

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Quietness still reigns in monetary circles in the city, and banks have been during the past week rather deserted institutions. The call for commercial discounts is at a very low ebb, and until the opening of September no improvement can be expected. As yet no grain is moving and no funds are called for in that trade, but within two weeks it is expected there will be a lively call from that source, and a more active state will be entered upon, and kept up during the fall and winter. General commercial paper is not plentiful, and the occasional part renewals which the dull time of harvest usually brings are by no means unwelcome at the banks, especially as the prospect for the coming season shadows no fear of commercial trouble or even annoyance. Even promiscuous paper outside of regular lines is rather scarce, and there is a conspicuous absence of that kite flying stuff, which was too plentiful up to the beginning of 1885, but which has since gradually dwindled to almost nothing. Discount rates are steady at 7 to 8 per cent. for first-class trade paper, and about 9 for ordinary. Real estate mortgage business is rather slow, and even payments of interest are at a lull for the present. There is however, quite a hopeful feeling among companies agents, over a general improvement in the security for old loans some of which were one time considered a little shady, and this with the prospect of a good business in farm loans as soon as harvest and stacking is over causes general satisfaction. Interest on new loans is quoted steady at 8 per cent. although some special business would be done at a little lower rates.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The reports from the wholesale trade of the city during the past week have varied considerably in different branches, and of a consensus could be reached, it would probably be summed up in the words "no reason to complain." For instance in goods of every day consumption the sales have been a steady volume reaching, but not exceeding an average, while in one or two instances the report of rather quiet was received. This is the state expected to continue until September opens and grain begins to move, when greater activity is confidently looked for. In season goods lines the feeling shows a little improvement since our last report. The shipping of first fall orders has pretty nearly reached an end, and from numerous customers have come demands for sorts, not contained in these shipments, which demands have kept matters moving a little. Still the real demand for sorts has not set in, but only that which probable future wants suggest. The sorting trade for actual wants is not looked for until a snap of frost dictates these, and the hot weather of last week was not such as to make the necessity for fall lines felt. In lines dependent upon building and contracting the report is a little mixed. Some state that business is fairly active, while others who handle finishing material state that it is still rather quiet. In fancy lines which generally begin to move after season lines are fairly started, there have been some signs of waking up, and a general improvement

is looked for with the opening of September. Altogether the wholesale business of the city has been in that steady but not over active state, which can be best described in these words, "no cause for complaint" so far as sales are concerned, and in cash returns there is no cause for alteration of the report. Payments are on the whole a little slow, and the volume of cash coming in is rather light; a fact which is in a great measure due to the arrangements merchants usually make to have no obligations maturing during the slow-going harvest time.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

In this line sales are at a standstill, and houses are prepared to commence the collection season with the first grain coming to market. There is literally no demand for any class of goods, not even binding twine, and dealers are getting ready their stubble plows, wagons and other wheeled vehicles, while stocks even of bob sleds are being opened out and prepared for early shipment to outside agents and dealers.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

There has been considerably more life in this branch during the past week than in the early part of the month, but there is nothing approaching to real activity yet. Fall orders are all about filled, and retailers are calling for a few sorts found short in these. Collections are reported a little slow but fairly satisfactory.

## CLOTHING

Fall orders are still being filled, and a few sorting orders are coming in, but not enough to cause any life. Collections are also reported rather slow.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

There is still the same moderate movement in this branch, with nothing that could be called rush or bustle. Staples are in fair demand and some fancies are also moving.

## DRY GOODS.

Like other season line branches, there has been a slight increase in sales since our last report, but there is no real activity yet. Filling of fall orders has kept matters lively, but that work is now drawing to a close. Some travellers are out, and they report the prospect of a steady business during September, the beginning of which a turn of cool weather or a touch of frost would hasten. Cash returns are rather slow.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

No change to report in this line, and nothing to disturb the even steady flow of business. Quotations are unchanged and are as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; 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, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

The improved feeling noted in our last report

still continues, and in both staples and fancies there is considerable movement. The regular season will open with September and much greater activity is then expected.

## FRUITS.

Business in this branch has been brisk during the week, and would have been more so but for the lack of stock and variety of green fruits. There have been some changes in prices, and some green fruits have fluctuated too much to allow of quoting. Apples are now quoted at \$4.50 a bbl; Lemons \$10.50 to \$11 a box; Messina oranges \$9 to \$10; Malaga grapes are on the market and quoted at \$8.50 a bbl; tomatoes are quoted \$3 to \$3.25 a bushel basket; California peaches and other stuff are arriving but are not quoted. Other goods stand: golden dates 10c a lb; peanuts 17c; walnuts 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$3.25; London layers \$3.00 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel.

## FUEL.

This trade has been very quiet during the week. Quotations nominal as follows: Laramie on track in round lots \$3.25 to \$3.50; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50; bituminous \$6.85; and Lethbridge at \$6.50.

## FURNITURE.

There has been some shipping of orders to western points during the week, and orders are on the increase. A general improvement is looked for with the opening of September.

## GROCERIES.

The feeling in this staple has been one of moderate activity, with no disposition to rush or bustle, and wholesalers express satisfaction. Collections are reported a little slow. Prices of goods are quoted. Yellow sugar, 6½ to 7½c; granulated 8c to 8½c; lump sugar, 9c to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. New season's teas are quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7 28 to 45c; Congou 1886-7 50 to 85c; Indian teas 35 to 50c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

## HIDES.

Receipts are still light, and price, nominal as follows: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this trade there has been no improvement since our last report, but rather a quieter feeling prevails. The lull has not affected shelf goods so much, but was more felt in heavies and building supplies. Some of the following quotations are in a great measure nominal. Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 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, ac-