

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The advancing tendency in grain prices is calling for more funds in proportion to the movement, but as the bulk of the crop is going forward at once and is immediately realized upon, the banks are not carrying nearly as much grain as they sometimes do, in proportion to the size of the crop. In mercantile collections, though the general report is that there is a growing improvement in collections, yet there is still a great deal of dissatisfaction on this score. The improvement in collections has not been nearly as great as wholesalers have looked for, and with the steady grain movement and advanced prices, better returns should be made from the country than the past few weeks have shown. Discount rates are steady at 7 to 8 per cent. for mercantile paper.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The spring bustle is commencing in several lines. In dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., dealers are busy receiving stocks, and orders for shipment are being made up. Quite a quantity of goods has already gone out, though stocks are not complete enough to fill many orders. In hardware, paints, etc., there is very little movement yet, and in most other lines business is reported on the dull side.

DRY FRUITS.

Demand steady and prices unchanged. Quotations here being as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7c; figs, cooking in bags, 6½c, in boxes, 7c; choice, 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Elme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 10½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 24c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8½ to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahiti, \$5.

DRUGS.

There has been a lively demand for strychnine, and dealers have been obliged to wire for further supplies. From the quantity of this drug being taken, it would appear that a determined effort is to be made to exterminate the gophers this spring. Camphor is advancing and is 10c higher. A sale of a large quantity of American blue vitrol was made at 7c per lb., but smaller lots are generally held at about 7½c. Quotations here are as follows:—Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65; English camphor, 80 to 90; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$5; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; 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, 7½c.

GREEN FRUIT.

Oranges are in good supply, some California are daily expected, which are expected to be better stock than last receipts. Southern apples are being brought in as required, and held at old prices. Few eastern

apples offered. Fancy apples are held at \$8 per barrel, with less desirable stock selling at \$7.50 and even \$7, as to quality. Mexican oranges are held at \$6 to \$6.50, and Floridas at \$4.50 per box in 128 size, and \$5 in 150 to 200 size. Lemons are quotable at \$5.50 to \$6. per box. Malaga grapes, in 55 lbs kegs at \$13 per keg. Cranberries are scarce. A few were offered at \$11.50 per barrel. A few bananas are arriving.

GROCERIES.

There is a new feature to note. Quotations here are as follows: Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; Granulated, 7½c. 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, 47½c; Honey-suckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 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, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$12.50; Soudan Whips, 40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Special selects, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, Canucks, \$40; Darby, \$36; Sports, \$3. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Spot business quiet, but orders are being booked for future delivery. By the end of this month dealers will likely be busy shipping out spring orders. Prices are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant, No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.50; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Calsomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6, per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat had a wider and somewhat higher range of prices last week, with sharp bulges on some days, and almost as rapid reactions on others. The week commenced with a marked advance in prices at Chicago and some other markets. Cables came in strong and higher, and there was a plethora of crop damage news from abroad. London, Paris and Berlin sent in strong cables, with the former 3d higher. The

bearish features were in the situation on this continent, the visible supply showing only a small reduction, and large receipts at primary markets, Minneapolis and Duluth getting 513 cars, against 424 the same day a year ago. On Tuesday there was a reaction and a considerable portion of the gain of Monday was lost. Minneapolis and Duluth got 308 cars against 284 a year ago, and Beerbohm reported an increase on ocean passage of 1,536,000 bushels. Cables, however, continued strong, Liverpool reporting 1d higher, and the published crop report of the State of Michigan was unfavorable. The principal feature on Wednesday was the official United States crop report, giving reserves of wheat in farmers' hands. The proportion of wheat still in the hands of farmers is placed by this report lower than an average of the last ten years, the range being from 26 to 33 per cent. It is this year put at 28.2 per cent., or 112,000,000 bushels. It has been lower only in two years of the last ten—after the short crops of 1881 and 1885. Including the visible stocks the supply is therefore 135,000,000 bushels. The Government report, however, did not seem to have much influence upon the markets. Cables were less favorable, though closing cables were stronger, and large receipts again showed up, Minneapolis and Duluth getting 293 cars, against 230 a year ago. On Thursday foreign advices were strong, which assisted in a sharp upward movement in prices. Minneapolis and Duluth received 386 cars, against 243 cars a year ago. The gain of Thursday was about lost on Friday, on more favorable crop weather reported from Europe and large receipts at north-western states points. At the close of the market on Friday, prices at Chicago were only about 1c higher than a year ago. The Government report of wheat in farmers' hands in the United States was at first regarded as a bearish document, as it was somewhat larger than had been counted upon, but when the present visible supply, added to wheat in farmers' hands, is compared with the same stocks held a year ago, the showing is very bullish. The figures are. Visible now, 22,790,750 bushels, in farmers' hands, 112,000,000 bushels; total, 134,790,750. Visible a year ago, 23,314,149 bushels, in farmers' hands a year ago, 156,000,000 bushels; total, 184,314,149 bushels, showing a shortage now, as compared with a year ago, of nearly 50,000,000 bushels.

In Manitoba there has been rather an upward movement in prices in country markets, or a continuation of the same tendency noticeable to advance prices for the past few weeks. The disposition has been specially noticeable in the tendency to move up prices at points where prices were below the average, while at some points where the highest prices were being paid, further advances were made last week. Thus up to 80 to 82c per bushel was paid for small quantities in some country markets, and one report of 84c was announced, these prices being to farmers. The average price in Manitoba country markets to farmers would be fully 75c per bushel for best samples, equal to about No. 2 hard. All grades have advanced about in proportion, for anything fit for milling, even for frosted grain, frosted samples bringing from 49 to 60c per bushel. These prices show an advance of 10 to 15c per bushel over prices ruling before the upward movement started. The firmness is increased by a growing demand from eastern Canada millers for Manitoba