

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 30 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25c to \$1.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. 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, \$5 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS.

Local trade in textile lines is dull. Payments are not improving. The *Guardian*, Manchester, England, says of dry goods:—"The market is strong. Buyers in some of the leading departments found a distinctly hardening tendency which decidedly checked business, though the sales in some departments reached a full average. Home houses are buying cautiously, but the purchases contribute materially to sustaining prices and strengthening manufactures. There is little more business in export yarns, but the intensity of the desire to sell prevents an upward movement in prices. Buyers of cash yarns for the continent had to pay full and occasionally slightly higher prices. Cloth is stronger. Few manufacturers care for distant delivery business."

DRIED FRUITS.

There is great strength in dried fruits generally. Local stocks are thought to be light, and goods cannot be replaced to sell except at sharp advances on the prices recently ruling in this market. Prices have been steadily appreciating in outside markets for some time, and values are now away up on nearly everything. Latest advices report the tendency of outside markets still upward. Valencia layers have sold as high as 10c in New York, in large lots, and holders are so confident of further advances, that they are refusing to sell on this basis. Turkish prunes are costing higher for fresh importations, and eastern prices are advancing. It is said that stocks of Valencia raisins in first hands are exhausted, and the visible supply will not last until new goods come in. All California fruits have advanced in the local market, owing to increased cost of fresh importations. Turkish prunes will cost 7c to lay down in Winnipeg, which is an advance of 75 per cent. over last importations. Prices are nominal here, at this cost. Evaporated apples are 1c higher. Prices at Winnipeg 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, 13 1/2c; choice new Elmo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 18c per lb.; choice figs, 15c per lb.; fancy Elmo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 20c 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.; peeled peaches, 30 to 32c per lb.; pitted plums, 14c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 14c per lb.; nectarines, 18 to 20c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices are steady and the variety in the market about the same as a week ago. Lake Winnipeg fresh fish are selling as follows: Whitefish, 8c per pound; sturgeon, 8c per pound; jackfish, 1c, pickerel, 4c. Lake

Superior trout, 10c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; halibut, 20c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; B. C. black cod, 15c. Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan haddies, 12 1/2c per pound; smoked whitefish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 lbs kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

The market stands pretty much the same as last week, present quotations being unchanged. A very strong feeling is noted in oranges, and a material advance in prices is predicted. Apples are rather scarce and firm. The apple situation in Ontario is rather relaxed. High prices have curtailed consumption, and the mild weather east has not been favorable to keeping the fruit, consequently stocks are in poor condition as a rule, and prices there lower than a few weeks ago. Apples at Toronto are quoted at \$2.75 to \$3 for medium quality and \$3.50 to \$4.50 for choice, per barrel. In the local market the variety of fruit is about the same as a week ago. Some strawberries, pineapples, etc., are offering in small quantities. Prices here are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per box; Messina blood oranges, \$7.50 a box; do half boxes, \$3.85. Apples, \$4.50 for good up to \$7 per barrel for fancy stand stock. Bananas, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bunch. Comb honey 22c per pound. Maple syrup, gallon cans, \$1.25c each maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taigona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 18c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Sugars are held fairly firm in eastern markets. The strength outside makes Canadian refiners strong. New York has made further advances. Willett & Gray, New York, in their last sugar circular of April 17, say: "Raws advanced 1/2 to 3-16c. Refined advanced 3-16c. The indications at the close of last week of an improvement in prices have been verified, and this entire week has been noted for its strength and activity, even to its close. Early in the week cane sugar became scarce at current prices and beet sugar was cheaper. Refiners turned their attention to that and bought some 10,000 tons. Failing to secure a duplicate quantity, because the holders would not part with more, except at an advance of 6d, the refiners turned to cane sugar again. Beets rose from 12s 7 1/2d cost and freight to 13s 3d. Centrifugals have risen from 3c cost and freight to 3-16c. The tendency of the market is still upward. Refined participated in the advance to an equal extent, and the position is again favorable for refiners. The beet sugar countries hold the key of the situation. Total stock in all the principal countries is 1,485,155 tons against 994,088 tons at same time last year." Syrups have a firmer tendency in sympathy with sugar, but this is neutralized so far as the Canadian markets are concerned by the lower duties recently put in force. First shipments of new Japan teas to American markets are reported. Coffee is weaker east. More activity in canned goods is reported from the

east, which would indicate that buyers, who have been holding off for a break in prices, are beginning to take hold. Salmon has sold freely. Future delivery sales at Montreal are reported at \$1.35, with jobbing prices at \$1.50 and upward. Lobsters are 25c higher and scarce. Canned apples very firm. There is reported to be further cutting in tomatoes, and it is claimed round lots have sold at cuts of 10 to 15c, with stocks large. Imported canned meats are advancing. Three cars of Canadian canned peas have been sold in Chicago, which it is thought will relieve the overstock in this article at home, and firm up prices. Prices here are:—Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees, green.—Rios, 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; 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; Honeysuckle, 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; Jubilee, 60c; Ancho, 50c; 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. 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.

The situation locally remains unchanged. There is but a light business doing, and dealers are not as a rule disposed to push trade as actively as usual at this season. Quotations are generally held steady. The eastern Canada nail manufacturers appear to have had a little disagreement among themselves, and they are charging each other with having violated the agreement as to prices, by doing some cutting. A drop of 10c on cut nails has been the result, though a show is being made of holding to the list in some cases. British markets according to mail advices are favorable to buyers on heavy metals. There have been various declines, and the market is to some extent nervous and unsettled. Scotch warrants sold as low as 45s 7d, with some recovery later. Makers' irons very unsettled. Steel rails 5s down. Tin plates depressed. In the United States latest eastern advices are rather more favorable for metals. Prices here are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 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, 8 to 9c 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.

A fairly active trade has been enjoyed. Country yards, which have been very bare since last summer, are being replenished, and this has made trade rather active of late. Prices are somewhat irregular. List quotations were somewhat cut up last fall, before trade closed for that season, and this spring business is being done on a still lower basis. The competition