

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Since our last issue the monetary situation in the city has sunk from inactivity to actual drowsiness, so far as trade matters are concerned. With the opening of June the bulk of the spring sales of wholesalers in season lines will go into discounts, and quite a lively demand for funds is looked forward to, which the banks have plenty of resources to supply, and quite a demand for eastern exchange is also expected, making in all a few days of activity and profit for the banks. At present the city is in the midst of the lull before rush, and hence the drowsy feeling. There has been, however, a freer circulation of money, and the aspect and prospect are both healthy. The discount rates are unchanged and in some degree nominal, 8 per cent. being the minimum quotation. In real estate mortgage loan business there has been an improvement since our last report. Most farmers have finished seeding operations, and the applications for farm loans have increased materially. A steady but not heavy volume of such applications are now looked for during the next month or so. The interest rate is steady at 8 per cent. for new business.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There was not much change to the situation in local wholesale circles last week. The holiday on the 24th broke into the week to some extent, but not to materially affect business. Trade appears to be moving along very steadily from week to week, and without any specially important feature in any direction. Altogether business for immediate wants is so far this season hardly coming up to expectations, though some branches show exception to the general rule. It is expected the opening of navigation on the lakes will soon commence to exert its usual influence upon trade.

CANNED GOODS.

Quotations are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$1.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$8.00.

DRY GOODS.

In textile branches the movement is hardly coming up to expectations which were made earlier in the season. Whereas a much larger sorting trade was expected this season than last, so far there has been little increase in the volume of business. The season, however, has been very much more backward, and the balance may show some improvement. In clothing the work of taking orders for fall stocks is going on actively.

DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3.00; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$9 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3.00; chlorate of

potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

In this there was an active business previous to the 24th, and the week wound up with stocks very low all around, dealers being almost drained. A full supply of Mediterranean goods will be received the first of this week, from stocks lately arrived by ship at Montreal. Some Naval oranges were still left, and quoted at \$7 to \$7.50 per box, Messina lemons, unchanged at \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box. Strawberries were coming in more freely and quoted at \$6.50 per crate. California cherries, \$3.25 per box of about ten pounds. Rhubarb, 7c per pound.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Outside reports state that Valencia raisins are strong and advancing fast, on indications of a scarcity before the new crop comes into the market. Quotations are: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

FURS.

In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.50; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c. to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 12c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$3, do cubs, 25 to 75, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

GROCERIES.

Business is steady and in moderate volume, with prices as follows: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7 1/2c; bright yellow, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; granulated, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees—Rios, from 18 to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c, young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine's

chewing tobaccos: Beaver, 8s, 63c; Jubilee, 1/2s, 59c; Anchor, 58c; Smoking, Virginia Leaf, 3s, 56c; do Leaf, 7s, 56c; Silver Shield, 7s, 53c; Cut Cavendish, 8s, 70c; Silver Ash, 8s, 5 lb. tin boxes, 64c; Club Mixture, 8s, 95c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES.

The feeling is dull in eastern markets and sales slow at easy prices. Quotations here are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1 1/2c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Stocks are now ordered to come forward by the lakes, and some changes will probably be made in prices, on account of the lower freight rates. Quotations at present are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$8 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 1/2 to 7c

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 27 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; 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, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 29 to 32c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices now quoted: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.00; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12 1/2c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, 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; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.