of animation prevailed, the biddings were spirited, and although the prices realized in some cases were low, still the sale has passed off much more satisfactorily than was anticipated.

The season is now drawing rapidly to a close, the totals of goods to be sold for the remainder of the season will be small and appearances indicate that the stocks in the hands of importers to be carried over will be considerable. This is not a desirable state of things, and care should be taken that this continued over-importation should be avoided, the result being unprofitable; as the importer having too large a stock for the legitimate trade of the country, he is induced to press goods upon weak customers, and thus bring trouble upon the country trade, and loss upon himself. Stocks generally continue well assorted, in fact too well assorted for the season Still the trade every year continues to spread over a longer time than formerly, country merchants finding that they can assort their stocks later on; make lighter purchases in the early part of the season, and assort more frequently by either personally visiting this market, or by orders through travellers, or by letter

Prices of COTTONS have, we think, almost touched bottom, and as there is no over-stock of this class of goods, and a fair demand for staples, we see no reason for a further decline in prices, which are now lower than at any time since 1860.

WOOLLENS are low in price, and although a good many have moved off lately, too and many are yet on hand, and to sell in any quantity a sacrifice has to be made, still a good many will be sold before the season closes.

In LINENS stocks are well assorted, but there is no large over-supply in any one article. In prices there is no change to note.

In Hosiery, Gloves, Haberdashery and small wares the assortment is better than usual at this season of the year, yet no marked overstock, and the demand being moderate, there will not be much in purely winter goods to carry over.

SILKS continue high in price, with no immediate prospect for a reduction on the other side of the Atlantic. Stocks here are light, but equal to the requirements of the trade.

FANCY GOODS.—Novelties and some shades of colouring, much in demand, are scarce in this department. Stocks are light as they ought to be at this season of the year, but as each steamer brings a few cases of new goods in this department there is little actual scarcity.

As a whole, we report trade without animation, still with as much doing as usual at this season of the year.

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin, C. H., & Co.
Cameron & Ross.
Chapman Fraser & Tylee.
Chapman H., & Co.
Childs, George, & Co.
Converse, Colson & Lamb.
Davis, Clark, & Clayton.
Duncan & Forster
Franck, J. C., & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.
Goodhugh, W. S., & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.
Kingan & Kinloch.
Mathewson J A & H
Mitchell, James
Moore, Semple & Hatchette.
Robertson & Beattie.
Robertson, David.
Sinclair Jack & Co.
Tiffin, Bros
Thompson, Murray & Co.
Torrance, David, & Co.
West, Bros.
Winning, Hill & Ware.

THE business of the past week has generally speaking been very quiet, entirely devoid of animation. The sales (reports of which will be found below) went off heavily, and prices obtained did not prove satisfactory to the sellers.

There has been rather more enquiry for fruits, and in liquors there have been transactions to a considerable extent at advanced figures, but in other departments, everything has been quiet.

TEAS.—At the sale for account of Messrs. D. Torrance & Co., last Friday, the attendance was only fair, and the bidding lacked spirit. A good many lines were sold, but prices in many instances fell short of what was looked for. Since then, everything has been stagnant.

COFFEE.—Nothing doing.

FRUIT—Some round lots Layers have changed hands $2.05. We quote M. R's. $2 to $2.10. Currants of last at year offer in lots at 3½c, but new crop currants have been sold to a considerable extent at 5½c to 5¾c.

MOLASSES.—Prices of this sweet are unchanged Not very much doing, but some business passing in Centrifugal at 32½c. for round lots.

RICE.—Is firm, with sales at $4.10 in lots.

SALT—Is firmly held at quotations, which are in advance of those of last week. There is no surplus of Liverpool coarse, and the stock is in few hands. Stoved is also a limited supply, and firm at $1.75. Factory filled (in four bushel bags, 280lbs) is quoted at $2 25 per bag.

SUGAR.—There is not much doing in raw sugars, refined taking their place more and more. Fair grocery in bond is offered at 6o, equal to about 8¾c duty paid.

LIQUORS,—There is a general belief that the duty on liquors will be increased under the new tariff, and a good deal of business has been done at advancing rates. A very large amount of Brandy has been taken out of bond, and large sales have been made as high as $2 10 for Hennessy's and Martell's. Gin also meets with a good demand, with some speculative feeling, and is held in large lots at $1 35. Green cases are held at $3.50, and red $6 75 to $6.87½.

