MONEY MARKET.

THE Montreal money market is without change in any way, there being still an abundance of money both for business purposes and for permanent investment, at the rates which have ruled for some months.

Sterling Exchange is a little firmer, though with no active demand at the quotations given below.

Gold Drafts on New York are not much wanted, and have been selling at from par to ¼ per cent discount.

Gold in New York during the past week has fluctuated not a little, the general tendency being upwards, owing to the advance by the Bank of England of the rate of interest to 3. A rumour of the death of Napoleon caused a temporary advance to 136¼, but this was not maintained, the closing rate being 135¼. Business in greenbacks has been at from 26¼ to 27 per cent discount for current funds.

Silver is scarcely so plenty, and brokers are now buying at 4 discount.

The following are the latest quotations of Sterling Exchange, &c:—

Bank on London, 60 days sight	109¼ to 109¾
" " sight	110¼
Private, " 60 days sight	108¾ to 109
Bank in New York, 60 days sight	109½
Gold Drafts on New York	par to ¼ dis.
Gold in New York	135¼
Silver, large	4 to 3¾ dis

THE GROCERY TRADE.

Baldwin G. H., & Co.	Mathewson, J. A
Chapman, Fraser & Tylee.	Mitchell, James.
Chapman H., & Co.	Robertson, David.
Childs, George, & Co.	Tiffin, Bros.
Franck, J. G., & Co.	Thompson, Murray & Co.
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co.	Torrance, David, & Co.
Jeffery, Brothers & Co.	West, Bros.
Kingan & Kinloch.	Winning, Hill & Ware.

THE past week has been devoid of activity in almost every article, lots sold being few in number, and as a rule limited in amount.

TEAS—The demand from the local and Canadian trade has been but trifling, but holders, finding a good enquiry at better prices in New York, have been shipping to a considerable extent, and lots which have changed hands here have also been chiefly for United States account.

COFFEE—Inactive and unchanged.

SUGAR—In sympathy with the declining tendency of the New York market, holders of raw sugars here have shewn more disposition to sell, and prices have given way somewhat. Only retail transactions, however, are reported, and prices consequently may be considered as nominal. Refinery prices are unchanged both for whites and yellows.

MOLASSES—Notwithstanding an almost entire absence of demand, holders are firm in their askings, there being only a light stock in first hands.

CHEMICALS—Bi-carb of Soda is a little easier, and round lots could now be bought as low as $3.50. Sal Soda is held firmly at $1.70 to $1.75, gross weights in many cases. No change in other articles.

FISH.—Herrings have had only moderate enquiry, but prices remain as last quoted. Table Cod is in rather light demand, but holders are firm at $5¾ to $5½ for draft, and $4 for barrels.

FRUIT.—Since last week, holders of Layer Raisins have become firmer, and they now seem indisposed to sell except at an advance on the rates which then ruled. Boxes are held firmly at from $1.95 to $2.00, $1.90 having been freely offered and refused. Halves and quarters are held at proportionate figures. Some few large lots have changed hands, but terms have not been made public. Other Raisins are unchanged. Currants remain unaltered, and meet a very small demand.

RICE.—The business has been chiefly in retail lots at previous prices. Pockets are still scarce and in demand.

SALT.—Liverpool coarse is held firmly at 92½c. to 95c., and fine at corresponding figures.

SPICES—Are entirely without change.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—There is still very little doing in any kind of Wine. Brandy is also quiet and unchanged. There has been some enquiry for Gin, but transactions have been small. Red and Green cases are in demand, and holders appear to expect higher figures.

Auction Sale of Damaged Teas, for account of Underwriters; also a few lots not damaged for account of Messrs. Buchanan, Leckie & Co., Dec. 4th. J. Leeming & Co., Auctioneers.

DAMAGED.—12 hf-chts Japan Oolong. 40½c: 11 do, 41½c, 30 do, 42½c, 13 do, 45c, 12 do Pekoe, 60c, 8 do, 58c; 6 catties Young Hyson, 62c, 10 do, 52c, 3 hf-chts Gunpowder and Hyson, 67c.

SOUND.—31 half-chests Imperial, 41c, 20 do 45½c: 35 do, 45c, 25 catties Japan Pekoe, 61c, 65 do, 60c, 100 do, 68c: 20 do Uncoloured Japan 51c 25 boxes Jordan Almonds, old, 18c, 33 boxes London Layers old, $1 60.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

Frothern & Caverhill.	Ireland, W. H.
Evans, John Henry	Morland Watson & Co
Hall, Kay & Co.	Robertson, Jas.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

THE importation of Hardware, at the port of Montreal, has been much lighter during the present than former years, a very heavy stock having been carried over from last fall. Sales, taken altogether, have been larger than last year, and hence stocks are now considerably lighter than at close of navigation in 1867. Prices, however, have been unsatisfactory throughout the whole season, and in many instances goods have been sold so little above cost as to show but a very small margin for profits.

PIG IRON.—At opening of spring there was a very heavy stock on hand, and held at high prices. On arrival of importations prices receded, and sales were made at rates below the cost of the old lots. Large lots coming forward in May, June and July, still further reduced in prices; and they continued to decline till September, when they reached the lowest point. Notwithstanding the heavy imports, the stock left on hand is not much more than half what it was this time last year. Many kinds have been entirely cleared out of the market to fill orders from the Western States. The prices obtained throughout the season have not been remunerative to any but commission merchants, a loss having been the result, we believe, on any Pig imported on speculation.

Present quotations are merely nominal, as there are only two kinds in the market, viz., Gartsherrie and Eglinton, and these are held principally by one house. Holders do not now anticipate any change until spring.

