

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In monetary circles the past week has not been characterized by any occurrence of special moment, but has been in every respect very similar to the average week for some time back. Business at the banks has moved along in a quiet and uninteresting manner, apparently affected by the midsummer dullness which is making its influence felt in general trade. Money is in plentiful supply and easy at last quotations. There has been but very light call for advances on regular commercial paper and discounts have held steady at 7 to 8 per cent. for first class securities, and 8 to 10 for ordinary. Loan companies continue to do a very light business, but are not attempting to push matters at present, nor will they do so until the harvest has been assured, when there is a prospect of funds being more plentiful for such investments. Agents report a better feeling in real estate circles and quite a number of changes in the ownership of properties, though usually at moderate prices.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

It can scarcely be said that there has been any improvement in the wholesale trade of the city during the past week, and so far as the volume of business is concerned, the movement of the various commodities would probably average very nearly the same as for the previous week. In most staple branches the usual midsummer quietness has prevailed, and the movement has been proportionately moderate. In some lines preparations are now going on for the early commencement of fall business, such as preparing samples for travellers, etc., and by another week most of the houses will have representatives on the road working for fall orders. Crop prospects were eagerly discussed by the wholesale merchants last week and some were not a little inclined to take a not very hopeful view of the outlook, though there is yet no reason for great despondency in this respect. Collections were about as slow as usual at this season of the year.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Dealers in agricultural implements and machinery were more inclined to talk about the weather and the state of the crops than about business, last week, probably from the fact that actual business is rather quiet at present, notwithstanding the near approach of an early harvest. Farmers, however, seem inclined to hold off as long as possible, and have not commenced buying harvesting machinery to any extent. When the grain is nearly ready for the reaper, there will be a rush for machinery, and the trade which is sometimes spread over the summer will be done in a few weeks.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Trade in this branch remains at a low ebb, and just about as quiet as it usually is at this season of the year, with no feature of importance to note in any line.

CLOTHING

The past week has been about as quiet as any of its predecessors during the present season, if not more so than for an average summer week. Collections poor.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Dealers in this branch have not been more favored with orders during the past week than those in other steady, every day lines, but in all probability they have had their share of the business doing, and have therefore not been entirely neglected, though not kept as busy as a few weeks ago. Collections fairly good.

DRY GOODS.

The trade during the past week has been of about the usual proportion for the time of year, and therefore of but moderate volume. Orders received have been for sorting lots of seasonable goods, and usually in small packages of the cigar box nature. Dealers have commenced preparing samples for travellers who will soon be on the road for fall orders. There is a disposition, however, to delay this work as long as possible, for a better knowledge of the probable result of the coming harvest. The folly of giving large orders for winter goods in the spring, has been demonstrated by recent changes in the prices of flannels, etc. Collections slow, though not bad for the season.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

A steady trade is going on in this branch, though inclined to moderate movement. Note the changes in the following quotations: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 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, \$2 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

Quietness continues to be the leading feature in this branch, only a few small orders occasionally coming to hand, and without important feature. Collections slow.

FURS.

The season in raw furs is now nearly over and only a few lots came in during last week. Prices have not differed to any extent from last quotations, though bear were somewhat easier, in sympathy with late London prices. The trade is expected to remain quiet from this time forward until the September opening of fall trade commences. At the sales held in London on June 23rd and 24th, beaver sold at an advance of about 15 per cent. Bear showed a decline of about the same extent. Other sorts realized about last prices. Quotations here at present are as follows: Beaver per lb \$2.75 at \$2.50; bear, black, per skin, large, \$9 to 12; bear, cub, per skin, \$3 to \$7.50; bear, brown, \$6 to 10; fisher, \$3.50 to \$6; fox, red per skin, 90c to \$1.25; fox, cross per skin, \$2.50 to \$15; lynx, per skin, \$2.00 to \$3.00; marten, per skin, \$1 to \$2.25; mink, per skin, 50 to 80c; muskrat, winter, 6c; muskrat, kits, 5c; muskrat, spring, 6 to 8c; otter, per skin, \$6 to \$9; raccoon, 50 to 75c; skunk, 25c, 50c to \$1; badger, 50 to 80c; wolf, prairie, \$1; wolf, timber, \$1.50 to \$2.25.

FISH.

The very warm weather of last week was detrimental to a very active trade in fresh fish. However, the market was kept fairly well supplied with the leading varieties. Quotations as follows: Lake Winnipeg white, 5c to 6c; Columbia salmon, 22½c; Lake Superior trout, 8½ to 9c; pickerel 3c. Cured fish are quoted as follows: Salt white, \$9 per bbl; Labrador herrings \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddocks, 9½ to 10c per lb.

FRUITS.

After the abundant supplies brought in for the Dominion Day celebrations, which were quickly absorbed, the market was left pretty bare of supplies last week. New apples are becoming more plentiful and prices lower. The first shipment of new apples in barrels arrived during the week, and sold at \$7.50 per barrel. California fruits are generally lower in price, and tomatoes somewhat lower also. Prices are: Oranges, Messina, 200 count, \$9, 300 count, \$10, bananas, \$3.00 to \$6.00 per bunch. Messina lemons, \$12.00; California peaches, \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$3.50; apricots, \$3.00; new apples per box, \$1.10; per barrel, \$7.50; blueberries, 15c per quart; tomatoes, \$1.75 per box; Valencia raisins, \$3.15 to 3.25; London layer raisins, \$3.90 to \$4.00; black crown \$5.00 to \$5.25 walnuts, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 15c; peanuts, 17c for roasted and 15c for raw; figs 18c to 20c; dates mats 8 to 10c; golden 11c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

FUEL.

Wood is being offered very low in the city this summer, owing to cheaper coal and keen competition. Prices for car lots on track are about as follows: Poplar poles, \$2.50; poplar cordwood, \$2.75; tamarac, \$3.75; oak, \$4.50 to \$5. Coal is quoted: Hard coal, \$9.00 to \$9.50, and American steam coal, \$6.85 on track. Blacksmiths' coal, \$12.00 per ton. Galt coal sells at \$6.50 on track.

FURNITURE.

There has not been any great change in this branch and business continues rather slow. Trade of a wholesale nature consists in occasional small orders, from the country. Collections slow.

GROCERIES.

The movement in this staple branch continues of a very steady nature and in moderate volume. We make some changes in quotations which will be noted: Yellow sugar 6½ to 7½c; granulated 7½c to 8c; lump sugar, 9c to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired 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, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

HIDES.

Prices rule steady and unchanged as follows: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 3c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.