

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Trade has continued steady and fairly satisfactory for the season, the volume being divided proportionately between heavy and shelf goods. Builders hardware continues in light demand and the usual little fall boom in goods of this kind has yet to come. Quotations are as follows: 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, 50 to 55 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, 6 1/2 to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7 1/2.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Trade continues steady and in fair volume and prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter 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.

LUMBER.

There has been a decided brightening up in the demand from provincial dealers. The country trade has been very quiet all along and slower than last year, but it now looks as though a fair business may yet be done before the season closes. The call from the city continues in about the same proportion as for some time back, and the aggregate for the season will foot up to a very respectable amount.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Travellers are now on the road and some improvement is noticed in the demand, which is looked upon as the commencement of the fall trade. Prices are: 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, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 26c; water white, 30c. American oils: Excene, 36c; water white; 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, 7.67; No 1 \$6.50; No 2 \$6.00 and window glass, first break, \$2.25.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business in this branch has been a little quieter than usual, though not to say dull. However, a quiet week now and again is not considered a great calamity where trade has proved so generally satisfactory.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The improvement noted as going on in this branch has continued and the trade for the week has been seasonably good, though no rushing state of activity has yet been reached. Collections rather slow.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The volume of the trade has been rather light, and quotations are steady as follows:

Gooderham & Wort's 5 year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3.00; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & 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@4.50; DeKuyper real gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL.

Receipts have been light and it is thought that lots throughout the province have been pretty well picked up. It is said that a considerable quantity is still held by ranchmen in the far west, but that those holders have so far refused to part with their stocks at ruling figures, and are determined to hold for an advance, which may be a long time in coming. Prices are steady as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cotted and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The past week has been marked by the first shipment of new wheat through to the east, handled by city dealers. The first car was shipped from here to Toronto on Thursday morning; and was graded No. 1 hard. Two or three other cars were being made up toward the close of the week for shipment east. In addition to these some half dozen odd cars of new wheat, about all No. 1 hard, arrived in the city and go into storage here, probably for grinding. However, little activity has yet been shown in the way of buying for shipment, and some little hesitancy has been shown on the part of many buyers to take hold in the present uncertain state of the markets, though it is hard to see how wheat values can go lower than present ruling prices in outside wheat centres. Buyers have commenced operations at some points throughout the province, though at others nothing has yet been done. Nearly all the wheat so far marketed world grade No. 1 hard, and the poorest samples would average a good northern grade. In coarse grains of this season's crop there has been nothing done yet. A few samples have been sent in for inspection but no transactions in car lots have yet occurred. The situation in provisions has not materially changed, prices remaining firm and steady and stocks light.

WHEAT.

Prices have held steady at last week's quotations, where buying has been going on. Values here have been based upon prices quoted at Duluth, the rule being to pay the same as quotations for the same grades at Duluth, less expenses from the point of purchase to Port Arthur. Thus Manitoba wheat at Port Arthur would be equal in price to the same quality at Duluth. Prices here are quoted at 65c for No. 1 hard, 61c for No. 2 hard, and 61c for No. 1 northern.

FLOUR.

Mills in the city have been grinding steadily on old wheat and have not done anything with this season's crop yet. Most of the provincial mills also have a quantity of old wheat on hand,

which will probably be mixed with new grain for grinding. Some samples of flour from new wheat have been forwarded to commission dealers here, from country mills. The flour market holds quiet and steady and with only a moderate demand. Prices for broken lots delivered in the city or f.o.b., are unchanged as follows: patents \$2.60; strong bakers' \$1.90; XXX \$1.50 and superfine \$1.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Prices for these products took a jump up \$1 per ton early in the week. Bran is now quoted at \$8, and shorts \$9 per ton.

OATMEAL.

Prices hold steady at last quotations and no immediate change is apprehended.

OATS.

A few loads of new oats have been offered on the farmer's market during the week, generally of a good sample. These were taken at 30c. There is scarcely anything doing in car lots of old and the price is nominal at 30c.

BARLEY.

Several samples have been sent from the country to grain dealers here, but no purchases have yet been made. Samples would grade about No. 3. The outlook in this grain is rather discouraging at present. Last year barley was carried out of the country at the same rate as damaged wheat, but it is understood that these rates will not apply to this season's crop, and that the freight rates on the C.P.Ry., this year will be the same as for wheat. This will mean an advance of 8c per 100 lbs over last year's freight tariff. Under the circumstances buyers here could not pay over 20 to 25c for the average grade of Manitoba barley. It is hardly likely that farmers will care to dispose of their product at such prices, and as there is no damaged grain in the country this year for feed, it is probable that the bulk of the barley will be used for feed.

POTATOES.

Purchases have been restricted to loads from farmers, which range about 50c per bushel. No car lot sales reported.

CHEESE.

Prime Ontario cheese is quoted at 10 to 11c. It is understood that Manitoba manufacturers feel aggrieved on account of jobbers here handling the Ontario product. Dealers here, however, claim that they are willing to handle the home product and would prefer to do so, but that manufacturers demand a much higher price than the Ontario product can be laid down for here. Then the home manufacturers have been in the habit of selling their product to retailers wherever an opportunity occurred of placing a small order, and they expect to sell to wholesalers at the same rates as they have been doing to retailers. It is to be hoped that some arrangement may be arrived at between the wholesalers and manufacturers, through the Manitoba Dairy Association, which will do away with the necessity for importing cheese into the province.

EGGS.

Receipts have been coming in a little slowly, but about sufficient to supply local wants. Else lots sell at 11 to 12c for fresh.

BUTTER.

There has been a good demand for choice dairy, and all offered was wanted. Receipts have come in slowly and there is some talk of importing eastern butter, which could be done at present prices here, in comparison with values east. However, it is hoped that no action will be taken in this direction, as there undoubtedly is plenty of butter in the country to supply all wants, and to import would only be to reduce prices for the home product. The falling off in receipts here is attributed to a desire on the part of farmers and country dealers to hold stocks for higher prices; but it is likely that a considerable quantity has been shipped direct from provincial points to the territories and perhaps some to British Columbia. How