

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Large sales of blue vitrol have already been made for spring delivery, at lower prices, 6 to 6½c being the basis for recent business, according to quantity taken. Camphor is quotable at a lower range. Alum, per lb 3¾ to 4¼c; blue vitrol, 6 to 6½c; brimstone, 2½ to 4¼; borax, 13 to 14c; camphor, 70 to 75c; camphor ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 60c; castor oil, 12 to 14c; Cocaine, per oz, \$9.20 to \$9.75; cream tartar, per lb, 32 to 34c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 15 to 18c; extract logwood, boxes, 18 to 20c; glycerine, per lb., 25 to 30c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul, \$1.35 to \$2.00; opium, \$4.85 to \$5.25; oil lemon, super, \$2.50 to \$3.85; oxalic acid 14 to 16c; potass iodide, \$4.25 to \$4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 11c; sal rochelle, 35 to 40c; shellac, 32 to 34c; sulphur flowers, 5 to 5½c; sulphur roll, per keg, \$4.50 to \$5.00; soda bicarb, \$4 per keg of 112 lbs; salsoda, \$2.50 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 60 to 70c; citric acid, 75 to 85c; Howard's quinine, per oz., 50 to 60c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; alcohol, per gal, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per lb, 6 to 8c; chlorate potash, 25 to 30c; copperas, 3½ to 4c; bromide potash, 50 to 55c.

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices of fresh fish are: Lake Winnipeg whitefish, 6c per pound; salmon, 14c; halibut, 15; trout, 9c. Lake Superior herrings, 40c per dozen. Oysters, \$2 to \$2.20 per gallon, as to quality, with some of the finest qualities selling at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per gallon. Finnen haddies have been received in larger quantities by freight and are lower, earlier arrivals having been all express consignments. Ten cents per pound is now about the jobbing price for haddies.

## FUEL.

The very cold weather experienced for the season, has made a big demand for fuel. Coal men were busy last week, and sales for the month have been very large, one of the largest dealers placing sales for November at about one half larger than the same month last year. Stocks of coal are said to be not larger than last year, and if the winter keeps as cold as it has set in, and the demand for coal keeps on at the same rate, there is likely to be an exhaustion of stocks before the winter is well over. Dealers are therefore firm on prices. There is no change in wood, but an advance in coal would no doubt help to keep wood firm. Pennsylvania anthracite sells, delivered in the city, at \$9.50 per ton for all grades. At the yards the price is \$9 per ton. Pennsylvania soft coal is sold at \$7.50 at the yards, or \$8 delivered, and Lethbridge coal at \$7 or \$7.50 delivered. These are retail prices. There are practically no wholesale prices here for coal. Wholesale prices are quoted at lake ports, and vary widely, according to point where shipment is to be made. Wood on track in car lots is selling at about \$4.50 for good tamarac, and \$2.50 to \$3 for poplar. Retail prices at yards, 50c per cord more; retail delivered price, \$1 per cord more.

## GREEN FRUITS.

The very cold weather towards the close of the week necessitated great care in shipping. Florida oranges and apples are selling well. The first car of Messina lemons did not come to hand until the close of the week, when stocks

were rather bare. Tokay and Catawba grapes were not in stock, but a few more may be received. A few bananas are still handled, but the weather is against this fruit. Quotations are: California fruits—Winter pears, 40 pound boxes, \$3.25; Tokay grapes, 20 pound crates, nominal at \$3 to \$3.25. Ontario barrel apples, \$2.90 to \$3; Ontario pears, per keg, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Lemons—New Messina, \$7.50 per box; bananas, \$3.50 per bunch. Florida oranges, \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.00 per barrel; Catawba grapes, 8 pound baskets, 70c each; sweet potatoes, \$6.00 per barrel. Mulaga grapes, \$7.50 to \$8 per keg.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars have been selling very low in this market, though the general situation is stronger. Prices east were fractionally higher on some grades, and there was a general firmness, which indicated further advances in prices. Willett & Gray in their New York last sugar circular say: The tendency of the week in raws has been upward. London led the advance on receiving the advice that Mr. Licht made no change in his estimate of only a small excess beet crop, and this being followed by unfavorable reports about the beets, caused a very sharp upward movement, resulting at the close in prices 6d higher for best and 3d higher for Java than last week. Stocks here in both refiners' and importers hands are very low, and Cuba stocks are reported by cable as being reduced to 44,000 tons, of which only 26,000 tons are available for this market. The beet, Brazil and Demerara crops are backward. The refiners are now receiving much higher prices for their products, and the competition among them having ended, a more healthy tone is given to the market. The general position is certainly a very strong one and holders of sugar are much encouraged. Refined prices have been marked up 3-16c. As the position throughout the world is so strong, it is to be expected that that present prices will be maintained firmly, with a prospect of further improvement. There is continued firmness in coffee, and better prices are being obtained outside. Dried apples are offering very low in the east, though reports of car lots at 4 to 4½c are probably for poor stock. It is doubtful if any good stock can be had at under 4½c. Evaporated are held at about 6½c east, in car lots.

## LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS, ETC.

There has been a brisk business in harness goods. Prices are: Spanish sole, best, No. 1, per pound, 28 to 30c; Spanish sole, No. 1, 26 to 28; Spanish sole, No. 2, 24; slaughter sole, heavy, 30c; slaughter sole, light, 27c; harness, heavy, best, 28 to 30c; harness, light, best, 28 to 30c; harness, No. 1, 26 to 28c; upper, heavy, best, 35 to 45c; upper, light, 35c; kip skins, French, \$1.00 to \$1.10; kip skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; calf skins, French, premier choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; calf skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; splits, senior, 25 to 35c; splits, junior, 30c; cowhide, 35 to 45c; corduran, per foot, 17 to 21c; pebble, cow, 17 to 21c; buff, 17 to 21c; russets, saddlers', per dozen, \$10.50 to \$11.00; linings, colored, per foot, 12c.

## NUTS.

Choice stock is quoted as follows, the lower price for full packages: Taragona almonds, per pound, 18 to 19c; Grenoble walnuts, 17 to 18c; Marbot walnuts, 15 to 16c; Sicily filberts, large, 14 to 15c; Brazils, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; peanuts, green, 14 to 15; peanuts, roasted, 16 to 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$10.00.

## RAW FURS.

Talking about furs the *Toronto Globe* says: "Holders of raw furs in the country have lately been making inquiries concerning the market here for raw furs and the more reliable houses, to whom it is always most satisfactory to ship furs, have been solicited for their price list. But they have not shown much disposition to make bids for raw furs so far this season. There are several reasons for this. One is that furs that are usually in their prime at this season in an ordinary year are not this year in their prime yet, owing to the prolonged mildness of the winter. Another reason is that dealers do not care to buy largely until prices have been established and are waiting till after the London January fur sales. The demand for most of our Canadian skins comes from foreign countries, and, until prices are fixed for these, dealers are practically working in the dark. Canadians do not, as a rule, go in for their own furs with the exception of beaver and otter. Other countries supply, outside of these, the furs most favored in Canada, and the Dominion in turn, supplies other countries with furs, Russia and Greece taking enormous quantities. Dealers in the United States a few weeks ago came over here and purchased all the mink skins that could be obtained in Canada, though they paid large prices for them, sufficient could not be obtained here to meet the demand, and they sent to Europe and bought up probably as much as a quarter of a million of mink skins that had been sent over there from Canada. The effect of this was to increase the value of good prime mink, but now the price has gone down again, and they are worth from 50 cents to \$1.25 each." There is nothing new to note in the Winnipeg market. The following quotations will give a fair index to the range of values in Winnipeg for very inferior to prime skins:—Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, from 50c to \$30; bear, brown, 50c to \$30.00; bear, grizzly \$1 to \$20; beaver, 50c to \$3.25; beaver, castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1 to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$6; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10 to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.60; fox, silver, \$5 to \$80; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$1.85; mink, 5c to \$1.20; musquash, 2 to 12½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$11; raccoon, 50 to 85c; skunk, 5 to 95c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3.50; prairie wolf, large, 25c to \$1.90; prairie wolf, small, 25 to 65c; wolverine, 50c to \$3.25. Deer skins are practically without value.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## GENERAL WHEAT SITUATION.

Wheat has experienced another week of rather easy prices. On Monday there was no change in prices worth noting, in United States markets. Cables were firmer. The visible supply showed an increase of 2,186,000 bushels, for the United States and Canada, east of the mountains, making the total supply 41,014,724, as compared with 24,190,227 a year ago. Duluth received 1,038 cars and Minneapolis 964 cars, for Sunday and Monday. On Tuesday United States markets were lower, Duluth declining 1½ to 1¾ cents and Chicago 1½ to 1¾ cents. Cables also were lower, Liverpool quoting ½ to 1d lower per cental and London 3d lower per quarter. Duluth received 525 cars and Minneapolis 522 cars. On Wednesday