

looked for. Not before an appearance of warm weather sets in is there likely to be much change in the situation. Country dealers will not order until they are in a better position to know what prospect there will be for the spring movement. Collections are rather backward.

FUEL

Steady cold weather has been instrumental in keeping up a rather active demand for wood and coal. There was some talk of an advance in the price of hard coal, but it did not take place. Quotations are unchanged all around, quotations being as follows: poplar \$3.50; oak \$5.75; tamarac \$4.75. Prices are for car lots, delivered. On track, 75c per cord less than above. Hard coal is worth \$10.25, and soft \$8. Gal't coal sells at \$7.50 on track.

GROCERIES.

In this branch there has been rather a slow movement during the past week, although there has been very little change in this respect for a month back. However, business is not flat and there is always more or less doing. Collections are fairly satisfactory. In values there are no changes to note in local prices. Sugars are reported very quiet and lower at eastern markets. Teas and coffee are firm. Quotations as follows: Sugars, raw 6½c, yellow 6½ to 7c; granulated 8½c; lump 9½ to 9½c. Coffee, Rio, 13 to 15c; Government Java 32 to 33c, other Javas 22 to 27c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Sucky young hyson 20 to 30c, Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's colognas, 1885-86, 20 to 55c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There is still a quiet feeling in this branch, and actual business is confined to small lots, which are required for present wants. These are principally for light shelf sundries. In heavy hardware and metal there is very little call, and for building hardware no present demand. Collections are fair. Prices are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.50 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, 11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 25 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6 to 6½c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Only a moderate trade doing. Prices are unchanged, quotations being as follows: Spanish sole, 31 to 33c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to \$1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z kip, \$1 to \$1.10; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plumb stock; American oak sole, 50c.

LUMBER.

In actual sales there has been very little doing, and only a few calls for small quantities of odds and ends. Considerable speculation is now being indulged in among dealers as to the probable demand in the spring, and the general conclusion arrived at is that building will be carried on more extensively both in the city and country than last year, thereby causing an

increased call for lumber. Work in the woods is being prosecuted vigorously in getting out logs for the coming season's cut.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Trade continues dead, and will remain so until milder weather sets in. Turpentine has advanced in price on account of a partial failure of the crop in the Southern States; and has now to be imported from England. The new crop will not be in the market before April. White leads are firm and higher at the factories. Prices are as follows: turpentine 7½c; linseed oil, raw 75c per gal., boiled 78c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb; lard No 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, head-light, 25c; water white, 30c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5; white lead, genuine 7.75; No 1 \$6.75; No 2, \$5.25 and window glass first break, \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been no special movement during the week, and only a fair trade doing in city and country orders. Dealers still hope for a large spring trade. Collections slow.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

A moderately fair trade is doing for the season, which seems to be of sufficient dimension to meet the anticipations of dealers. Collections are fairly satisfactory.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

A very quiet week has been experienced, and orders have been slow in coming forward both from the city and country. It is not expected that there will be much activity before the first of March. Collections are slow. Prices are unchanged, quotations being as follows: Gooderman & Wort's five year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6 Hennessey, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port wine, \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6 per case; Martell and Hennessey's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Another very quiet week has been experienced in local grain circles, no improvement having taken place since our last report, and if anything, the movement has probably been of smaller dimensions than last week. This, of course, is owing almost entirely to the embargo placed upon the shipping trade of the Northwest by the action of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in refusing to receive grain for shipment to points east of Port Arthur, owing as it is alleged by the Company to a scarcity of cars. The officials of the railway here claim that the demand for cars for local traffic is much greater than the ability of the Company to supply at present, but they hope to be in a position to resume shipping in a very few days. The weather has also continued unfavorable to the delivery of grain by farmers at country points, and altogether the past week has been

a slow one as regards the movement of cereals. The feeling is somewhat stronger and promises a good movement as soon as shipping can be resumed. Milling products have been in better demand with a considerable movement. Dairy products have also been more active. In provisions there has been only a moderate amount of business and no change or improvement to note.

WHEAT.

There has been quite an improvement in the tone of this market, and prices have held firm throughout the week. Of course the shipping trade has been practically dead on account of the C.P.R. order referred to above; but there has been a good local demand for milling purposes, especially for the higher grades. This demand has extended to points throughout the province, as well as to deliveries in the city by farmers. As soon as eastern shipments can be resumed an active season is expected, although the weather has been partly responsible for the slowness with which grain has been coming forward. A stronger feeling now pervades the market, partly in sympathy with outside prices. Quotations may be considered about 5c higher all round for grade wheat, as follows: No. 1 hard 80c; No. 2 75c; No. 1 northern 75c; No. 2 70c; No. 3 60c. Frosted lots are worth from 30 to 50c, according to quality. At provincial points a good sample is now quoted at from 70 to 75c.

FLOUR.

There has been quite an improvement in this market which has amounted to quite an active demand, more especially for the higher grades. The movement has been general and extended to both the local and export demand. All the mills are now running and the output is considerably increased. Prices are unchanged as follows: patents \$2.45; strong bakers, \$2.15; XXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.30 to \$1.40.

BRAN AND SHORTS

There has been no change in prices for these products. A good local demand prevails for both bran and shorts. Prices are, \$8 per ton for bran and \$9 for shorts.

OATMEAL.

The local demand continues satisfactory, and some improvement is noted. Another shipment has also been made to eastern markets. Prices are quoted at the same figures of \$2.25 for standard and \$2.50 for granulated.

POTATOES.

The cold weather has prevented any movement in these. Prices are therefore merely nominal, the quotations being from 35 to 40.

EGGS.

These have experienced an easier feeling and prices are slightly lower. Choice lots of fresh are now quoted at from 25 to 26c.

CHEESE.

In this products there has been a moderate demand, principally for the home product. Prime is quoted at the unchanged price of 10½ to 11c, and medium at 9½ to 10c. Ontario manufacture now in the market is worth 11c.

BUTTER.

Quite an active movement has taken place during the week in the higher grades, and there has also been some movement in medium. Stocks are not large, but considered ample. Prime is now quoted at from 20 to 22c, and medium from 12½ to 18c. Inferior lots could probably be obtained at from 5c upwards.

OATS.

Receipts of these have been even more limited than during last week, and as a consequence of this the tone has been firm and prices well maintained. Samples of white have been wanted for milling purposes, and an active demand has also existed for feeding qualities. Quotations are from 1 to 2c higher at outside points, and about the same advance in the city. From