

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

There has been little of an interesting nature in financial circles of late. The situation remains quiet and steady and in keeping with the general condition of things in commercial lines. Payments have not been coming forward very freely from the country, but there is so little paper falling due, that a fair estimate can hardly be made as to the condition of collections.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

There has been no change in the wholesale trade toward a more active business since our last report. The after-holiday quiet continues to rule in almost every branch, both in wholesale and retail circles, and especially in the former. Stock-taking is still progressing at many of the warehouses, and some have already received portions of spring stocks.

CLOTHING

This branch is fairly active in a way, but not in actual business. The activity is confined to the work going on in the warehouses in the way of opening new goods and arranging for the commencement of the spring trade. Orders for first spring stocks have now been pretty well taken, though a portion of the country remains to be gone over yet. The eastern part of Manitoba is generally left until the last, and orders are taken first commencing with the far west. This is owing to the fact that the spring opens earlier in the far west, and partly to the greater length of time in which shipments are on the road. It is claimed by dealers here, who have also had experience in Eastern Canada, that spring opens about a month earlier in the far Northwest than in any other part of Canada; at least spring goods are ordered that much earlier, and it is not likely that they would be ordered before they are required. Already a shipment or two of spring goods has been made to far western points, including hats and clothing, and it will not be a great while before this trade has commenced in earnest. The trade promises to show up well in comparison with last year.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

About the usual steady trade is now doing in this branch. Quotations are 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, 50 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, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25 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.

FISH AND GAME

A few loads of fresh Lake Winnipeg white were brought in last week, and there were also some Lake Superior trout and herrings in the market, but fresh lake fish of all kinds were scarce. The winter catch at Lake Winnipeg is reported to have been poor and not sufficient to fill orders for outside shipment. All taken have been wanted for export, which is the reason so few have been offered in the local market.

The lack of sleighing has also worked against the hauling of the fish to the city. Quotations now are: Whitefish, 6c; pickerel, 6c; jackfish, 4c. Oysters are quoted at 35c for standards, and 37½ to 45c for selects, according to quality. Bulk oysters, \$1.85 to \$2.20 per gallon, according to quality. Fresh sea fish are in the market and quoted as follows: Smelts, 11c; tommy-cods, 7½c; cod, 11c; haddock, 11c; lobsters, 18 to 20c. Smoked Finnan haddies, 11c. Game are quoted: Rabbits, 15c per pair; prairie chickens are now out of the market.

FRUITS

Trade remains quiet and prices easier in oranges, lemons, etc. Apples hold firm at same prices. Quotations are now as follows: Florida oranges, \$7.00 to \$7.50; Mexican oranges, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Winter apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per bbl. for good stock. Messina lemons, \$7 to \$7.50; Oregon pears, \$4.50 to \$5; Malaga grapes, \$7 to \$8.00 per keg; Cranberries, \$9.00 to \$12.00, according to size of barrel and quality; Figs, in 50-pound sacks, 12½c; New Eleme figs, in layers, 16c to 20c per pound, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 11 to 12c; peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 20c; almonds 20c; filberts 15c; Texas pecans, 18c. Dried fruits quoted: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$3.25; London layers \$3.75 to \$3.90; black crown \$5 to \$5.25; black baskets, ½ boxes, \$1.30. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel, or \$7 per half-barrel. Sweet potatoes, \$9.50 per bbl; Spanish onions, cases 150 lbs., \$7.25; cases 50 lbs., \$2.50. Evaporated apples, 13 to 14c; dried apples, 7c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c.

FUEL

Quotations are as follows; Best tamarac wood, \$4.75, with some poor selling at \$4.25; sound poplar, \$3.50; poor, \$3.25. Prices for car lots on track. Coal on track sells at \$9.75 for anthracite, \$10.75 for smithy, and \$7.25 for American soft. Lethbridge coal is quoted at \$6.50 on track, or \$7.25 delivered in the city. Saskatchewan coal, \$6.25 on track, or \$2.25 f.o.b. cars at the mine.

FURNITURE

After a fairly satisfactory trade, business has since remained very quiet, and is now just about as slow as it could be.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

This branch has held very quiet since the conclusion of the holiday trade, and were it not for stock taking, which is now going on, there would be scarcely anything to do about the warehouses.

RAW FURS

The movement in furs has not been very brisk this season, probably owing to the scarcity of snow for sleighing. There will not likely be any changes in prices until after the Hudson's Bay Co's sales in London, which commence on January 26th. Prices here are: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per 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; martin, 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, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 7c. Fox, red, 25c to \$1.40; fox, cross, \$1 to \$10; wolf, timber, 25c to \$2.25; wolf, prairie, 25c to \$1.25.

GROCERIES

Coffees continue firm and some grades have again advanced. Syrups are also higher. Sugars were firmer at the factories last week, and an advance of ½c was reported on Thursday. Here, however, prices were not changed. Evaporated and dried apples are reported very scarce at outside markets, and prices advancing. Canned peas are scarce and firm. Prices are as follows: Canned tomatoes, at \$3.60; corn, at \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$3.75; yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c to 8c; lump sugar, 8½c; Coffees, Rios, 10 to 20c; Government Java, 30 to 32c, other Javas, 25 to 28c; Mocha, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.00 to \$2.25; T. and B. tobacco, \$10.

HIDES

Prices hold the same as last quotations, and now are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 1c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 7c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tal-low, 3½ to 4c.

HARDWARE AND METALS

This branch continues very quiet and prices almost nominal in many lines. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 45 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada calf 90 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 linings 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

Business in this line is quiet and prices are unchanged as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; 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, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 3c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS

Dealers report that the season's holiday trade has been a very good one. Quotations