

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

Business at the banks during the past week has been of a steady and fairly active nature, the improvement noted last week having kept up to some extent. Matters have not yet, however, assumed a very brisk aspect, the change being more in the nature of a steady increase in business, which will likely continue gradually to improve until the real active season is at its height. This will come when the grain movement sets in earnest. In commercial discounts about the usual business has been doing, at steady rates. Calls for loans on farm property have been more numerous, but still the aggregate business done would be light. Loans on good city property are taken readily at 7 to 8 per cent., but there is not much call from this quarter.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

The wholesale trade of the city continued to enjoy a reasonable amount of activity during last week. The Provincial Exhibition going on in the city exerted no small influence in wholesale circles, a large number of country merchants having arrived in the city during the week to take it the exhibition. Many of these merchants combined business with pleasure and whilst here looked through the stocks of our wholesalers. Their purchases were generally not for very large amounts, coming so soon after laying in fall stocks, but for such goods as happened to take their fancy, the whole combining to make up quite a little trade, though the activity was more apparent than real. In many lines of fall and winter goods the busiest season is now over, and a quiet time may be expected until the sorting trade sets in. In other lines, such as fancies, and goods for the holiday trade the busiest season is to come yet. Staple lines of every day consumption have had about the usual steady trade, without any features of special importance. Prices have held steady and with but few variations. Collections still slow.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

Business in this line is now just about over for the season, and the work of the next few months will be mainly in the line of collections, though there is still little attempt to push matters in this respect, the grain movement having not yet been of sufficient proportion to warrant it. Dealers were busy during the week arranging and showing their wares at the Provincial Exhibition, and a few orders were taken for future delivery.

## BOOTS AND SHOES

Quite a number of new orders were received during the week, yet the bulk of first deliveries have now been sent out, and the next thing in order will be the sorting trade.

## CLOTHING

A good many country merchants were in town during the week and took a look through stocks, making a number of small purchases. Otherwise business was steady and unimportant.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

There was quite a little extra movement in this branch during the week and sales were considerably more numerous. Fancy lines came in for some demand.

## DRY GOODS

In this branch the result of the exhibition

was apparent in the increased number of callers at the wholesale warehouses, and many country merchants made additional selections from stocks, of such goods as happened to take their fancy. There were also some purchases of good round amounts. Altogether the week was one of fair activity, in keeping with the circumstances of the case, and the tendency for the past month. There has been a fair movement in woollen goods, and a seasonable demand for cottons. Prices hold firm for woollens.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Business is now moving along steadily, and quotations are still unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES

This branch also received considerable attention from the visitors at the exhibition, and some fair purchases were made. Fancy lines were moving to some extent.

## FURS

The movement for this season has not commenced yet, and it will be some time before anything can be done in the line of prime furs. A few furs coming in now are almost worthless, having been taken too early in the season. The following list of prices is given as a forecast of what the season may open at, though of course subject to change at any time: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20.00; bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to 90c; martin, per skin, 60c to \$2.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$3.00; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 5c.

## FISH AND GAME

The supply of game is still scarce. Fish are in plentiful supply for both fresh and salt water varieties. Oysters are now offered in bulk or cans. Quotations are: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickerel, 3c; salmon, 18c; cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c; Halibut, 17c; Flounders, 15c. Oysters, standards, 45c per can; selects, 55c per can; bulk oysters, \$2.35 to \$2.65 per gal.

## FRUITS

The supply of fruit which should have arrived the previous week, came to hand last week, and the market was consequently well supplied with most varieties. Eastern Canada apples were in good supply, a number of car lots having arrived. These were generally fair stock and in good condition, though some lots were slightly damaged. No winter fruit has come to hand yet. Prices for apples are considerably lower. Several varieties of Canada grapes are offered. Only some lots of green tomatoes are in the market. Prices are: Apples, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bbl, with perhaps \$4 for some very choice. California pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; Lemons, \$10.50 to \$11. Bananas, \$2 to \$4 a bunch. Cali-

fornia, Muskat and Tokay grapes, \$6 to \$7 per crate of 40 lbs; Concord grapes, 12c; Ontario grapes 10 to 15c; California peaches \$3.50 a box; Figs, 50lb sacks, 12c; Golden dates, 10c; peanuts, rosted, 17c; peanuts, raw, at 15c; walnuts, at 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$2.25; London layers \$3.90 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider worth \$10 a barrel; sweet potatoes, \$8.25 per barrel.

## FUEL

No change to report as yet. Quotations are to some extent nominal as follows: tamarac on truck in round lots \$3.25 to \$3.50; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50; bituminous \$6.85; and Lethbridge at \$6.50 on truck.

## FURNITURE

There have been a few purchases by country dealers who visited the city, but business has been rather quiet, partly owing to bad weather.

## GROCERIES

Sugars hold firm and have advanced at the refineries. Cane syrups are scarce. Provisions generally firm. Quotations are: yellow sugar 6½ to 7c; granulated 7½ to 8c; lump sugar, 9 to 9½c; Coffee, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java, 28c, other Javas, 22c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; panfried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 25 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.00 to to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2.00; T. & B. tobacco, \$10.

## HIDES

Quotations are unchanged and are as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS

Prices remain steady here at last quotations, with an improving trade doing. The stove trade has opened up fairly good. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Trade continues steady and in fair volume and prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. Amé can o-k sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

## LUMBER

There is nothing new to note in connection with the city trade, which keeps up steadily