

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

Last week was again the first week in a new month, but it did not appear that there was a very noticeable change in money matters. There was less grumbling regarding slowness in remittances, and some wholesale dealers expressed the situation as fair. However, the general answer to the enquiry as to the financial situation was "close." At the banks there was only the ordinary business doing, and the loan societies are, as usual at this time of year, having a quiet season. In the city a considerable amount of building is going on, but other structures are held in abeyance pending the outcome regarding the railway to the south. Owing to the same cause real estate is not moving as freely as it would were the matter settled favorably to the building of the road.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

In wholesale circles the past week has been influenced by the same leading features as the previous week, the principal of which is quietness. There are some few exceptions to the rule, but taken altogether the week, like last has been quiet for the season. Sorting trade has been light in all those lines usually enjoying such a movement, and no doubt spring operations have checked the demand from the country very considerably, though at no time this year has there been a really active sorting trade, taking all branches as a whole, though some lines have experienced a fairly active movement for a brief season. Travellers are now on the road for fall business in many branches, and a very large number of eastern houses are also in the field.

ROOTS AND SHOES

This branch continues about as dull as ever, and the season so far as the sorting trade is concerned is making a very poor showing. Unless some change takes place soon, there will be little business doing between the spring and fall trades.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

This branch has also remained rather quiet, and with but slight improvement since our last report.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Trade holds steady and quotations are unchanged 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, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; 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, 25c 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.

DRY GOODS

A repetition of last week's report would answer for this branch fully as well as anything new which may be stated. The spring sorting trade is still moving rather slowly, but now that seeding operations have been concluded in the country, some improvement is looked for from that quarter. The city trade has also remained quiet, and collections have been close.

In clothing the situation is quiet and unchanged in present business, and travellers are now out working for fall orders.

FANCY GOODS & SMALL WARES

Actual business for immediate demand was quiet and there were only a few scattered and small orders coming in. Preparations are already being made for the fall trade, and travellers are on the road taking orders.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Apples are now getting down pretty fine, and there are scarcely any left which are fit for shipping. Some choice russets have sold as high as \$8 per barrel, but prices usually run from \$6 to \$7 per barrel. Stocks of oranges and lemons have been considerably reduced, and prices are firmer. The ship Barcelona, laden with Mediterranean fruit for Montreal, is reported to have had her cargo badly damaged, and it is thought this will necessitate the importation of stocks of oranges and lemons from Boston and New York, which would render these lines more costly. The outlook is therefore not very favorable for cheap fruit this season. New stocks will not be in for about ten days. Green stuff has only been imported in small quantities, and prices have been high. Imported cabbages are worth 6 to 7c per pound. Quotations are a little changed, as follows: Good apples are worth from \$6 to \$7 per barrel; Messina oranges, 200 count \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box; Sorrento oranges fine, \$5.50 to \$6.00 box; California Washington oranges, \$6.50 box; Tangerines, \$6.50 box; Messina lemons, \$6.50 box; banana, \$4 to \$6 per bunch; pineapples, \$5 dozen; rhubarb, 8c pound; apple cider, \$10 per barrel.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Evaporated apples are higher in sympathy with eastern markets. Prices are: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15 to 18c per lb, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.40 to \$2.50; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 14½ to 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c to 9c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnut, 20c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; Texas pecans, 18c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$1.30 per gallon, in 5 gallon tins, or \$1.25 in 15 gallon kegs; maple sugar 10 to 14c per pound, according to quality.

FURS

Quotations are: Beaver, per pound, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, bear 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; marten, 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, 40.00-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 7c; fox, red, 26c to \$1.40; fox, cross, \$1 to \$10; wolf, timber, 25c to \$2.25; wolf, prairie, 25c to \$1.25.

FISH

Fresh fish of the river varieties are plentiful, but prices irregular. Cured are quoted: Smoked Finnan haddies, 10c; boneless fish, 6½c; boneless cod, 8½c; prepared herrings, 7½c; mackerel, 15-lb kits, No. 1, \$2.50; other qualities, \$1.75 upwards; smoked herrings, per box, 25c.

GROCERIES

Trade quiet and prices now as follows: yellow

sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c; Coffees, Rios, 21 to 22c; Government Java, 33 to 35c, other Javas, 25 to 30c; Mochas, 31 to 35c. 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 Moyuno gunpowder, 25 to 70c; panfried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyuno young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corr. \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound.

CANNED GOODS

Prices at adv as last reported, as follows, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50, lobsters \$1.87, sardines (French) ½ t. \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.00, cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.40, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb. \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

HIDES

Prices here are as follows: Winn. pig inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; 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.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter-sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c pebble, 21 to 23c; colored findings 12.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Prices are steady and remain unchanged as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 68c per gal.; boiled, 71c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam 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. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS

Quotations are now as follows: Gooderham & Worts five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards, Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS

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The only matter of interest regarding grain of any kind is in relation to seeding. In wheat