

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been nothing to bring about a change in the financial situation. Matters remain about as quiet and close as for some time back, and the past week being the last of the month, no improvement could be looked for nor expected. Toward the close of next month it is expected that the monetary stringency will be considerably relieved, as by that time the crop movement will probably have assumed some proportion. The real estate mortgage companies are not doing much business at present, but are preparing for an increased call later on. The managers and agents of many of the eastern companies have been taking trips through the country lately, and are highly pleased with the outlook, and the fine crops. It is therefore likely that there will be no hesitation on the part of the companies in accepting all reasonable securities. The companies which had temporarily ceased doing business, will no doubt resume operations as soon as there is an opportunity of doing much.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The only activity in wholesale circles is in shipping out fall goods, and in this direction several branches were busy during the past week. The harvest was considered assured, and those who were inclined to hold goods until the result of the harvest should be fully known, are now sending out fall stocks. The branches busy in this way include textiles and boots and shoes. In requirements for present want there was scarcely any movement in a number of branches, whilst all branches were more than usually quiet, as might be expected with harvest operations going on as briskly as they were last week. The city retail trade remains quiet, but with signs of improvement.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Advices report carbolic acid as firm and higher. Opium has advanced 50c. Glycerine is very firm, and refineries have again advanced prices. Castor oil is firm. Quotations now are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; opium, \$6 to \$6.50; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

DRY GOODS.

The dry goods and clothing branches are now busy in sending out fall stocks, the active feature being confined to this work. There is nothing doing in sorting business, though a few late fall orders are still coming to hand. As a result of the meeting of cotton manufacturers, says a Montreal report, the combine have advanced the price of white cotton $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ up to $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, but for goods above that figure the old prices remain. Greys have advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., and tickings $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per yard. This advance is more than what it appears to be on its face. The agents of the different mill went round to the

wholesale merchants just before the advance was established and offered them from 25 to 100 cases or over to be arranged for at the old prices. Some houses ordered a nine months' supply ahead at the old rates. No one therefore can possibly be caught by this advance, the chief object being to boom cotton stocks and to speculate on them.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Canada apples continue to come to hand, and latest receipts are of excellent quality for the season. Prices are lower. Grapes are plentiful and of better quality. Prices easier. Plums are in stock, of a variety of kinds. Tomatoes lower. Crab apples and Ontario pears, are arriving in good condition: Roli oranges firm, at \$9 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.00 to \$8.00 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$5 per bunch; cucumbers, 20c doz; watermelons, \$4.00 to \$6.00 per doz; new apples, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$3.50 per box; California pears, \$5.50 per box; blueberries, $\frac{7}{8}$ ¢ per lb.; Concord grapes, \$1.25 per basket of 10 lbs.; California muscat grapes, \$4.00 per crate of 20 lbs; California Tokay grapes, \$4.25 per crate of 20 lbs; Black native currants, 8 to 10c per lb; crab apples, \$7.00 per barrel; Ontario pears, \$11 per barrel, or \$1.75 per basket of 25 pounds, tomatoes, \$4.50 per basket of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 30c to 40c per dozen; cauliflower, 50c to \$1.00 per dozen; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; peas, 75c to \$1 per bushel; beans, 50c per bushel; lettuce, radishes, onions, carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.; corn, 5 to 8c per doz ears; turnips, 30c bushel; vegetable marrow squash, 50 to 75c per dozen.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

New prunes are expected earlier than usual. The French prune crop is reported very poor. Valencia raisins are cabled at 24s, f.o.c. for off-stalk, and 31s. for layers. New nuts are offering. Prices are: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.30; evaporated apples, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; new Turkey prunes, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17c to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Texas pecans, 17c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

FISH

British Columbia salmon are usually in good supply and quoted at 12c.

GROCERIES.

The sugar combination is holding out, and the two or three wholesale firms at Montreal who refused to come in, have resorted to importing sugar, in preference to submitting to the increased prices which they are compelled to pay to the refiners, over the figure charged the members of the combination. Already there are rumors that some grocers in the ring have trifled with the agreement not to sell sugar under the authorized price. A Shanghai cable says the crops of both country and Ping

suey teas are expected to be five per cent. less than last year. Tea markets generally are quiet and uninteresting, with offerings free, but prices maintained. Coffee is again firm on the strength of the short crop reports, but the consumption is showing a startling falling off. The consumption of coffee in the United States during July, 1887, amounted to 80,144 tons, against 222,702 tons in the same month of 1886. The European consumption was 341,200 bags, against 590,000 bags last year. This gives a total consumption in the United States and Europe in July of 427,314 bags, against 822,602 bags last year. Quotations here are as follows: Dark yellow sugar, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; medium to bright, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 7c; granulated, 8c; lump sugar, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9c. Coffees—Rios, 25c to 29c; Government Java, 33c to 35c; other Javas, 25c to 30c; Mochas, 31c to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan, season 1886-7, 20c to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20c to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyunc gunpowder, 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyunc young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound.

CANNED GOODS.

Prices for new fruit promise to be firm and higher for many sorts. New strawberries, raspberries, peas and beans have come to hand. Reports from the Pacific coast still indicate a strong market for salmon. The canneries on the Columbia are said to have all closed for the season. Large buyers are in the market there, and bids have been made of \$1.35 f.o.b. for "blocks" of Alaska; in one instance this price was bid for 20,000 cases, but was declined. Canners of mackerel are unable to fill contracts, as it pays the fishermen better to cure the fish for United States markets. An eastern report says: "There is practically only one holder of new canned mackerel, and the asking price is \$4.20 per case." Corn promises to be higher, owing to the drought. Fruits, with the exception of California, are a poor crop in the States. The Delaware peach crop is said to be poor. A Chicago report says: "Here, as elsewhere, stocks of dried and preserved goods are about exhausted, and, owing to the scarcity of labor on the Pacific coast, cannot be replaced, although wholesale prices have risen from ten to fifteen per cent., canned goods—especially fruits—are apparently going to retail during the winter at fully 50 per cent. above the prices obtained a year previously. An increase of 15 per cent. to California's last year's pack will not be sufficient to prevent the threatened canned fruit famine. Prices, per case, are: Salmon, \$7.00; mackerel, \$6.00; lobsters, \$6.50 to \$7; sardines (French), $\frac{1}{2}$ tins, 14c; $\frac{1}{4}$ tins, 24c; cove oysters, \$5.25; corn, \$3.25, peas \$4, tomatoes \$3.75, baked beans \$2.75 per dozen, corned beef \$3, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$6.50 to \$7.00; 1 lb. \$3.25. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, per doz: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.50 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75, raspberries, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Trade remains very quiet and prices steady. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.75 to \$4.00; I. C. tin plates,