

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is no special feature to note in the money market this week, beyond what has been mentioned for the past week or two. Money is becoming easier and will no doubt gradually keep improving between now and winter. The marketing of the grain will put a large amount of money into circulation, which will give general relief all round. Rates of discount remain about as they were. Gilt edged commercial paper discounts at from 8 to 10 per cent, and generally not much above the former figure. Ordinary paper ranges from 10 to 12 per cent. Money for speculative purposes is still difficult to obtain; private sources have to be relied upon for accommodation, and pretty stiff rates have as a rule to be paid. Money to loan on real estate mortgage is plentiful and can easily be obtained at from 8 to 10 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The fall season may now be said to be fairly opened up, but so far the amount of business done has not come up to expectations that had been formed. The frost of the week before last and the bleak chilly weather that has been experienced has served to throw something of a damper upon the bright anticipations of a few weeks ago. Business, however, continues to jog along somewhat after the manner that it has done ever since last spring. Country dealers are very backward in placing orders and only make their purchases so as to meet immediate demand, or in fact necessity. This condition of affairs existing amongst the best class of retailers, coupled with the conservative, careful action being exercised by the wholesale houses serves to make business much quieter than it otherwise would be at this season of the year. There is a much easier feeling as regards money than existed during the summer, and from most branches of trade the report is that moves are being met on maturity with very fair satisfaction. Travellers on the road although not as yet taking the orders they expected, say that the prospects for a lively trade between now and winter are excellent. The whole country seems to be waiting for the final ingathering and bringing to market of the harvest, and if the farmers are true to themselves and secure their grain properly, and have it threshed and brought to market as quickly after as possible they will be doing more for the Northwest than all the "booms" that ever were set on foot could do.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Business in the agricultural implement line continues in very much the same condition that it was last week. The demand for harvesting implements is over, and the inquiry now is chiefly for threshing machinery, grain crushers, straw cutters, &c. The leading houses are well supplied with these lines of goods and expect to clear out their warehouse, pretty well before winter. Money is still close, but this is only what was expected at this season of the year. In the course of a month or six weeks there will no doubt be a general improvement in that way.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is beginning to be a more active movement in boots and shoes than has existed for

some time past. Travellers on the road are sending in very fair additions to the order book, and report a good prospect for trade between now and the time the snow flies. Collections are still rather slow, but promise well later on in the month.

CLOTHING.

The leading houses have their travellers on the road, and are meeting with much better success than they did earlier in the season. Stocks throughout the country have run pretty low and a good trade must necessarily be done for the remainder of the season. Collections are quiet, and have not shown much improvement for the past month.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

In this branch of trade business continues good. Orders are coming in freely, and there is considerable inquiry for the future. Collections are very fair and not to be complained of at all.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business continues very fair with excellent prospects for business later on in the season. Collections show signs of improvement and cannot be complained of to any great extent.

DRY GOODS.

The dry goods trade still continues somewhat on the quiet side, although there is quite a noticeable improvement over the earlier part of the month. Business promises to be very good for the next couple of months. Travellers are sending in very fair orders and report very favorably as to the prospect for the future. Collections are still slow, and it is not expected that there will be much change in the situation so far as ready money is concerned for two or three weeks. Retailers in the country anticipate that after that time money will be plentiful, and if farmers get their crops to market in good condition there is no danger of disappointment in that respect. Eastern competition is interfering very little with the trade here, and is not likely to this season.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

There has been a fair degree of activity in this line of business this week. Orders are coming in freely from the country districts, and everything promises well for a good fall trade. Collections are fair and fully as good as could be expected at this season of the year.

FISH AND POULTRY.

The market is well supplied with lake fish and oysters are also beginning to come in more freely. White fish are quoted at 8c per lb; Lake Superior trout 10c; New York counts 85c per quart cans. Poultry is in better supply, and game in the shape of wild ducks and prairie chickens is plentiful; spring chickens are worth 60c to 75c per pair; wild ducks 40c to 50c; prairie chickens 75c to 90c; quail \$1.60 to 1.50 per dozen.

FRUIT.

There continues to be a good steady demand for fruit. The market is as well supplied as can be expected, taking into consideration the unsettled condition of eastern markets. Reports from Ontario fruit districts are that the crops will be below the average, both as regards quality and quantity. California fruit, such as

peaches, grapes, pears, &c., are received regularly, but reliable quotations cannot be given, owing to the fluctuating condition of the market. Lemons are worth \$3.50 to 4.00 per box. Oranges have appeared on the Chicago market, but they are held at such high figures that dealers do not feel themselves warranted in bringing them in yet. Pears are quoted at \$5.50 to 6.00 per case; apples \$6.00 to 7.00 per barrel for strictly choice; inferior grades are without sale. Peanuts are higher, 20c being considered a low quotation; almonds 20c to 22c; brazils 22c; cocoa nuts \$1.50 per dozen. Dried fruit quotations are as follows, viz: loose muscatel raisins \$2.75; black currants \$3.75 to 4.00; triple crown \$6.50; four crown \$7.00; dates 1c per lb; figs in mats 10c per lb. There are no box figs in the market. Collections are reported very fair.

FUEL.

The fuel market remains in about the same condition that it was last week. Large quantities of coal are being received at Port Arthur for shipment to different points along the line of the C.P.R. It is expected that the regular winter rates will be about \$2.50 per ton. The mines in the Saskatchewan districts are also being developed as rapidly as possible, but it can not yet be said whether sufficient quantities will be got out this fall to affect the market to any great degree this season. Quotations at present are: Anthracite coal \$15 delivered; bituminous \$13.50 to 14.50; tamarac wood in ten car lots or over \$6.50; smaller quantities \$6.75; poplar in large lots \$5; in smaller quantities \$5.50.

FURNITURE.

There is as yet not that lively feeling in the furniture line which was expected at this season of the year. Orders from country dealers are coming in slowly, but there is considerable more inquiry than there has been. Collections continue quiet.

GROCERIES.

Business continues fair, but cannot be said to be rushing. Considerable orders are being received from the country, and it is expected that there will be a steady improvement from this time out. Collections are reported very fair. Quotations are: Sugars—Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11c; Paris lumps 12½ to 12¾c; Coffee 15 to 18c for Rios; 22 to 27c for Javas; teas—Japan 25 to 45c, Moyune gunpowders 35 to 75c; Young Hyson 26 to 55c; new season Congous 30 to 40c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has hardly been as much activity during the past week as existed a week or two previous. There is, however, a fair local demand for building materials, and a moderate inquiry from the country. Collections show some signs of improvement. Quotations are:—Tin plate 14 x 20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75; bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$5.50 to 7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; piglead, 6½ to 7c; galvanised iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business continues steady and improving as winter approaches. Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50, domestic