

has been moving along in a fairly steady way. There has been some improvement in the demand lately, no doubt due to the much cooler weather we have been experiencing here of late. The principal business doing is in orders for coal for fall delivery. Sales of this are made at \$9.00 for anthracite and \$7 for Mansfield, Reynoldsville and Pittsburg bituminous, while the price of lignite has not as yet been fixed. Round cuts of poplar on track are held at \$2.25 to \$2.75 according to quality, and of tamarac at \$4.50 to \$4.75.

FURNITURE.

In this branch business during the past week is reported to have been very good, there having been a very fair demand from the country, while in the city matters appear to have brightened up considerably, the amount of sales turned over almost each day of the week being very much better than for some time back, and there are prospects that the improvement which has set in will continue. As yet no single car lot shipments have been made to the country. Collections are stated to have been rather slow.

GROCERIES.

The different houses in this staple line report business during the week steady and active without any rush. Harvest operations have lessened the immediate demands from country customers, but the city trade has lived up somewhat, and made up to some extent for the country falling off. There is also a good report on collections. Prices of goods are not changed although sugars still hold firm, and coffees the same. Quotations are as follows: yellows 6½ to 7c, granulated 8 to 8½c, hams 10 to 10½c. Coffees are quoted slightly easier; Kios 13 to 15c, Government Java 32 to 33c, other Javas 22 to 27c, Mochas 31 to 34c; Teas are unchanged and range Mýone gunpowder 30 to 75c, pan-fired Japan 26 to 50c, basket-fired 27 to 40c, Congons 23 to 50c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this trade the business of the past week has not been quite so good as in our last report, especially in the heavy lines and metals, the demand for which has been rather flat. The spurt of the past week or two has fallen off considerably though in general light hardware matters were somewhat better. Prices are not firm, and there is a good deal of cutting done just now. The following quotations given can be shaded: cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.10; I.C. tin plates, \$5.00 to \$5.25; I.C. tin plates, double, \$10 to \$10.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.00 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 to 30c per lb.; galvanized iron, 26 gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb., according to quality, bar-iron, \$2.50 to \$3. per 100 lb.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

In this line business during the past week is reported to have been very good. The demand from the country has kept up very well, but in the city matters do not as yet show much improvement. Collections are reported to have been very fair. Prices of goods have not made any change, quotations being as follows: Spanish sole, 31 to 33c; slaughter sole, 33

to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.10; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

In this line business during the past week does not show much if any change from our last report. The improvement in the demand which set in some time back has continued but there is no great rush of business doing. In the city matters are also keeping up fairly well but prices are anything but firm, as a keen competition has been going on with heavy cutting of prices. From the country there is very little demand and there is not likely to be much activity till harvesting is over.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORES.

In this branch business during the past week has been very fair. The demand has kept up very well especially from the country, but in the city matters do not as yet show very much activity, though on the whole there appears to be far more business doing now than at this time last year; while there are a good many building operations going on a much better demand is likely to crop up pretty soon. Prices have not changed, quotations being as follows: Linseed oil, raw 70c per gal., boiled 73c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c; - lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In this trade business during the past week has slackened down some. There has not been such an active demand as there was a week or two ago, still although there is no great rush heard of, matters are moving along pretty steadily and there is a fair business doing. Collections are reported to have been rather slow.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

In this branch, business during the last week is reported to have remained in rather a quiet state, there being very little demand from either country or in city. Collections are reported to have been only fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

In this branch business during the past week is reported to have been rather dull. The demand having been rather slow, especially from the country, while in the city this also appears to have slackened down a little. Prices have not changed any, quotations as follows: Gooderham & Worts, 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50 Bisquet, Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port Wine \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin \$6 per case; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

In the wheat market the condition of affairs are in much the same state they have been in for some time back. There is evidently no business being done and not likely to be until the new season's crops are received in the market. Dealers are looking forward to the first movement being made in about ten days or so, when there is no doubt there will be a general livening up in this business. In oats no particular activity existed last week, there being very little demand for either old or new, though a few sales were made of both. In flour business has been moving along fairly well; its yet shipments to the east are very light, and these are not of any great extent to western points.

In the city matters have continued somewhat brisker, there being quite an active demand. An important feature of this market is the shipping of several car loads of flour direct from this city to Scotland, which was made last week. This is a trade which along with wheat there is no doubt will be more fully developed within the next twelve months, there being already indications that shipments will be made direct from this province to Europe without any intermediary agency. In provisions business on the whole has been fairly good during the week and in butter there is a firmer feeling, due to a decrease in the supply of the better grades, combined with quite an active demand.

WHEAT.

In this market the condition of affairs during the past week has been the same as during several preceding ones. There is no business being transacted just now and no prospects of anything being done till the new crops are received here. Quotations for the old surplus stock are nominally as follows: No. 1 hard, 75c. No. 2, 70c; No. 1 regular 65c, No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 52c; and rejected 36 to 44c.

OATS.

In this market business during the past week has remained in a very quiet and inactive state. The demand is still very slow and the only sales heard of were a few lots of last season's oats, which changed hands at 45c. The new season's oats are being received, but the supply as yet is not very heavy and are generally sold off at from 35 to 37c.

BARLEY.

In this market affairs seem to be making a little stir, but business as yet is very quiet, the only transactions made during the past week being a few lots of the new season's barley which was sold off at 45c.

FLOUR.

In this market the business of the past week has been moving along in a fairly steady way, but as yet no particular activity can be observed. Shipments to eastern points are very light, while to the west these may be said to be somewhat livelier, and in the city matters have been fairly good. An important feature of this trade is the shipment of several car loads of flour direct from this city to Scotland made last week, and there are prospects of this being more developed within the next twelve months. Prices have not changed any, quotations being the same as in our last issue, as follows: patents, \$2.25; strong bakers, \$2.; XXXX, \$1.70; and superfine, \$1.30.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

During the past week business in this mar-