

quotations are as follows: Sugars—yellows, 7½ to 8½c; granulated 9½ to 9¾c; Paris lumps 10½ to 11c; Coffees are quoted, 14 to 17c for Rios; Javas 21 to 24c; teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; Japans 20 to 45c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; Congous 24 to 75c.

#### HARDWARE AND METALS.

The same steady tone characterises this trade, and the business of last week has been about up to the average of the season. Complaints against the C.P.R. freight rates are still heard from dealers, and they are unquestionably very oppressive on this trade. There are no changes in prices to report and quotations are as follows: 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.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

A slight lull is reported in line during the past week, but still the sales have fallen very little short of an average. A slightly quieter feeling is looked for now, until the first demand for fall stock begins to come in. Collections are reported fair to good. Quotations of staple lines are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 85c; 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.

The volume of sales in this trade for the past week have been fully up to the average, and have kept up a regularity which is in marked contrast to the hectic state of affairs which existed in the early spring. So far as prices are concerned dealers have still to go on short rations, and profits are still very slim. Still profits are being made, and the reckless cutting below cost is a thing of the past. The shaky financial standing of some contractors seems to be the most trouble to dealers, and holds a check on them. Altogether the trade may be said to be in a state of slow but sure recovery, and the members of it are certainly down to common sense ideas.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business has been decidedly quiet in this line during the past week, and wholesalers are settled down to the belief that they are to have a few weeks of such business. Collections, especially in the country, are reported good. Prices of staple goods have not changed and 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.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

A quietness still prevails in this business, and the week's sales have fallen considerably below an average. The first rush of spring and summer business is now over, and until the demand for building finishings or fall trade sets in, no

marked improvement is looked for. The famine in window glass still continues, and the cutting down of large plates to suit orders has now to be freely indulged in. There have been no actual changes in prices of staple goods, although there is a disposition to shade prices a little. Quotations are as follows. Linseed oil in bbls, raw, 7½c per gal; boiled, 76c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale oil 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; oleine 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.

The improvement in this business still goes on, although slowly and in a jerky manner. The past week's sales show a steady improvement, and quotations are reported fair to good. 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, \$8.50; 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. Champagne—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.

Receipts of wheat during the past week has been light as was anticipated; farmers deliveries have been fair, but, as a rule, of very poor quality, although there have been several lots of No. 1 hard offered which brought good prices; receipts of oats have been fairly liberal and values are firm, and still tending upwards. In provisions there has been little, if any change

in values; dealers report the business, if not booming, as very satisfactory.

#### WHEAT.

Receipts by rail have been light while farmers deliveries have been fair, but, as a rule, of very poor quality, which cannot but bring low prices; offerings of No. 1 hard are in light supply and prices firm at 90c.

#### OATS.

Street receipts have been fairly liberal during the past week; all offerings, however, are readily taken at 30 to 35c, according to sample. C.P.R. contractors are the principal purchasers outside of local consumers.

#### BARLEY

is still unquotable only for chopped feed, for which it is worth from 25 to 30c.

#### FLOUR.

There is no change to note in the situation of the flour market; prices remain as they were a week ago, and the demand still continues active both on local and shipping account quotations are: patents \$3.10; strong bakers', \$2.70; and superfine, \$2.10; these prices are only for round lots.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

The activity in bran and shorts not 1 in our last issue still continues. Quotations remain unchanged at \$8 for bran and \$10 for shorts per ton on track.

#### POTATOES.

The supply still continues liberal, while the demand is only moderate, consequently prices are not so firm, although not quotably lower; car lots are slow sale at 50 to 60c, according to quality.

#### EGGS.

Receipts from farmers during the week have been liberal, but the demand continues active and all offerings are readily taken at 16 to 17c for strictly fresh.

#### BUTTER.

The lethargy noted in our last issue in the butter market still continues; commission merchants report consignments even of good grades utter; unsaleable; importers and wholesalers of the choicest Ontario brands complain of the stagnation in this branch of trade; values range all the way from 15 to 25c; the latter quotation if for choice Ontario creamery.

#### CHEESE.

Quiet and values a trifle easier; round lots of prime new are worth from 14 to 15c.

#### BACON.

Trade in this product during the past week has not been so urgent as for some time past and values are somewhat lower; dry salt is quoted at 12½c; smoked 13 to 13½c; spiced rolls, 15 to 15½c, and English breakfast, 15½ to 16c.

#### MESS PORK.

The business in mess pork during the week has been fair, and prices, although not quoted higher, are very firm, in sympathy with outside markets.

#### HAMS.

Stocks in dealers hands are being rapidly reduced; the sales of the past week have been heavy, and prices are firm and ½c higher; quotations are 16 to 17 in round lots.

#### MESS FEED.

No change to note in this product; trade is reported fair and values unchanged at \$18 per barrel.

#### SEEDS.

Timothy seed per bushel, of 45 lbs, \$4.30; clover, large red, \$18 per bushel of 60 lbs; Alscke, \$18, white Dutch, \$18; Lucerne, \$14.50 per bushel of 28 lbs, and flax seed, \$2.50.