

and the factories are quite busy. Collections have also improved very much.

GROCERIES.

The leading houses report a lively trade during the past week, which is likely to continue for some time. Collections are fair and improving. Sugars are firm and advancing. Quotations are: Sugars—Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11½c; Paris lumps 12c; Coffee 15 to 18c for Rios; 22 to 27c for Javas; teas—Japan 20 to 45c, Moyuno gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season Congous 24 to 55c; last season's do 18c to 35c. Tobaccos have advanced—Prince of Wales is quoted at 39c to 40c per lb.; Myrtle Navy \$10 per caddie. Syrups are quoted at \$3.50 per keg; half barrels 90c per gallon. Boneless fish is worth 9c per lb for 40 lb boxes; 10c for 5 lb boxes. Common salt \$3.25 per barrel; 5 lb bags \$5.40; 3 lb bags \$6.00.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business in this line is quiet at present. The most of the season's building operations is over which directly affects this branch of trade. Prices of nails and bar iron have advanced owing to the rise in freight rates. Quotations are: Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75; bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$3.50 to \$7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent. off price list; ingot tin, 32c to 35c; pig lead, 6½c to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality; cut nails, tenpenny and upwards, \$4 per 100 lb keg; casing nails, \$4.75; finishing nails \$1.25; after the 15th of December nails will make a further advance of 25c all round. Bar iron is quoted at \$3.50 per 100 lb to the trade and \$4 to blacksmiths.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Trade continues very fair and collections satisfactory. Quotations are 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.

Business has fallen off considerably during the past week or ten days, and will in all probability continue quiet during the balance of the winter season. Quotations are as follows: Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st dressed rough, \$26.50; 2nd do. \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each, \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B do., \$45; C do., \$40; D do., \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1½, 1¾, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do., \$56; window and door casings, \$50; Lase boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$30; ¾ inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do., over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22;

1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do, \$4.50; lath, \$4.50

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

A good steady trade has been done during the past week. The demand for Christmas goods is excellent. Collections are satisfactory.

STOVES, TINWARE, &c.

The demand is beginning to fall off a little, the season being now pretty well past. There will, however, be quite a bit of business done during the next week. Collections are goods.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business is fair and steady, but not at all rushed. Collections are very fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Trade in this line keeps brisk, and collections are generally speaking fair. Prices remain as they were. Quotations to jobbers and purchasers of quantities are: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Imperial, cases, vintage of 1878, \$5.50; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Boleyn, in wood, \$4 to \$5.50; Ronet, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10, half flasks, \$11; Pinotte, in wood, \$4 per Imp. gal.; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$10; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; half flasks, four dozen in a case, \$12; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9; half flasks, \$10. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$6 to \$7; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Ford's Acadia gin \$2.25 to 2.75; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$4.00; Col-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$9.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$4.50; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$28; G. H. Mumm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$21. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Drowry's ale \$13 per bbl; Bass's ale in quarts \$4 per doz; pints \$2.50; Guinness's porter in quarts \$4.00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Receipts of grain for the past week have been lighter than was anticipated, both by rail and from the street. Farmers are not satisfied with the prices that are being offered, and the condition of the roads are not yet first-class for sleighing while wheeling is very indifferent. This combination of circumstances explains to a large extent the mystery as to why the heavy

crop of the past season is not finding its way to market so rapidly as had been expected.

WHEAT.

Receipts of wheat by rail have been light, and very little has been received off the street. Shipment by the lakes having been put a stop to by the prospective immediate close of navigation; all wheat sent out of the country has to go by the all rail route. The cost or transportation in that way is high. Dealers complain that they cannot make contract rates for a period of time, and on that account they find themselves in a very awkward position. The rate of transportation on wheat from Winnipeg to Montreal is in the neighborhood of 45c per bushel, and when it is considered that the highest price paid for wheat in the latter mentioned city is \$123, it cannot but be seen that the figure offered in Winnipeg is as high as the circumstances will allow. No. 1 hard in Winnipeg is worth at from 70c to 80c according to quality, while samples touched by frost are worth from 50c up, according to the degree in which they have suffered damage.

OATS.

There is very little demand for oats. During the week considerable quantities have been offered but they are very slow of sale. Fair samples of oats have been bought on the Winnipeg market for 17c per bushel. The demand is likely to continue light, as it is impossible to export at a profit. Twenty cents per bushel is an outside quotation for first-class oats in the city now.

BARLEY.

Offerings have been light, and the demand is very slack. Brewers have considerable stocks on hand and are not anxious to buy any more at present. The quotation of 35c to 40c per bushel may be almost said to be nominal.

FLOUR.

The mills are running full time and find ready sale for all the flour they can turn out. There has been some shipment to Montreal, but the prices ruling there at present are not sufficient to warrant extensive exportation. The work of construction on the C. & N. E. east calls for a heavy supply. Quotations are: Patents \$3.00; strong baker's \$2.70; xxxx \$2.00.

RYE.

The demand is very fair and the supply liberal. The price continues firm at \$10 per ton on track.

SHORTS

are also considerably enquired for, and remain steady at \$12 per ton on track.

CHOPPED FEED

remains steady at \$28 per ton. The demand is fair.

POTATOES.

The cold weather of the past week or two has checked supplies somewhat, but there are plenty offering to supply the demand. Prices remain about the same as last week, viz., 35c to 45c per bushel.

CHEESE.

The market is well supplied and prices firm at 16c to 17c per pound. This quotation is likely to hold for some time.

BUTTER.

There is quite a heavy stock of butter in the city, but at the same time the supply of choice quality is limited. Quotations range from 23c to 27c for dairy, and for first-class creamery as high as 30c is obtainable.

HAMS.

There is only a moderate stock in the city, but some considerable consignments are expected to arrive shortly. They are held firm at 18c.