

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Since our last report monetary affairs in the city have been slowly gaining in activity, and the demands for funds at the banks is increasing in volume in proportion. The crop movement commences this week and most grain houses have made their arrangements for the opening of the season. It was thought that the funds required for grain handling would be reduced greatly, owing to damage to crops, but harvesting shows, that the damage will reduce the aggregate of grain much less than was calculated upon two weeks ago, and the steady advances in prices added will make the financial wants as heavy as was estimated at any time during the summer. In general commercial discounts there has also been a slight increase, so that banks are out of the sleepy state in which they were during July and August. The discount rates are still from 7 to 8 per cent., the former figure being only for gilt edge paper. In mortgage loans, business for the fall has not commenced to move, but inquiries are being made. The hopes of a good demand for farm loans during the winter are high as ever. The interest rate on such loans is nominal at 8 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

With harvesting operations going on actively all over the country, the situation in wholesale trade last week was of course quiet. In some lines dealers were making up and shipping out orders for fall stocks, but in the shape of new business, trade was not active. In view of the very late harvest, a rather conservative feeling has prevailed in commercial circles for some time back. Early in the season it was evident that with ordinary weather the harvest this year would be unusually late. This had the effect of creating a somewhat cautious feeling notwithstanding the prospect of a heavy yield of cereal crops. Consequently several houses have not pushed for business as eagerly as they might have done, and country merchants have also in some instances limited their orders to moderate proportions. This is not at all an undesirable feature, but rather the contrary. It is always an easy matter for merchants who find their first orders too small, to stock up on short notice, but it is not always convenient to meet paper for goods which cannot be sold in reasonable time. Though it is not always desirable to be short on stocks, yet it is still less desirable to be heavily overstocked. If, therefore, a conservative feeling has prevailed to any extent in ordering fall and winter stocks, it will be an advantage rather than a drawback to the trade of the country.

## DRY GOODS.

There is very little doing in either dry goods or clothing at present, aside from the shipment of orders previously taken. Some dealers were busy making up fall orders and shipping them out to customers. As a rule country merchants have shown cautiousness in placing their orders.

## CANNED GOODS.

The statistical position of salmon is reported from San Francisco to be strong, though there is not much activity at the moment. Some recent transactions there for export have completely exhausted the Sacramento River pack

and made considerable inroads upon that of the Columbia River. The Alaska pack is said to be less assuring than it was in the earlier portion of the season, while the British Columbia yield, as stated by us a day or so ago, promises to be quite equal to that of last year—or say 200,000 cases, including Fraser River. Current quotations, f.o.b., car loads, in San Francisco are: For Alaska, \$1.40 to \$1.60; for Columbia River, \$1.05 to \$1.70, and for outside rivers, \$1.35 to \$1.40. Prices here are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) 3 lbs., \$8.25; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.75; pears, \$8.75; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$7.75.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Invoices of new crop Valencia raisins have commenced to arrive at eastern markets. The latest advices are to the effect that the crop has been damaged by rain, and prices are expected to be stronger on this account. Quotations here are unchanged as follows: California evaporated peaches, 20 to 35c; do. plums, 20c; do. raspberries, 33c; do. pitted cherries, 25c; do. blackberries, 16c; do. apricots, 23c. Other prices are: Dates, golden, 8c per lb, in 50 lb boxes; Valencia raisins, \$3.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box; Malages, London layers, \$3.50; Elme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb; Walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars hold firm all around. In the United States prices were ½c higher for some high grades. Holders of raw were strong, on unfavorable crop reports. Teas maintain a steady tone. Speculative trading is again active in Rio coffee, with an irregular tone amounting at times to weakness. Brazil coffees are moving forward freely from first hands. Prices here are steady, as follows: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 7¾c as to color, granulated, firm at 9c; lumps, to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index'd. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Stocks of California fruits were light last week for the time being, and several varieties were almost out of the market. Ontario grapes, plums, crabs and pears have commenced to come forward, but as yet only in small lots. The season for watermelons is about over, blueberries and native currants are also about done for this season, though some small lots were to be had last week. Oranges were scarce. Receipts of Ontario fruits, other than apples

are not expected to be large this season. Quotations are as follows: Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8; apples, per barrel, as to quality, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch; tomatoes, bushel baskets, \$3.50; California fruit:—Pears, \$4.50 to \$5.00; California grapes, crates, \$3.50; Concord grapes, 10c per lb; crabapples, \$6.00 per barrel; Southern onions, \$8.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$13.00; in ½ barrels, \$6.50.

## PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Business in this branch has been fairly active for the season, the aggregate trade for the past two months showing an improvement over last year, though somewhat quiet at present.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business keeps on the quiet side. The general tendency of prices is now firmer, as the closing of the season of navigation draws nearer. At present prices are unchanged as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$6; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11. to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c per lb, according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## HIDES.

Prices have advanced ½c per pound, and are now quoted: No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c bulls, 2½c; calf, fine L.-red real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 30c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 2c per pound.

## LUMBER.

The following are the quotations f.o.b. at Lake of the Woods mills: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Ship lap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8" and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Level Siding—No. 1, 1st siding ½ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, do, \$17. Stock—B, \$35; C, \$30; D, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$32; 3rd, \$28. 1½, 1½, and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$35; select, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings