

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is a monotony in the monetary affairs of the city at present, especially in connection with commercial business, and last week, made scarcely a variation in the same. Commercial discounts are now about down to the lowest point, and the volume of paper is about the lightest it has been during the present year. Banks have consequently no difficulty in meeting all calls in this line, and have surplus funds for any increase likely to come. Rates are unchanged, being: first-class paper 8 per cent.; ordinary, 9 to 10; and promiscuous and one-name paper, 10 to 12. Renewals are heavier in proportion to the business done than they were a month ago, but these are mostly in part, and at very short dates. Loans on real estate mortgage are a little more in demand. There has been considerable enquiry for farm lands in the province, and at the same time for loans. There can be no doubt but a good safe and profitable trade will be done by companies as soon as harvest is over. There is no scarcity of money, and it only requires a brisk demand for loans on improved farms to bring plenty of fresh capital into the country. In loans on city property the business done has been small, and the demand is light. Rates of interest have still the same range, from 8 to 10 per cent., and companies seem more concerned about securing good and safe investments, than about squeezing out the highest rate of interest.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

During the past week the wholesale trade of the city has shown a slight inclination to be more active, and in some lines quite an improvement has taken place. Still the feeling generally has been more or less slow, and some branches complain of actual dullness in the line of sales. The lines connected with articles of food and daily consumption still continue to furnish the best reports, and it may be stated that not an actual complaint has been heard during the week from there. In a few articles of provisions the demand from the wholesale houses has fallen-off, and seems to continue to do so as the season advances, and the extent to which local production has reached becomes more evident. Evidently efforts for the organization of these local supplies are too slow in being put forth, and will have to be suspended so as to bring them within the ordinary calculations of supply and demand. In lines connected with building operations there is still steady activity, and the results of the season promise to be very satisfactory, and certainly much beyond the calculations of last spring. In season's goods the movement is particularly slow, and goods changing hands are mostly in small sorting parcels, and purely for immediate wants. In some instances opening fall orders have been taken, but there are for delivery in the latter part of next month, and have not been given so generally as in former years, although when given they have been liberal in quantity, and indicative of good hopes on the part of retailers all over the country. In most lines of this class travellers have not started out for the fall trade, but during the current week there will doubtless be a general exodus of these

trade ambassadors, and August will, in all probability be the busiest month of 1884 with them. The determination on the part of country buyers to wait until the harvest prospect can be calculated with some certainty, cannot stand much longer in the way of business, as a very few days more will settle the question for this year, and as matters now look, will settle it in a very satisfactory manner. The report of collections for the week differs very little from that of the preceding one. In a few lines of trade paper must, as a rule, be carried over until after harvest, but with these exceptions the report is altogether satisfactory, and several wholesalers express surprise at how well country returns still continue to come in. Altogether the week's report is encouraging, and closes with an almost certain prospect of our being near the end of slowness for one season.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There is still quite a lively trade being done in this business, and during the past week there has been a steady demand for harvesting and thrashing machines. A falling-off in sales of the former is now looked for, and with the close of August the rush of the whole season's trade will be over. Collections are now down to the lowest ebb, and are not expected to show any improvement until after harvest; the leading houses having made their arrangements for carrying overdue paper until then.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Sales for present delivery have been very few, far between and light in this line during the past week, and have been confined to the most trifling kind of sorting orders. Opening fall orders for delivery in a month or so have been increasing, and houses report quite heavy sales of this description. The report of collections is fully as good as can be expected at this time of year, although not all that could be desired.

## CLOTHING.

Dullness still reigns in this line, and the sales of the past week foot up to a very slim aggregate. Travellers are not yet out for the fall orders, but will be on the road next week, and a decided improvement in business is expected thereafter. Collections are reported moderately good, and promising well for the coming fourth of August. There is a disposition with both wholesalers and retailers not to rush matters too early this season.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Business has been at a very low ebb in this line during the past week, sales having been very light in the aggregate. There has been no attempt to push matters, and wholesalers seem reconciled to the present quietness. Collections are reported fair, but not as good as could be wished.

## DRY GOODS.

This staple trade is still in a very quiet condition. The leading wholesale houses have decided not to push sales of fall goods until August opens, and present sales are consequently confined to the few sorts which must be had for immediate demands. A rushing business is confidently expected during August and September, as the country is known to be bare of these goods, and the prospects of a big

fall trade among country retailers never were better. In collections the report is fair. A few have been applying for part renewals of notes falling due next week, but the number is not great.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

Dullness has been general in this line for some time back, and the past week has shown no improvement. In fact one house reports the duller week of the summer season. No very marked improvement is looked for for a few weeks or until fall trade is in full swing in season lines. Collections are reported moderately good.

## FISH AND POULTRY.

There is very little doing in fish at present. The warm weather makes it difficult to keep a large stock on hand, and considerable risk is incurred in shipment to and from distant points. White fish and trout are each quoted at 7c. Poultry is in large supply. Spring chickens vary in price, according to size, ranging from 25 to 50c a pair. Fowl are worth 40 to 50c each.

## FRUIT.

Even in this trade there has been a slight falling-off in business during the past week. Sales have been much lighter than they have been for several weeks, and altogether there has been rather a quiet feeling. The variety of green fruit has been liberal, and included several novelties. Bananas have sold at \$4 to \$6 a bunch, according to size. California pears have been quoted at \$6 to \$7 a box, and California plums at \$4. New apples have dropped to \$3 a barrel. A few boxes of oranges are still held at \$9. Tomatoes are plentiful and have sold at \$1 a box. Peanuts, pecans and Brazil nuts are unchanged in prices, and Valencia and loose Muscatels still hold at \$2.25 to \$2.50 a box.

## FUEL.

Very little business has been done in this commodity during the week, and quotations of both wood and coal are to a great extent nominal. Poplar, in round lots is quoted at \$4 to \$4.50 on track, and tamarac at \$4.50 to \$5. Anthracite coal is worth \$10.75 on track, and bituminous \$9.50. Western lignite, in retail lots, is at \$7.50 delivered.

## FURNITURE.

There has been very little activity in this line during the week, and wholesale orders have been for small lots and few in number. Even the city retail trade complain greatly of a quiet feeling. Collections reported only fair.

## GROCERIES.

In this staple branch there have been no new features during the week, and the aggregate of business done has been about a good average. Collections are reported steadily good, and by some surprisingly so. There have been no changes in the prices of staple goods, although in sugar there has been a disposition to shade last week's figures in cases of large orders. Quotations still are: yellows 7½ to 8c; granulated 8½ to 8¾, and Paris lumps 9½ to 10c. Coffee, Rio, 1½ to 17c; Java 21 to 24c; Jamaican, 17 to 20c, and Mocha 30 to 34c. Tea, Moyuno gunpowder, 25 to 70c; Japan,