

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

It cannot be said that the money market has developed any new feature during the past week. Things generally have continued to move along in very much the same condition which has been characteristic of the past few weeks. Although the cry of tightness in collection is still often heard, the banks report no extra demand for accommodation. True, quite a large number of renewals in part, and some in whole, have been necessary, but the volume of discount has not been increased. This is no doubt largely due to the fact that merchants and others have practised every economy and exercised great caution in all their transactions, and it is well that it was so. That such has been the case will go a long way to strengthen confidence in the country, and complete restoration will come all the more quickly. Gilt-edged commercial paper is still negotiated at the old figures of from 8 to 10 per cent; ordinary 10 to 12 per cent. The loan companies report no active demand for money, and are prepared to advance all that is wanted, provided the securities offered are eligible. Money for speculation is just as it was, only obtainable from private sources, and at high rates.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business still continues quiet in city wholesale circles. The holiday character of the season is still making itself felt, and no revival of consequence is expected until towards the end of the month, when it is thought sorting-up orders will again begin to come in more freely. Travellers are still as a rule at home, and except it be on short trips, do not expect to be busy until they start out with spring samples. Collections are no worse than they have been, but on the other hand begin to show some signs of general improvement. Farmers are again marketing grain more freely and this causes a more active flow of money, and it is expected that from this time out there will not be so much cause for complaint regarding remittances than in the past.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There is very little improvement in agricultural implements, and no activity is expected till towards spring. There is some improvement in collections, notes being met more promptly than they were a week or two ago.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

There is but very little doing beyond a few sorting-up orders for felt goods and mocassins. City trade has been fairly active, considering the season of the year, but country trade is very quiet.

## CLOTHING.

The demand during the week has been light, but not more so than had been looked for at this season of the year. Collections are about as they were.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Movement has been light since the close of the holiday season, and it will be towards the end of winter before there is much improvement. Collections are fair.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

There has been a moderately fair business but no special activity is noted. Collections are fairly satisfactory.

## DRY GOODS.

Dullness and inactivity still continue to be the leading characteristics of this branch of wholesale trade. Occasional orders keep coming in but they are usually small in amount. Until spring trade opens up quiet is looked for, but it is expected that a good business will be done then. Money is still somewhat slow in coming in, but rather better than it was some time ago.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

Since the close of the holiday season there has been very little doing, and the leading houses are engaged in getting their stock in order for a brisker period in the near future. Collections are reported as being fairly satisfactory.

## FISH AND POULTRY.

There is a fair demand for fish and the market is well supplied. White fish are quoted at 7c per pound; Lake Superior trout at 8c; Oysters remain at 70c for counts, 60c for selects, and 50c for standards. Game is entirely out of the market, the close season having set in. Turkeys, geese and ducks are worth from 17c to 20c per pound.

## FRUIT.

The demand continues very fair. Stocks are lighter than for some time. Lemons are steady at \$9 to \$9.50. Oranges are scarce, but some consignments are daily expected, the quotations for which will be about the same as they have been, viz.: Floridas \$7.50 to \$9.50; Messinas \$7.50 to \$8. Apples have advanced and the best qualities are now held at \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel. Malaga grapes are scarce and firm at \$9 to \$9.50 per barrel. Figs in 14lb boxes are worth 12c per lb.; Eleme layers 19c. Nuts are steady at old quotations, viz.: peanuts 20c per lb.; almonds 20c to 22c; brazils 22c; cocoa nuts \$9.50 per hundred. There is an active demand for dried fruit. Loose muscatel raisins are steady at \$3.25; black baskets \$1.40; dates are worth 10c per lb.

## FUEL.

The demand, especially for coal keeps up well. The market is well supplied with wood. There is no change in prices. Saskatchewan coal is worth \$9 per ton in the yard or \$10 delivered; Anthracite ranges from \$13.50 to \$14. Tamarac wood is worth from \$6 to \$7 per cord; poplar \$5 to \$6; oak \$7 to \$8.

## FURNITURE.

There is very little doing, country trade being particularly light. Collections are still slow.

## GROCERIES.

There has been some little improvement in the demand for groceries during the week. Quotations remain as they were, viz.: Sugars—Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11½c; Paris lumps 12c; Coffees 15 to 18c for Rio; 22 to 27c for Java; teas—Japan 20 to 45c, Moyune gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season Ceylons 24 to 55c; last season's do 15c to 35c. Tobaccos have advanced—Prince of Wales is quoted at 39c to 40c per lb; Myrtle Navy \$10 per caddie. Syrups are quoted at \$3.50 per

kg; half barrels 90c per gallon. Boneless fish is worth 9c per lb for 40 lb boxes; 10c for 5 lb boxes. Common salt \$3.25 per barrel; ½ lb bags \$5.40; 3 lb bags \$6.00.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

There is no demand of consequence at present. Heavy lines are especially quiet, and in the lighter lines there is not much doing. Money continues hard to get. Quotations have not changed and are: Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75, bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$3.50 to 3.70; iron piping, 25 per cent. off price list; ingot tin, 32c to 35c; pig lead, 0½c to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality; cut nails, tonpunny and upwards, \$4.25 per 100 lb keg; casing nails, \$5.00; finishing nails \$1.50. Bar iron is quoted at \$3.50 per 100 lb to the trade and \$4 to blacksmiths.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

The demand continues about as it was, viz., slow. Quotations are:—Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 35c; B Z calf \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip 85c to 90c; slaughter kip 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper 55c; grain upper 55c; harness leather 34c to 36c for plump stock; English oak sole 65c.

## LUMBER.

The demand has dropped to a minimum, and until building operations begin in the spring will continue thus. Quotations are as follows: Pine lumber, 1st. common boards, dressed \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st dressed rough, \$26.50; 2nd do. \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each, \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens \$30; A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B do., \$45; C do., \$40; D do., \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1½, 1¾, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do., \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$30; ¾ inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do., over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do, \$4.50; lath, \$4.50.

## STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Things still continue on the quiet side, but not more so than was anticipated at this time of the year. Collections continue fairly satisfactory.

## STOVES, TINWARE, &amp;c.

There is not much doing at present, the rush of the season's business being over.

## SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

are quiet, and there is but little enquiry.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Since the holiday times there has been a lighter demand than before. Quotations to jobbers and purchasers of quantities are: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Imperial, cases, vintage of 1878, \$5.50;