

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is still a good deal of complaint heard in wholesale trade circles as to the slowness with which paper is met. A few marked exceptions to the rule are found, and some dealers report payments much better than the corresponding period of last year. Such reports, however, usually come from branches where the accounts are generally for small amounts and spread over a larger list of dealers. In many instances, especially such branches as have fewer accounts but generally for large amounts, there is yet a great deal of complaint. The feeling was not improved by the batch of compromises and extensions asked for last week. Where the obligations are directly on the part of farmers, payments have certainly been away ahead of last year. Thus payments of interest on and wiping out mortgages on farm properties have been well met and agricultural implement dealers have had an exceptionally good season for collections, many back accounts of several years' standing having been wiped out during the past few months. There is no doubt but that the liabilities of the agricultural class have been very greatly reduced as a result of the heavy crop of last season, and farmers will now be in a much better position than previously. It is also becoming apparent that a large portion of the income from the last harvest has gone to the loan companies and implement manufacturers, who evidently have the preferential claim upon the farmers. This will to some extent account for the financial closeness in general trade circles in the face of a bountiful harvest.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was rather an eventful one, from the number of compromises, private settlements and extensions under consideration. These were mostly the result of slow payments for some time back, and were not unlooked for. The number coming together in one week made rather a bad showing. It is hoped the end of the list will soon be reached for the present. As to the state of trade there seemed to be a quiet feeling, and the season is somewhat slow in opening in comparison with last year. This is due to the weather, which has been colder for the season than a year ago. Some branches of trade, however, show an active movement.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Dealers report business rather backward, but with warm weather there should soon be some improvement in the demand. Collections also slow.

CANNED GOODS.

Prices were as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 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.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

In this branch the spring trade has now opened out in good shape and dealers are kept busy filling orders, which at present run pretty well into staple lines.

DRY GOODS.

There is perhaps a little more doing in dry goods, but sales are not by any means large. Clothing branches also quiet, with a good deal of complaint as to slow payments all around.

DRUGS.

Business keeps on fairly active, and with prices steady. Quotations were as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; mc phin, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of 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, \$9 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

There is a good business doing in apples, and owing to the scarcity of good, sound fruit, prices have advanced 50c for fancy sorts. There is a good deal of damaged fruit selling at prices under quotations. A few strawberries were in the market at \$1 per box. Quotations were: Apples, fancy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel, common varieties, \$5 to \$6. Messina oranges, \$8 to \$9.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6.50 to \$7; Fancy Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$7.50 to \$8.90; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50. Bermuda onions, \$5.75 per crate of 50 lbs. Bermuda tomatoes, \$1.50 per box of 10 lbs.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Elome figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

GROCERIES.

Supplies of sugar have been limited, but no further shortage is expected. Prices are as follows: Sugars, Dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 8c; granulated, 8½ to 9c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan Newseason's 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, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.

FURS.

The London Gazette of March 15th says regarding the Hudson's Bay fur sales: We understand that these sales, which commenced on Monday and will be concluded to-day (Thursday), have, to the time of going to press, resulted in reduced prices compared with those obtained at the corresponding sale of last year. Fishers declined about 10 per cent., silver fox about 30 per cent., cross fox about 20 per cent.,

red fox about 5 per cent., lynx 15 per cent., and marten 20 per cent. Otter realized about the same prices as last year. Compared with previous March sales the quantities offered were as follows:

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Otter	10,441	4,812	11,889
Sea otter	10	10	9
Fisher	4,422	4,492	0,138
Fox, silver	855	827	944
" cross	3,173	3,185	3,821
Fox, red	11,350	11,051	17,905
" white	3,220	4,102	12,974
" blue	18	35	72
" Kitt	201	124	250
Lynx	51,387	75,870	78,655
Skunk	21,189	10,920	10,322
Marten	78,856	60,842	72,930
Mink	76,374	64,215	82,923
Beaver	2,134	6,038	1,678
Musquash	16,831	9,163	1,834
Wolf	1,204	1,130	4,749
Wolverin	1,104	1,226	2,459
Bear	8,177	8,067	9,703
Musk Ox	378	118	603
Fur seal	—	—	170
Badger	1,471	749	1,109
Ermine	4,780	4,116	3,933
Raccoon	116	305	289
Squirrel	—	—	1,495
Swan	85	57	134
Half seal	—	—	374

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Fresh fish were quoted: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 7c; pickerel, 4c; oysters, standards, \$1.00; selects, \$2.10.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Trade still holds rather quiet. Prices are steady and no further changes expected until affected by the re-arrangement of freight rates on the opening of navigation. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES.

Prices now are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; bulls, 2½c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3c all around; tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 27 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 29 to 32c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices were as follows: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine,