

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs in the city remain quiet as ever, and a time of slowness is expected at the banks during the next two or three months. There is now scarcely any funds employed in crop handling, returns for the season having been made by most dealers, and there would be a plethora of money for commercial purposes, were it not for the heavy carrying of customers now being done by leading mercantile houses, thus making the volume of that class of discounts abnormally large, even for this time of the year. There has been no symptoms calculated to change discount rates, and these are steady at 7 per cent. for gilt edge trade paper, with 8 per cent. for good. In real estate mortgage loans, very little is being done and the demand for farm loans has fallen to a very low ebb, and will not likely show any activity until seeding time is past. City loans are few in the meantime, so that the volume of new business is very slender indeed, while interest payments are correspondingly light. Rates of interest are purely nominal, but quoted unchanged.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been but little change in the state of the city wholesale trade since our last report, and the movement is generally slow, although in a few minor lines there has been some activity. In lines of every day consumptibles wholesalers are not very anxious to push sales, while the present scarcity of money in the country lasts, and buyers are a little cautious also, getting supplies just as they are actually wanted. Cold and wet weather has had a depressing effect on lines required for contracting and building, while they have completely demoralized the sorting trade in season lines. Sales of fall goods from samples have also been light, and mostly in the city, as in some branches travellers have not gone out with those samples as yet. There will, however, be a general stampede this week, and every branch will be represented throughout the country. The report upon collections is not a flattering one, and cash returns have been very slow indeed. In the city there seems to be some money in circulation but in the country it is very scarce. Still the feeling generally is hopeful, especially since the snow and rainfall of Wednesday and Thursday, which banished all fear of loss of a grain crop from drought this year.

DRUGS.

Local prices have not changed, although several commodities are on the rise in the east and Europe, especially camphor. Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 45c to \$1.75; 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.

Business has not improved during the past week in this branch. The sorting trade which was confidently expected before now, has not been forthcoming, and while the cold weather but it will not materialize. No orders from

fall and winter samples have been taken as yet, except in the city, and from country dealers who have been in the city. To-day all travellers will start out, and in a week the drift of trade for the season will be known to some extent. Altogether this branch has been in a very quiet state, but with a little warm weather an improvement is almost certain.

DRIED FRUITS.

There has been an upward tendency in all kinds of dried fruit, especially in evaporated goods. Apples of that kind have gone up one cent, while California evaporated good are so scarce, and no hope of renewing stocks, that they are likely to be out of the market entirely next week. Prices are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.70 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.00 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 to 7 1/2c per lb.; evaporated apples, 14 1/2c; choice new Elemo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elemo 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, 21 to 23c per lb.; pecked peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 14c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 10c per lb.; nectarines, 18 to 20c.

FISH.

No change reported and no new varieties on market. Prices are: Salmon, 15c, cod, 8c, and haddock, 10c per pound. No other sea fish are offered, lake fish are unchanged. Whitefish are quoted at 8c; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c. Dried fish are quoted: Finnan Haddock, 12 1/2c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 keg; smoked white fish, 10c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Mediterranean fruit is beginning to arrive in the city from the recent sales in Montreal, and will continue to do so for a week or two. Prices at the sales were high compared with those of similar fruit from California. The following are current prices: Messina lemons, 360 size, \$5.50 to \$6.00 a box for fancy; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50; 300 size, fancy, \$5.50 to \$6.00; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Messina oranges, in half boxes, fancy, 100 to 110 size, \$3.00 to \$3.25; choice Sorrento oranges, in boxes, 200 to 220, \$5.50 to \$5.75. California oranges, fancy seedlings, 128 size, \$4.00 to \$4.25; 150 size, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 176 size \$4.50 to \$4.74; navels, 128 to 176 size, \$5.25 to \$5.50; bloods, 200 to 300 sizes, \$6.50 to \$7.00. A few barrels of apples are held at \$7.50, the quality being high. Bananas are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bunch. Pine apples, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per dozen. Rhubarb, in 50 lb. boxes, \$2.50. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound; pecans, large polished, per lb. 17c.

GROCERIES.

Wholesale dealers are still not anxious to push sales, and the volume is accordingly somewhat restricted. In prices of goods there has been very little change. Sugars have eased off about an eighth, and coffees are firm, although the tendency in United States markets has become easier. If however the scarcity is as great as is asserted in producing countries, this easier feeling can only be temporary. Quotations here are as follows: Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8c; lumpa,

0 1/2 to 9 1/2c. Coffees, green,—Bios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government, 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; yound 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; Honeysuckle, 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; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 63c; 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, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial Traveller, \$25. 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.

Although there have been a few signs of coming activity during the past week, business has been on the whole quiet in this branch. There is a feeling of uncertainty about freight rates from the east. The following quotations, while they represent actual realms can be shaded in some instances: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; 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; 1 3/4 inch, 18 1/2c; 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 1/4 per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Business is reported nominal with no change in prices. Quotations are: Spanish sole, 24 to 28c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 per dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 per dozen.

LUMBER.

The movement has increased a little during the past week, but has not reached the full seasons volume yet. No change is reported. Prices at the different mills in the Keewatin district 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 12 in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24 ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 ft 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, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and 10 in, rough, \$13, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10 in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10 ft. long and under, \$1 less per M. Ship lap: 10 in, \$16; 8 in,