

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

The money market is generally described as tight. Since the commencement of the year the amount of money in circulation has apparently been on the decrease, and for the past week or so wholesale dealers have found that remittances from the country have been coming in very tardily. There is no doubt but that the monetary situation is closer than it has been for some time, due mainly to low prices for wheat, the comparatively light crop of last season and the almost entire cessation of the grain movement. Between now and spring it is not likely that the stringency will be greatly relieved, and even then the degree of freedom in the financial situation will depend greatly upon immigration, railroad building prospects, etc.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

The situation in city wholesale circles may still be given as quiet. There are a few exceptions to the rule, but taken all around the dull season has hardly yet been broken. From present appearances it would seem that the spring trade will be backward this year in setting in. Wholesalers generally state that the first six weeks of the present year have been unusually slow, and though little business is expected during the time mentioned, yet less has been done. In comparison with last year the season is dull and backward, cold weather and storms to the west no doubt contributing to some extent to the slowness. However, these features disappeared some time ago, and there should be little further hindrance to business on that account. In orders taken ahead for spring delivery the result has been very satisfactory for the home houses. About all have done fully as much business as for last year, and a number of houses will show returns considerably in advance of spring orders up to the same date one year ago.

CLOTHING

There has been a little more activity about the warerooms in sending out spring orders, but this work has scarcely yet become general all around. However, the present week will probably see the movement well advanced. For immediate wants there is but very little business of any description doing.

DRY GOODS

Dealers in this leading branch are still well pleased with the outlook, and all around the trade in first orders will be very considerably in advance of former years. Spring delivery has now commenced to some extent, though last week the work was not going on actively owing to delay in receipt of some importations. In regard to the state of the markets in cotton and woollen goods, a Montreal despatch says: "The cotton and woollen manufacturers are hard at work making up styles of saleable goods, and though they do not propose to overstock their warehouses, will be quite prepared for the demands to which they look forward. Prices for all classes of cotton goods have developed a steadily hardening tendency. With the wool market against manufacturers, buyers are not disposed to accept new prices without fighting. In proportion to wants and the actual requirements of the country the supply is closer than ever, the stocks between the mills and

the consumers being much smaller with the actual requirements of the country supposed to be considerably larger. The future of the woollen goods market, therefore, is in no doubt, for prices are sure to go up, a conclusion which all the appearances fully warrant."

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Quotations in this branch are now as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 70c to 80c; opium, \$4 to \$4.50; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 55 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, 25 to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FISH.

There is no change to report in fresh lake fish, but in fresh sea fish prices are down all around. Prices for fresh Lake Winnipeg are: Gold eyes, 6c; Whitefish, 8c; pickerel, 4c; jackfish, 3c. Oysters are quoted at 35c for standards, and 37½ to 45c for selects, according to quality. Bulk oysters, \$1.85 to \$2.20 per gallon, according to quality. Fresh sea fish are in the market and quoted as follows: Smelts, 9c; tommy-cods, 6c; cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; lobsters, 18 to 20c; herrings, 35c a dozen. Smoked Finnan haddies, 10½c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Stocks of good apples of last fall's importations have run very low, but last week were replenished with the arrival of a few cars from the east. Prices of these have been advanced 50c to \$1.50 per barrel. New stocks of lemons of a choice quality have reduced prices. Quotations are: Florida oranges, \$7.00 to \$7.50; Messina oranges, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box; Valencia oranges, in cases \$11 to \$12.00; Winter apples, \$6.00 to \$7.00 per bbl. best stock. Messina lemons, \$6.50 to \$7.00; Malaga grapes, \$7 to \$8.00 per keg; Cranberries, \$9.00 to \$12.00, according to size of barrel and quality; Southern red and yellow onions, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$10 per barrel.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Dried and evaporated apples are firm at quotations, as at present prices east, new importations could not be sold for the same money. Prunes could not now be laid down at ruling prices here, and are consequently firm. Prices are: Figs, in 50-pound sacks, 12½c; new Eleme figs, in layers, 16c to 20c per pound, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 11 to 12c; Valencia raisins, \$2.40 to \$2.50; London layers, \$3.50; black crown, \$5 to \$5.25; black baskets, ½ boxes, \$1.30; evaporated apples, 13 to 14c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 20c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; Texas pecans, 18c.

RAW FURS

The London auction sales took place on the 26th, 27th and 29th, when beaver, mink, muskrat, raccoon and skunk were the only kinds of furs to be offered. A continued demand is anticipated during the balance of the season, both for home manufacturing consumption and for export, but as has before been noted, European

complications may demoralize the entire trade. In the absence of definite news regarding the sales, the market here was unsettled and prices almost nominal as follows: Beaver, per pound, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20; bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to 90c; martin, per skin, 60c to \$2.50; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.50; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$2.50; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 7c. Fox, red, 25c to \$1.40; fox, cross, \$1 to \$10; wolf, timber, 25c to \$2.25; wolf, prairie, 25c to \$1.25.

GROCERIES

The movement in this branch still continues quiet, though there has been an appearance of awakening in some directions. No changes of importance have been made in quotations, which are now as follows: Canned tomatoes, \$3.75; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$4.00; yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c to 8c; lump sugar, 8½c; Coffees, Rio, 19 to 20c; Government Java, 30 to 35c; other Javas, 25 to 28c; Mocha, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 20 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 Sney young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, \$10.

HIDES

Prices continue at the recent decline, and reports from eastern markets show no better state of things, values being very weak. Quotations now are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; bulls, 3½c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

HARDWARE AND METALS

All classes of hardware are very firm in sympathy with advancing iron markets in Britain. General hardware has appreciated as much as 25 per cent. in some goods. Builder's hardware is very firm. Trade remains quiet, with indications of a backward season. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.55 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, 45 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Quotations are as follows: Turpentine, 90c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil scam refined, \$1.00 castor, 12½c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 35c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 29c; Aurora, 27c; Eldorado, machine, 50c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.