

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

During the past week inquiry for money has been comparatively light, and the probability is that it will continue so during the month. After that notes which are being taken for the large amount of goods being sold throughout the country will find their way to the banks for discount, and there will, as a matter of course, be a greater demand for accommodation than there has been. But it is not expected that the resources of the banks will be very heavily drawn upon. By that time the movement of grain will have become active, and the flow of ready cash from local sources will be much more free. Many farmers have delayed marketing their grain in order to utilize the open weather to do fall plowing. This has been put a stop to now, and their energies will be directed towards threshing and marketing the crops. Rates of discount remain unchanged at 8 to 10 per cent. for gilt edged commercial paper, although as we said last week there are some who have been able to get as low as 7. Ordinary paper is discounted at 10 to 12 per cent. The loan companies are not at all pressed with inquiries, but at the same time report a very satisfactory settling of the business of the past. There is plenty of money to be had on good real estate mortgage security at from 8 to 10 per cent. Funds for speculation still continue scarce, and the private parties from whom accommodation is obtained charge, as a rule, a pretty stiff figure for it.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Business in wholesale circles during the week has been fairly active, although not characterized by any particular rush in any department. The depressing effect of the wet weather of two weeks ago, and the consequently almost impassable condition of the roads has not yet been entirely relieved, but a brisker trade is anticipated from this time forward. Country dealers are still exercising great caution in placing orders, and do not care to lay in heavy stocks until the prospect of a rapid turn over is assured, which will be when farmers are more rapidly bringing their grain to market and converting the products of the soil into cash. The demand as a rule is for a cheaper class of goods than has been purchased in past seasons, retailers complaining that they find expensive articles very slow of sale. Money although still tight is considerably easier than it was a week or two ago, and it is expected that there will be a steady improvement between now and Christmas.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Business in this line is very quiet at present. Sales are chiefly confined to strawcutters, grain crushers, horsepowers, &c., and quite a number of these are being sold. Collections are still slower than was expected at this season of the year, but reports from country agencies give promise of an improvement in this direction in the near future.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Business is fairly brisk and fully up to the expectation of the leading houses. The prospect for trade between now and the end of the year is very encouraging, but after that it is expected

there will be a period of quietude until spring trade opens up. Collections are satisfactory and show considerable signs of improvement.

## CLOTHING.

A good steady trade continues to be done in this line. Country orders are coming in very well and city trade is also looking up. For the next month or six weeks a brisk business is confidently anticipated. Collections are still somewhat slow.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Business in the crockery and glass ware line continues to keep up very well, and the leading houses express themselves as well satisfied with what is being done. Business is being done as much as possible on a cash basis. Collections on old accounts are still somewhat slow, but are improving.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

There has been no particular rush of business during the week, but nevertheless when the figures come to be footed up a very respectable total is obtained. Collections are fair.

## DRY GOODS.

In the dry goods line there is nothing special to note beyond what has been said for a week or two past. This branch of trade has had a hard struggle, but those connected with the business have battled bravely against all difficulties. They are now being repaid for their trouble. Business is looking up, and the prospects for a fine trade this fall are excellent. Eastern competition is no more felt, and local houses have to themselves the trade which rightfully belongs to them. Travellers on the road report an excellent prospect for business for some time to come. Stocks in the country are light and there must of necessity be a general stocking up. Collections are reported as fair, but not good. The prospect of an active movement of the crop in the near future gives confidence in that direction.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

Trade is still on the quiet side, but prospects for Christmas trade are excellent. A big rush of orders is expected between now and the end of the month. Collections are only fair.

## FISH AND POULTRY.

There is no scarcity of fish in the city. The demand for poultry and game is good, and the Thanksgiving season has given an additional impetus to it. Quotations are: Lake Superior trout 10c; white fish at 8c; pike 6c. Spring chickens 75c per pair; prairie chickens 50c to 60c; wild ducks 40c to 50c; rabbits 25c per pair. Oysters are in good supply at the following rates: Counts 75c; standards 65c; selects 50c.

## FRUIT.

A very steady demand continues in the fruit line. Orders from western points are still coming in freely, and city trade has improved. Lemons are in better supply than a week ago, and are quoted at \$3.50 to 9.00, according to quality. Apples are in fair supply but not so plentiful as they might be; good choice fruit cannot be bought for less than \$6 to 6.50 per barrel. California pears, of which a considerable consignment was recently received, have met with ready sale at \$6 per case. A large consignment of oranges has arrived; they are

quoted at \$8 to \$9 per crate. California grapes are worth \$8 per crate; Malagas \$9.50 to \$10 per barrel. Plums are out of stock, and there will be no more this season. Nuts are firm at old quotations, viz: peanuts 20c per lb; almonds 20c to 22c; brazils 22c; cocoa nuts \$9.50 per hundred. Dried fruit quotations are as follows, viz: loose muscatel raisins \$2.75; black crown \$3.75 to 4.00; triple crown \$6.50; four crown \$7.00; dates 10c per lb; figs in mats 10c per lb.

## FUEL.

There is no change in prices worthy of note. The demand is good, and leading houses have all they can do to attend to the wants of customers. The following are the quotations: Saskatchewan coal is worth \$9 per ton in the yard, \$9.75 delivered; Anthracite is worth \$12 to \$13 per ton. Tamarac wood is worth from \$8 to \$7 per cord; poplar \$5 to \$6; oak \$7.00 to 8.00.

## FURNITURE.

Business in this line has not shown many signs of improvement during the past week. A fair number of orders are being received from western points, which serves to keep the factories going, but there is not that briskness in business which had been anticipated. Collections are fair but at the same time slow.

## GROCERIES.

There is a fairly active movement in groceries. Country dealers are laying in good stocks for the winter trade, and anticipate a good season's business. City trade is still somewhat on the quiet side. Collections are fair. Quotations are: Sugars — Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11c; Paris lumps 12½ to 12¾c; Coffees 15 to 18c for Rios; 22 to 27c for Javas; teas — Japan 20 to 45c, Moyo gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season Congous 24 to 55c; last season's do 18c to 35c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has been a little briskness in business during the week, owing to the rush now occurring in pushing building operations to completion before the rigor of winter sets in. Light hardware is in fair demand, and the heavier classes have also been enquired for more freely. The following quotations remain as they were, but a rise will shortly take place, owing to the advance in freight when navigation closes. Prices at present are as follows. Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75; bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$5.50 to 7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; piglead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business continues good, and the leading establishments report collections very fair: the quotations remain as they were, 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.

There still continues to be a fairly active movement in lumber, but the demand will it is expected fall off as soon as the cold weather