Trade Sale of Wines, Brandies, Paint, &c., on account of Messrs. Havilland, Routh & Co. J. G. Shipway, Auctioneer. November 22nd, 1867 —

100 tins white paint 90c; 50 do red 90c; 25 do blue 80c; 10 brls bi-carbonate soda $4 12½c, 20 hf-chests young hyson tea 42c; 21 do 33c, 2 bags filb[illegible] 8 7½c; 15 do 6½c, 5 cs sardines 17½c, 15 do 17c, 15 [illegible] beer corks 13½c, 10 bxs paraffine candles 27c, 14 [illegible] 27c; 1[illegible] brls currants 3c; 4 bxs fruit in brandy $[illegible] 2½c; crates wine bottles $4.87½c; 6 do $4 75; 10 c[illegible] Ren[illegible]s pale brandy $7.12½c, 45 do $7; 60 do $7; 2[illegible] do V[illegible]egrower's $6.50, 75 do $6 25, 60 do $6 25, 6 hhds [illegible] $1 05; 3 do $1 70; 9 qr cks DeArbo pale sherry $1 05; 16 octaves do $1.05; 10 qr cks do $1 20; 4 do Pemartin's pale sherry $1.15, 8 do, 1 grape $1.30, 2 do, 2 grape, $2, 5 do, 1 grape, $1 25; 6 qr cks Sanderman's old port $1 05; 5 do $1 30; 2 hhds do $1 65; 5 qr cks do $1.85; 300 brls herring 40c.

Trade Sale of choice Green, Black, and Natural Leaf Japan Teas, on account of Messrs. David Torrance & Co John Leeming & Co, Auctioneers, November 22nd, 1867.

GUNPOWDER.—27 hf-chts gunpowder finest Moyune 70c; 26 do 70c, 30 do choice do 84c, 22 do choice Nankin Moyune 80c

IMPERIAL.—14 hf-chts Imperial extra choice Nankin 66c; 30 do curious New season Nankin 41c, 40 do extra superfine N. S. 75c, 18 do 40c

HYSON.—24 half-chests Hyson superior new season Nankin 42½c: 42 do Moyune 42c; 30 do fine 43½ to 44c; 30 do choice do 72c; 84 do finest New Season do 41c, 8 do superior Moyune 41c, 34 do finest do 42c, 23 do fine do 41c

NATURAL LEAF JAPAN.—50 hf-chests natural leaf finest uncolored 47½c; 40 do 50c; 36 do 50c; 50 do 49c; 60 do 45c, 31 do 48c, 50 do 45c, 8 do choicest do 48½c to 49c; 50 do 48½c; 50 do 48 c; 53 do finest do 51c; 40 do choicest do 49 and 49½c; 39 do 48c; 50 do finest do 48c; 50 do 49½c; 40 do 49c and 49½c; 46 do 48c; 240 do 48c; 240 do extra fine 46c

SOUCHONG AND CONGOU 30 hf-chests Souchong finest English Breakfast 38c; 45 do 38½c; 99 do 38c; 25 do Congou do 40c; 20 ¾-chts Congou extra fine Oopack 44 and 45c.

YOUNG HYSON.—48 hf-chests Young Hyson choice Nankin Moyune 74c 50 do extra fine N S Nankin 38c; 63 do extra curious 47½c; 30 do finest Moyune 60c; 40 do choice do 83c; 50 do finest do 72c; 40 do 74c; 66 do superior do 40c; 26 do N S P Suey 70c; 7 do do finest Fychow 80c, 25 do N S Moyune 65c; 82 do Fychow 80c.

Auction sale of teas, groceries, oil, &c., for account of D Torrance & Co., 22nd Nov. John Leeming, Auctioneer:

25 bxes Liverpool soap 4½c; 25 do 4½c; 300 do 4c; 5 bbls walnuts 2½c, 10 do 2c, 10 bbls English crushed sugar 10½c, 20 do 10¾c. 20 do 10½c; 200 do 10½c; 10 kgs Muscatel raisins 9c, 5 bags coffee 16c, 10 bbls currants 4c, 10 bxs Sultana raisins 10c, 1 cht indigo blue 60c.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Black & Locke.
Bryson, Campbell.
Goodhugh, W.S., & Co.
Hua & Richardson.
Seymour, C. E.
Seymour, M. H.
Shaw F. & Bros.
Smyth & Edmison.

THE market continues as last reported, very quiet, with very little doing, and sales are restricted to small parcels; in consequence there is some accumulation taking place.

SPANISH SOLE.—No noticeable change.

SLAUGHTER SOLE.—Little or none coming forward.

HARNESS.—Receipts rather more free. Sales not active.

WAXED UPPER.—The slight demand of the past week has in a measure subsided, and the market closes quiet.

KIP—Still without any demand.

BUFF AND PEBBLED.—Very little enquiry the past week, for either description.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.—Very little enquiry the past week for either description.

CALFSKINS—Exceedingly dull, and concessions would be made to purchasers of round lots.

SPLITS.—Light are most inquired for, but only of prime quality.

SHEEPSKINS.—Market very quiet.

HIDES.—Green inspected market hides have declined suddenly to 8c, and all descriptions offering are lower. City Slaughter Ox and Cow in New York market have declined to 10½c to 10¾c currency.