

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The 4th of March was a fairly heavy day with some local houses in the amount of paper maturing, but the returns were very poor. Very little was expected, and very little has been received. There has been no such a thing as an agreeable disappointment in the way paper was met. Very little paper was met in full, and on a good many notes upon which something was paid, the amount so paid was small in proportion to the face value of the note. This of course means many renewals. There is no disguising the fact that the situation is very close financially, and with little hope of much improvement until another harvest is gathered. In the meantime a good deal of forbearance will be exercised all around, in the hope that the trade, will profit by recent experiences, and endeavor to reform the present system of doing business as early as practical.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The convention of retail dealers which took place in this city last week, was the leading feature in trade circles. The city was full of merchants from all over the country, and it might have been expected that considerable buying would have been done as a consequence. Such, however, does not appear to have been the case. The merchants did not come in to buy, and as a matter of fact they bought little or nothing while in the city. A number of wholesale dealers report that the presence of so many merchants in the city made no difference whatever upon their business. Others report having received a few small orders from merchants in the city, but nothing to signify. This would indicate that buying is being conducted in a very careful manner this year. Of course retailers have all ordered their spring stocks some time ago, and it is too early in the season to look for sorting business. Still, with so many retail dealers in the city, considerable buying would be looked for at any season of the year, were it not for the general disposition to cut down obligations. No fault can be found with this disposition; but it is rather to be commended. A hundred loss from buying too much, where one loses from buying too little.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25c to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 75 to 80c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4 50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Lake Winnipeg fish were offering more freely on the market, where white were held at 4½ and pickerel at 3½c. In Lake Winnipeg fresh fish the following varieties are obtainable, and jobbing at the prices noted: Whitefish, 5c per pound, jackfish, 3c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 15c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; herrings, 30c per dozen; mackerel, \$4.80 per dozen; smelts, 12½c per pound; tommy cods, 8c per pound; lobsters, 20c per pound; crabs, \$1 per dozen. Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan

haddies, 7½c per pound; smoked Yarmouth bloaters, \$1.50 per box; smoked goldeys, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 pound kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Apples are firm. Stocks are well in hand, and dealers are talking of obtaining advances as soon as a freer movement sets in. Prices are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6; 300 count, \$6.50 per box; Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$6 box; Valencia oranges, large cases, \$3.50 case; southern apples, \$1.00 to \$4.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$1.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Almeria grapes, \$11.00 to \$12.50 per large keg for choice; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb; C noble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Locally the market has been quiet and prices steady. Sugars continue firm in the east, and refiners have made a small fractional advance in prices. The Cannery's association decided at its Toronto meeting not to make any change in prices of canned goods. They claim that stocks are light at all points, and that all will be required. Those who expected some decline in prices as a result of the Canner's meeting, are therefore disappointed, and the feeling is slightly firmer in consequence. Coffees are firm. Prices here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 6¾c, as to quality; granulated, 8½c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 65c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Torrier, \$30 per 1000. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HIDES.

Very little movement and receipts light. Good country frozen hides bring 3c per pound, and a little better will be paid for fresh butchers, but hardly any offering. Some calf are now coming in and worth 4 to 5c per pound for 8 to 13 pound skins. Small deacon skins, 20c each, if not cut or damaged. Sheepskins, 65 to 75c each for full wool. Tallow, 2½c for rough and 4½c rendered.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for

plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Prices unchanged and quotations are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, inscribed gages, 80c per gal; turpentine, in barrels, guaranteed measurement, or in 5 gallon cans, 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 72c; boiled 75c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel, putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7.00; Railroad, \$6.50; Alabastine, \$7.50 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.25 to 2.30.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

Prices in this branch are given as follows:—Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Rohia brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4 50; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$10.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00; v. s. o. p., \$22.50.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

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WHEAT

Wheat was considerably stronger on some days last week, in leading markets, due to cold weather throughout the winter wheat states. Whether any great damage has been done to the growing wheat, however has apparently not yet been determined. At any rate the markets did not hold the advances firmly, and prices were relaxed on some days. Reports of damage to the wheat crop from cold weather were also coming in from Europe. A decrease of 621,563 bushels in the visible supply was reported on Monday, making the total 23,996,373 bushels. The total available supply (visible and on passage) is now 51,924,373 bushels against 52,256,075 bushels a year ago, 53,036,274 bushels two years ago and 78,101,594 three years ago.

Locally the situation is dead. From 65 to 70c per bushel will about cover the range of prices paid in Manitoba country markets for good samples. These prices are little more than nominal, as there is scarcely any movement and nothing looked for until after seeding, when any balance which remains in farmers' hands will be marketed.

FLOUR.

Steady and unchanged. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.35 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.35; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran is quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton for ground corn and oats, at which price small lots are selling to the trade.