

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Wholesale dealers who had a large amount of paper due on the 4th of this month report all the way from 25 to 50 per cent of the paper met. This is not a good showing, but is accounted for by the fact that there has been very little cash movement of grain yet, as farmers are holding for higher prices. Fall plowing also hinders the delivery of wheat, and while prices remain lower than the views of farmers, they will not market so long as they have other employment to engage their attention. At the banks since the flutter of the 4th, there has been no particular stir, and discount rates remain unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The change to very warm weather for the season, which set in last week, was a damper on the clothing and dry goods branches. To show the influence of the weather it may be stated that city retailers in these lines reported a falling off in sales of fully fifty per cent. as compared with the previous week of colder weather. One clothing dealer reported a falling off of 75 per cent. in sales during the warm days. The city retail dry goods trade is now threatened with another period of destructive slaughter sales, as a result of the throwing of a large bankrupt stock on the market to be slaughtered. Two leading houses have already announced slaughter sales. This again brings up forcibly the question of the disposal of bankrupt stocks, and the necessity of devising some way of preventing the slaughter of such stocks, in the interest of legitimate wholesale and retail trade alike. Clothing travellers are all out with spring samples, and a good number of eastern dry goods travellers arrived last week. Hat and cap travellers are also out with spring lines. In the grocery and provision line some good orders have been received on railway account.

CANNED GOODS.

The Canadian Canner's association met at Toronto last week. The season's pack shows a great decrease, and there is a considerable part of the pack of last year still in stock. During the past season nine canneries have failed, but the prospects are now better.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.

Prices of Valencia raisins will be lower when full stocks arrive. New figs are to hand. Prices are as follow:—Dried apples 7c to 7½c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c; Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; choice new season figs 20c lb.; figs in 1 lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 24c; Nectarines 18c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 20c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, \$9 per 100.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples hold firm in price, with stocks of eastern not heavy, as the supply from Ontario will not be large this season. Stocks are also coming in from the south. Oranges were out of the market last week, but more were on the

way, for which quotations would be about the same as formerly. Crabapples are firm. Some are offering in bushel boxes. Grapes are not expected to be any lower this season than present quotations. Supplies of concords have not been as large as expected. Tomatoes are about done for this season, and likewise melons. Bananas are to be had in limited quantities, with little demand. New cranberries are now to hand, and first receipts of Malago grapes and new season figs have arrived. Present prices are likely to be the bottom for the season on Spanish onions. Quotations are as follows:—Lemons, \$7.50 per box; Jamaica oranges in bbls, \$12, in boxes, \$4; fall apples, \$3.75 to \$4.00, choice to fancy winter apples, \$1.25 to \$4.75 per barrel; California pears, \$4 to \$3.50 per box; California Muscat grapes, per crate of 20 pounds, \$2.75; Tokay grapes, \$4.50, crate 20 lbs.; Rose Peru grape, \$3.00 per crate 20 lbs.; Concord grapes, 65c to 75c a basket of 10 lbs.; Catawba grapes, \$1 to \$1.25 per basket; Delaware grapes, 10 lb. baskets, \$1 to \$1.25, Malaga grapes, \$8 per keg. Bananas, \$2.00 to \$3.25 a bunch, according to quality and size; crab apples, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per barrel as to size of barrel and quality; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$11 per barrel; cucumbers, 25 to 40c dozen; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.35 to \$1.50 crate; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Granulated sugar was ½c lower in eastern markets at the beginning of last week. Raw sugar was lower last week by ½ to ¾ than a year ago. Consumption has been greatly curtailed, according to statistics, owing to the high prices prevailing. Still the statistical position is fairly strong. New beet sugar will soon be ready for the market in Europe. Teas are firm, and in eastern markets low grade Japans and Hysons have appreciated from 2 to 3c in value of late. Quotations here are:—Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 8½c, as to quality; granulated, 9½ to 9½c; lumps, 10½ to 11c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; 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, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Rrier, 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, 47c; 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, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES AND SKINS.

There is a little opposition among hide dealers which has led to higher prices, and as high as 5c has been paid for No. 1 green, city butchers. Even the lower quotations, however, are considered too high, in comparison with eastern markets, where prices are low. Dealers claim that 4c per pound is all No. 1 green are worth here, and other prices in proportion. Light stock is very dull in eastern markets kid and calf being very slow sale. Country

hides in Toronto are only worth 2½ to 4½c as to grade, the latter price for No. 1 inspected, according to latest advices, which shows that prices being paid here are above real values. A few lots of wool are still coming in, bought at about 10c unwashed, all around, at country points. Prices are:—Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c per lb. Calf, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins, new, 40c each; Lambskins, 40c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½c rendered 5; wool, low grades, 10c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Pig tin has ruled lower at London and New York, owing it is thought to speculative influences in the former market, and the latter moving in sympathy. The statistical position is fairly strong. Tin plate has advanced 6d in English markets, and a continued upward tendency Canada plates are strong. Iron and steel continue firm. Quotations here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.90 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.35 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

LUMBER.

Business is reported as quiet by local manufacturers, but a good deal of business is still being done in common grades by importers of Minnesota lumber. Prices of the Lake of the Woods mills are said to be maintained, but importers of Minnesota lumber are said to be selling at pretty close figures. Local manufacturers claim that it costs more to get logs to the Lake of the Woods mills than to many of the Minnesota mills, hence the low prices of the latter on common grades.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Prices are:—Turpentine in barrels, \$0 per gallon; in 5 gallon lots 85c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 77c; boiled 80c. 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, \$2.10.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Business in this branch is fairly brisk at present. Fancy goods for the fall and holiday trade have been received, and orders for such lines are coming in freely. Orders for Christmas cards, etc., are being taken from samples, stocks to arrive later.

PURE Manitoba honey, extracted, is in the market in considerable quantity, and is selling by wholesale dealers at 20c per pound. With the growth of the cattle industry, as shown by shipments this year, Manitoba can truly be said to be a land flowing with milk and honey.