BAR IRON.—The market opened in spring with a small stock, which gradually kept increasing till midsummer, prices at the same time declining till it has been sold at about cost and charges, and in some instances even lower.

Present stock is very complete, but not as large as was feared, heavy sales having been late in the fall. Holders are now less disposed to sell at previous prices, and we look for some improvement in January.

REFINED IRON.—Stock is very complete, and prices are firm.

HOOP AND BAND IRON.—Sales this season have been much larger than was anticipated, and in consequence stocks have ruled low, and prices have been more satisfactory to sellers than usual. At present, stocks are very complete, but by no means large.

BOILER PLATE—Was very scarce in spring, and imports have since then only kept pace with the demand. Prices have been very steady. Stock now on hand is very small, and in few hands.

CANADA PLATES—Opened in spring at low prices, with a large stock on hand, and continued so till the close of the season. Large lots have been sold at considerably under cost, and altogether this has been a very unsatisfactory trade.

TIN PLATES.—Stocks in spring were about an average, and receipts, although considerable, have in the main been absorbed. Prices have been fairly maintained, although occasional lots changed hands at figures considerably below current rates. The supply at present is only moderate, and not more than will be needed before the opening of navigation.

CUT NAILS.—The market opened in spring with heavy stocks, and with prices at about $3, but which were reduced by the end of May to $2.85, at which time large sales were made. Prices continued the same until September, when they were further reduced, owing to the break-up of the combination hitherto existing between the makers, and since then very large sales have been made as low as $2.70, and we understand in some instances for inferior nails at a little less.

The aggregate sales of the past season are fully fifty per cent over those of previous years, but prices have been considered by makers as unsatisfactory.

Stock left over is very low, and makers are unwilling to make large sales for future delivery.

SHELF GOODS.—Sales have been about as usual. Stocks are now comparatively low, and there is an inclination to advance prices on all staple goods.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Hobson, Thomas, & Co.
Crawford, James.	Mitchell, Robt.
Dawes Brothers & Co.	Raphael, Thomas W.

SINCE the date of our last, little movement in any department can be noted, nor any appreciable change in prices. Receipt of Flour and Wheat have been light, and for the little changing hands, the turn has been in favor of sellers. There is no business to report in Pease or Coarse Grains, and rates of these continue nominally unchanged. Nothing but a hand-to-mouth business can be noted in Provisions; rates thus far are above what they promise to be later on, and buyers restrict themselves to immediate consumptive wants. The defective sleighing, added to the impassable state of the river, has tended to limit business; but as abundant snow has fallen within a day or two, and the present keen frost promises soon to form the ice-bridge across the St. Lawrence, more movement of a local nature may be anticipated.

FLOUR.—With restricted receipts, holders of strong brands are firm, at a slight advance, which the necessities of consumers have forced them to concede. There is, however, no disposition to lay in supplies beyond the needs of the day, and any advance established is trifling, and with difficulty maintained. Extras and Fancies have only been moved in retail lots, within quoted range. Ordinary Supers may be quoted $4 95 to $5 00; and choice Bakers' $5 to $5.10. No 2 and the lower grades have engaged little attention since close of navigation, and may be considered nominal at quotations. *Bags*—Continue without quotable change. The local millers have the trade practically to themselves, and rates secured are various, according to circumstances. Strictly good samples would command $2.50, but few lots coming in from a distance this season could be classed as choice.

OATMEAL.—In absence of any but retail sales, quotations are purely nominal.

WHEAT.—Any sales of Red Winter transpiring have been at $1.10 Little of this grain now remains in first hands, the bulk of supplies accumulating since close of navigation having been shipped *via* Portland. The above rates has been buyers' views for U. C. Spring but towards the close a few cars were taken at $1 12½. Receipts for some days past have been practically nil, and some of the local millers who are running low in stock show more disposition to operate, but thus far decline rates demanded by holders. Western is purely nominal, there being no recent transactions. Exporters *via* Portland would be disposed to entertain proposed to entertain proposals for Wheat and Pease, deliverable F.O.B. at the several points West, if satisfactory prices could be made; but nothing of consequence remaining in warehouses along the line, little, if any, business on this footing has thus far been done.

PEASE.—Latest reported sales were of a few cars from store at 92½c per 60lbs.

COARSE GRAINS—Are purely nominal in the absence of transactions.

PORK—Beyond small sales for immediate consumptive wants, no business can be noted, and as current rates are higher than those likely to rule, once packing has been fairly commenced holders are disposed to reduce stock, and prices are slowly tending downwards. *Hogs*—The supplies thus far have been inadequate to the market demand, and former high rates continue to rule, clean inviting carcases are readily taken at $7 to $7.50. It would however be unsafe to forward from a distance in view of these rates, as they can only be sustained till supplies improve.

LARD—Is dull and drooping, latest transactions have been in retail lots at 13½c. to 14c.

TALLOW.—Since close of navigation there has been a very restricted demand, and a decline from former rates must be noted, 9½c. to 10c. may now be considered current rates.

BUTTER—The demand is restricted to small lots of choice for city retail, and rates are slightly lower. We quote ordinary 19c to 21c, and choice 21c to 22c.

ASHES.—Pots have met a steady though not active demand, and rates have varied little since date of our last. Pearls are firmer with some improvement in price, closing rate $5.60 for ordinary bills, while $5 65 has been paid for heavy tares.

THE LEATHER TRADE.

Akin & Kirkpatrick.	Seymour, M. H.
Bryson, Campbell.	Shaw, F. & Brothers.

BUSINESS for the past week has been very quiet, and doubtless will continue so until after the holidays Receipts have been moderate, and there is no heavy stock of leather on hand.