

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The quiet feeling reported last week still continues in connection with monetary affairs generally in the city, and in connection with commercial discount business the volume doing is down to very slender proportions. Even with the opening of this month no real activity is looked for, and no marked improvement is expected until the approach of fall. Matters are in a very hopeful state, however, crop reports from all sections of the Northwest being most encouraging, and although quite a portion of the limited discounting doing, is made up of part renewals and other patching up, the outlook does not warrant the refusal by banks of any business that may be classed as regular. The discount rate is unchanged, 8 per cent. being the general figure, with choice paper going at 7. In mortgage loans, business is rather quiet just at present, but the state of crops near the close of this month will in a great measure decide what the coming season will do, and should August open with a good harvest prospect, a big business in farm loans will begin for a certainty. The interest rate is nominal at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade matters were very quiet last week in the city. In nearly all branches there were evidences of dullness, and the situation was decidedly uninteresting throughout. About the only exception to the rule was in fruits, this branch showing a pretty active business, due no doubt to the near approach of the Dominion Day holiday season. Textile branches were dull. A good many traders were in from the north with furs, but they did not seem to be buying largely. Retail trade in the city was quiet. Altogether the usual mid-summer quietness seems to have set in, at an earlier date than is generally expected.

CANNED GOODS.

New salmon, mackerel and lobsters are commencing to move forward from the canneries. Packers are reported firm on corn, peas and tomatoes, with advances on all. Quotations are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7. to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$8.00.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Dried fruits are generally firm in tone, without changes in quotations as follows: Dates, golden 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Elme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

The market was well stocked with fruits last week, several new varieties being to hand. It is noticeable that this season the southern fruits are earlier and better quality than has usually been the case, at least as regards the shipments

received in this markets. Tomatoes of fine quality have been obtainable for some time. New apples are ahead in quality of usual receipts, at this time of year. Peaches, plums, pears, apricots, are all of good quality. Pine-apples are an exception, and are nearly out of the market. Strawberries were scarce and irregular in price, but when the Minnesota berries come in, are expected to be plentiful and of better quality. River-side oranges are out of the market. Lemons have again advanced sharply. Quotations here are as follows: Rhodi oranges, 200 to 220 count, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Messina lemons, \$8 to \$9; New apples, \$1 per bushel box and \$8.50 per barrel; bananas, \$3.50 to \$5 per bunch; pineapples, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per doz.; rhubarb, 2 to 3c per pound; cucumbers, 80c per doz.; tomatoes, 1/2 bushel boxes, \$1.75 to \$2; watermelons, \$7 to \$7.50 per dozen; new cabbage, 5 1/2c per pound or \$6 per crate; California fruit: Peaches, \$3 per box; apricots, \$3 per box; pears, \$6 to \$6.50 per box; plums, \$4 to \$4.25 per box; Bermuda onions, \$4.50 per box of 50 lbs.; Southern onions, \$8.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, 1/2 gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$14.00; in 1/2 barrels, \$7.50.

FURS.

Fur trade was active, but toward the close of the week there were evidences that the trade for the season is well over. A large number of lots have been received in this market of late, and competition amongst buyers has been very keen. Prices have been kept up well and in some instances have gone considerably beyond quotations. On account of the high prices being paid, some buyers were practically out of the market, and the feeling was easier at the close of the week. Lynx were easier and rat rather stronger. In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 primeskin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$1.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.35; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 13c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 75, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

GROCERIES.

Sugars hold firm, and the position is one of

steady advance at refineries and in foreign sugar markets, the statistical situation indicating strength. Japan teas are reported to be recovering from the weakness shown at the commencement of the new season, and Yokohama advices report marked advances. A New York telegram says: "Jobbers are complaining somewhat of the inferior quality of the deliveries of new Japan tea thus far, and their customers are taking exception to the stock as submitted to them. Prices, it is true, are exceedingly low, but it is quality the trade demands, and disappointment is expressed that superior grades are absent; therefore, the belief is becoming general that, as first shipments do not give satisfaction, the later deliveries can hardly be expected to show an improvement." Foreign advices report Mocha coffee scarce and advancing, and Java firm and higher. Quotations are: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7 1/2c; bright yellow, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; granulated, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees—Rios, from 18 to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 53c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES.

Quotations here are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 60c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 2c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12. to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 35 to 37c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 1/2 to 7c.

LUMBER.

Following are the list prices, f. o. b. at Rat Portage, Keewatin and Norman:—Dimension—2x4 to 8x8, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$15; 2x10 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do, 10 and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and siding, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$15.50, dressed, \$16.50; 2nd common rough \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10 dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$18, dressed \$19; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Ship lap—10 inch, \$17; 8 inch, \$16.50.