

business has not improved. There is no great improvement expected during the remainder of May, although the retail trade of the city is expected to keep up lively. Collections are reported only fair.

GROCERIES.

In this staple line business seems to hold steadily good. While people are cautious about indulging in luxuries, there is a good steady business being done in the necessities of life, and groceries stand out among the most favored branches. Last week has been a moderately good one for sales, and business generally has been going on in a very encouraging manner. There have been scarcely any changes in prices, and only a slight disposition to shade the figures of last week. Sugars are quoted, yellows 7½ to 8½c; granulated 9½ to 9¾c; Paris lumps 11c; Coffees 15 to 17c for Rios; Javas 22 to 27c; teas run, Japans 20 to 45c, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; Congous 24 to 75c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business in these lines is reported generally good, although the past week has shown a slight falling-off from the one previous. Building material still makes up the bulk of the sales, although in general hardware and heavy goods there is considerable life. Prices have not changed, and the following may be accepted as standard prices of staple goods. Tin plate 14x20, \$6.75 to 7.25 a box; 20x28, \$13 to 13.50 Canada plates \$4.50 to 4.60; sheet iron, 28G, \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 28 to 31c per lb.; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 7½ to 8½c, according to quality; bar iron, \$2.95 to 3.15 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.60 to 3.80. It is not expected that these prices can be shaded during the present season.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business has held moderately good in this line during the week, and general satisfaction is expressed with the results. Prices have not changed. Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 55c; 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.

There has been a fair average business done in this trade during the past week, while matters generally connected with it have been drifting into a more legitimate channel. The arrangements between dealers mentioned in our last report still continues, and there is as yet no word of a revival of the indiscriminate cutting of the early spring. Matters are not yet, however, down to where reliable quotations can be given.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business in this line has been good during the past week, although a little slower than during the week previous. There have been no changes in the prices of staple goods and quotations are as follows: Harness leather, 33 to 36c per lb; collar splits, 27 to 33c; sheep skins, \$7.50 to 11.50 per doz, according to quality.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

There has been very little change in the state of this trade during the past week. Matters have been moving along in a steady moderate manner. There is still considerable complaining about the scarcity of several lines of staple goods, and this has been more keenly felt last week than ever.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

There has been no improvement in the state of trade in this line during the past week, and business is still a little slower than it was about the beginning of May. Prices of staple goods have not changed, and quotations are as follows: Linseed oil in bbls, raw, 74c per gal; boiled, 76c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1, \$1.30 per gal; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oiline 50c; fine qualities 65c to \$1. Coal oils, Headlight 32c; water white 37c. Calcined plaster, \$4.50 per bbl; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$8.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, broken, first break, are quoted at \$2.75.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

In this business matters are not in the most encouraging state at present. Sales during the past week have not been heavy and collections have not been very free. Quotations of goods are unchanged, and are as follows: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$9; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booths, in cases, quarts, \$3.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Caol-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per gallon. Cinnamon—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Mumm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$4.00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year-old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

No receipts of grain during the past week, nor any expected until after seeding; prices,

however, are still firm, and millers report a fair supply on hand. The provision trade has been fair, and prices are slightly shaded from our last report.

WHEAT.

There is no movement in wheat to report; farmers are still busy seeding; prices, however, are well maintained; No. 1 hard is worth 90c.

OATS

are in good demand at firm prices; car lots are quoted at 30c for fine samples.

BARLEY.

Receipts none, and no demand, consequently prices cannot be quoted.

FLOUR.

The local demand is not so good as has been noted for some time past; millers are shipping large quantities east via the lakes; values are hardening; patents are worth \$3; strong bakers', \$2.60; and superfine, \$2.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

The activity in mill feed noted in our last issue still continues; quotations are unchanged: bran \$8 and shorts \$10 per ton on track.

POTATOES

are still scarce, and round lots of fine stock are in good demand at 60c; Port Arthur is receiving large consignments from Duluth which will have a tendency to lower values.

EGGS.

There is no change to report in the egg market; business is reported fair and prices are unchanged; round lots of fresh are quoted at 17c, and 18c for small lots.

BUTTER.

The demand for choice dairy butter still continues active, and prices are firm at 28c for choice creamery; good dairy is worth from 25 to 27c, and inferior from 12 to 15c.

CHEESE.

Stocks of fine old is scarce and held at 16c in round lots; the activity noted in our last issue still continues.

BACON.

The demand for this product during the past week has been fair at unchanged quotations: dry salt is worth 13½c; smoked, in round lots, 14c; spiced rolls, 15½ to 16c; and English breakfast, 16c to 17c.

MESS PORK.

Trade in mess pork during the week has been fair, and prices are slightly shaded from our last report; quotations are: \$22.50 in round lots, and \$23 in small lots.

HAMS

are in fair supply, and the demand has been very good during the past week; values are unchanged; round lots are worth 16½ and small lots 17c.

MESS BEEF.

Prices are somewhat lower than reported in our last issue; cheaper freight, via the lakes, causing the difference; dealers are making sales in round lots at \$18 per bbl.

SEEDS.

Timothy seed per bushel, of 48 lbs, \$4.30; clover, large red, \$18 per bushel of 60 lbs; Alsike, \$18; white Dutch, \$18; Lucerne, \$14.50 per bushel of 28 lbs, and flax seed, \$2.50.

MINNEAPOLIS.

There have been some queer changes in the wheat market the past week. No. 1 hard went 2½c above the opening figure and closed 1½c