

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The financial affairs of trade have been moving along slowly in the city during the past week, with that kind of struggle and get along gait peculiar to this tight time of the year. Cash returns in almost every line of business are very slender, and to keep the pot a boiling considerable part renewing and other patching up has to be done. Banks have ample funds for all the demands of regular customers, but are holding the lines as tight as possible, without causing any actual injury to legitimate trade, and are not anxious to open new accounts unless they are first-class, nor are they inclined to do any promiscuous discount business. Their customers are as a rule following a similar course, but with the amount of renewed paper on hand the discount volume holds above, rather than below a normal weight. Only the bright crop prospect with its power of creating confidence keeps matters in this satisfactory state, otherwise there might be a tightening at the banks which would cause inconvenience to many traders. As affairs stand there is practically none. Discount rates still range from 7 to 8 per cent., with the business at the higher figure slightly on the increase. In real estate mortgage loans there is a fair business doing among farmers, but city loans are not much in demand. Farm loans are invariably at 8 per cent. interest.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The state of the city wholesale trade cannot be said to be improving, although all concerned look forward to a much more satisfactory condition of affairs being reached before the fall comes around. The facts are, that cash returns from the country are so slender and unsatisfactory, that most wholesalers are not inclined to push business for a time, and where customers have to be carried, they are invariably averse to increasing the load. As a consequence the sales of fall and winter season goods from samples are far short of what they usually are at this time of the year, and this is made even more marked by the unwillingness of many retailers to purchase fall lines, until crops have advanced a little further, and a more definite forecast of the harvest results can be made. The trade in summer sorts is also abnormally light, as retailers generally refuse to carry their former customers, and in consequence have but a limited demand from cash customers for immediate wants. In food products and staples of every-day consumption matters stand much the same, and the volume of sales is consequently held down to a starvation proportion. Only in lines connected with building and contracting is there anything approaching to a normal movement, and even in these there is no rush or bustle. In short, wholesaler, retailer and consumer alike are getting along with as little as possible, and all are looking to the coming crop as likely to bring around the state of activity in trade generally for which all are so anxiously and eagerly waiting.

DRUGS.

In this branch the report is liberal sales but very limited collections. Prices are the same as in our last issue. Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c.

English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; 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; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

In this staple branch the feeling is decidedly quiet, the sorting trade is light, and wholesalers are not eager to push sales from fall and winter samples as business now runs. In the city sales of that class have been nearly up to the mark of former years, but in the country they are far behind, and it will probably be near the end of June before fall stock buying becomes any way general.

DRIED FRUITS.

Evaporated goods are still on the upward move, and prices are a little irregular, as some houses holding old stocks of certain lines still sell at figures below what new stock can be imported at. The following figures may be accepted as about correct, although exact prices cannot be had in every case. California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 1/2 to 8c per lb., evaporated apples, 14 1/2c; choice new Eleme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Eleme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 15c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 11c per lb.; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

FISH.

No change to report. Prices are: Salmon, 15c a pound; cod, 8c; jackfish, 1c; pickarel 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 kg.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

The demand has been increasing as the weather grows warmer, and but for the slowness of collections, sales would doubtless have been by this time much heavier than they are. The variety is less the low grades of California oranges which are nearly out of the market. Prices ranged as follows: Oranges: Riverside St. Michaels, \$6 a box; fancy California seedlings, 12S size, \$4; size 96 \$3.50; fancy Messina 200 and 220 size, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Extra fancy Messina, in half boxes, \$3.00. Lemons: Fancy Messina, 300 to 360 sizes, \$5.75 to \$6.00 a box; choice, same size, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Bananas, per bunch, \$3.00 to \$3.75. Havana pine apples \$3 to \$3.50 per dozen. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicilian filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts per hundred \$9; hickory nuts 10c per pound; pecans, large polished, per lb 17c.

GROCERIES.

Business quiet and steady with no disposition on the part of wholesalers to crowd sales, owing to the slow state of collections. Coffees still hold up in price and have advanced a little, with the prospect of a further advance soon, judging by the state of the markets in the United States and Great Britain. Sugars are a little easier, although they stiffened slightly near the close of the week. Quotations

are as follows: Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c, as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeyuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilees, 63c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$10; Terrier, \$30 per 1000 Mauricio, \$12.50; Soudan Whips, \$10.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial Traveller, \$5. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3 50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

Business has been fairly active, but collections are slow. Several advances in prices are threatened, but none have taken place as yet. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade 1; C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1 1/2 inch, 14 1/2c; 2 inch, 18 1/2c; 2 1/2 inch, 28c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

LUMBER.

Business during the week has been fairly active, and order still come in freely. Prices are unchanged. The quotations at the different mills on the Lake of the Woods are as follows: Dimension: 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do. 10, 18 and 20 ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap: 10in, \$16; 8in, \$15.50; 8 and 10in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring: 1st, 6in, \$29; 2nd, 6in, \$25; 3rd, 6in, \$21; 4th, 6in, \$18; 1st, 5in, \$29; 2nd, 5in, \$25; 3rd, 5in, \$29; 4th, 5in, \$17; 1st, 4in, \$29; 2nd, 4in, \$25; 3rd, 4in, \$19; 4th, 4in, \$16; \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides; \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding: No. 1, 1st siding, 1/2 in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding, 1/2 in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing (1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2in): 1st and 2nd clear, \$45; 3rd clear, \$40; select, \$30; shop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd clear, \$32; No. 1 stock, \$35; No. 2 do. \$30; No. 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft lineal, \$1; parting strips, do, 60c; 1 round and core, do., 75c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100 ft lineal, \$1.75; 5in O G, do, \$2.25; 6in O G, do,