

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In city financial circles a sort of lethargy prevails. There is but little call for additional funds for crop movement, though a considerable amount of money is now out on grain security. Still there has not been the same brisk demand from this source as last year. In other respects there is little doing at the banks, outside the ordinary discount business, which is done at the old rates. The call for loans on real estate security is limited at present, but a good demand is expected toward spring. Prospects in this direction are thought to be very much better than a year ago, especially in city loans, as there are indications of more activity in building operations in the spring and next summer. Collections in mercantile lines are not as good as could be looked for at this season of the year.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business in wholesale trade circles, continued very slow last week, in nearly all branches. There was very little doing in any quarter, so far as present business is concerned, and the week was without any special features of importance. Prices were steady, and in many lines were nearly nominal. Altogether the dull season appears now at its depth, and until the spring movement of goods begins, the situation will be largely devoid of interesting features.

DRUGS.

Prices are steady, as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 50 to 55c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Travellers are on the road still with spring samples, with fair results so far as heard from. The leading feature in this trade is the steady appreciation in prices at mills and factories, in several classes of goods. In fact, a very firm feeling seems to prevail throughout the trade, as regards prices. From Belfast, news has been received of advances in Irish linens, of about 5 per cent. This advance has not been felt here yet, but if maintained, it will be in time. Prices of jute have risen considerably, the advance being from £12 to £15. 10s. in the Old Country. Wages in this industry have also advanced it is said 15 per cent. so that higher prices must rule. Cottons are also higher at domestic mills. It is said the new list price of the mills average 10 per cent higher on grey cottons. Cottonades are higher, and seersuckers have advanced 12 to 15 per cent. Denims are up 7 to 10 per cent, at some mills, and gingham 5 to 7½ per cent. Wools have been strong in domestic markets, advancing 1 to 2c per pound. If the firmness in wools is maintained, it will have an influence upon woolen fabrics. Cotton thread manufacturers on the other side have effected an advance in prices, which may in time influence prices here.

FURS.

No changes in prices are expected until the London sales take place. In the meantime the following quotations will indicate the range of values for the different grades:—Black bear, \$2.00 to \$18.00; black bear cubs and yearlings, \$1.00 to \$9.00; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$16.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, 50c to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$9.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.75; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75. cross fox per skin, \$2.00 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, 25c to \$1.50; grey fox, 25c to 50c; timber wolf, \$1.50 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1.00; wolverine, \$1.00 to \$3.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 90c; raccoon, 25c to 75c; mink, as to color, 10c to 50c; badger, 10c to 75c; muskrat, fall, 3c to 10c.

FRUITS—GREEN.

Business is very dull at present in this branch, and few new varieties are offered. Prices are steady as follows:—Apples, \$3.50, for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, Florida oranges, choice, \$6 to \$6.25; russets, \$5.50 to \$6.00 Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$9 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

FRUITS—DRIED.

Valencia raisins and currants hold firm and are stronger in outside markets, choice raisins being reported scarce. Prices are as follows:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ½ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 24 to 29c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Elme figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Coconuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Hold steady in price as follows:—Lake Winnipeg white bring in jobbing lots, 7½ to 8c; pickerel, are worth about 5c; and pike, 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water fish are offered as follows.—Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 10c per pound; herrings, \$2.60 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8½c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 10 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.00; St.

John bloaters, \$1.80. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

GROCERIES.

Teas are said to be firm in outside markets, and with light advances on some grades. Sugars are easy, both yellows and granulated having declined ½ to ¾c in eastern market. The canned goods situation is weak. Stocks in the east are said to be large, and lower prices are expected for some lines. Tomatoes and corn are weak. Domestic leaf tobaccos are strong with reported rise of 2 to 2½c per pound. Prices here are:—Sugars—yellows 6½ to 7½; granulated 9c; lumps 9½ to 9¾. Coffee—Rios, from 21 to 24c; 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. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; 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 AND TALLOW.

Prices in hides are unchanged. Frozen are bringing 2½ to 3c. By grade, prices are nominal as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 2½ to 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, lower at 2½c for rough, and 5c for rendered.

THE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

Last week was rather a disappointing one for bulls in leading American wheat markets, prices on some days being very slumpy, and several heavy drops in value occurred. The week commenced with favorable indications for firm prices. A cold wave throughout the fall wheat belt was reported on Monday, but it had little influence upon prices. The visible supply statement submitted on Monday showed a decrease for the week ended Jan. 19, of 899,348 bushels, but even this large decrease did not keep up prices. The total visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is now 36,599,029 bushels, against 42,361,232 bushels a year ago. For the week ending Jan. 19 exports from Atlantic ports were 114,600 barrels of flour and 42,500 bushels of wheat, against 279,200 barrels of flour and 392,400 bushels of wheat for the corresponding week last year. This steady decrease in the visible supply in the face of these light exports, should prove a strengthening factor in the markets, as it would seem to indicate that supplies are not as plentiful as is supposed. Total exports of wheat and flour from the United States both coasts, from July 1st last to Jan. 19, were equal to 52,495,322 bushels of wheat, of which 21,611,915 bushels went from Pacific ports, and 30,883,407 from Atlan-