

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The money market in the city remains in very much the same condition as was noted last week. The demand for money continues moderate, and commercial wants generally are supplied without much difficulty. The banks are however, exercising great caution in their transactions, owing to some extent to the feverish condition of things in the eastern provinces. The slower movement of the grain than was expected also serves to make ready cash in farmer's and country merchant's hands still somewhat scarce. Rates are still from 8 to 10 per cent. on gilt edged commercial paper, ordinary 10 to 12. There is a fair demand for loans on real estate mortgage security. Rates vary from 8 to 10 per cent., the latter figure being the more common. Money for speculative purposes is still scarce, and private funds have generally to be relied upon, and pretty stiff rates have to be paid for the accommodation.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

During the week trade in the city has been very fair. The conditions of the weather have not been of a favorable character and this had the effect of checking business a little. But at the same time all the leading houses report a satisfactory trade. There is no effort being made to "rush" business on the part of wholesalers, and on the other hand retailers are still exercising more than an ordinary amount of caution in making purchases. This style of doing business is certainly desirable, and in the long run will be to the benefit of all concerned. Some lines of business report money comparatively easy, while others say that this month has been closer than the two previous ones. The secret to which the tightness of money is attributable is not hard to find. The weather has been far from good, roads have got bad, and as a matter of course threshing and teaming are almost out of the question. There cannot be much hope for improvement in this way until the frost sets in, when good sleighing will give more easy access to markets.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There has been very little doing in agricultural machinery of late. Grain crushers, straw cutters, and horsepowers, wherewith to propel them, have been in fair demand, but beyond this there is very little business being done. Collections are still on the slow side, but the prospect for decided improvement in the near future is very good.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Trade has been very brisk in the boot and shoe line during the week. Good orders are coming in freely both from city and country customers, and the prospect generally is very good. Collections are improving and may be safely called fair.

## CLOTHING.

Business in this line during the past week has not been so brisk as it was for the previous week or two, owing no doubt to the bad weather, which has more or less affected all lines of trade. But at the same time a fair trade is being done. Collections are slower at present than they have been for some time.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

In this branch of business a very fair run of trade is being done. Business has been brisk all fall, and so far it shows no sign of falling off. Collections are very satisfactory.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

The leading houses have all the business they care to handle. Business is being brought down to as nearly a cash basis as possible, and on that account orders are less in amount, but greater in number than under the old credit system. Collections are fair.

## DRY GOODS.

The leading houses in the dry goods business give a very encouraging report for this week. Business has been somewhat interfered with by the state of the roads, owing to the wet weather. But on the whole the prospect is excellent and travellers who are now on the road are sending in very satisfactory additions to the orderbook. There is also a noticeable improvement in collections, old accounts are being paid up with commendable promptitude, and so far as new ones are concerned there is no difficulty.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

A very fair trade has been done in the fancy goods line during the week. Inquiries as regards Christmas stocks are beginning to come in, and the prospect is that a very good trade will be done between now and then. Collections are fair.

## FISH AND POULTRY.

There is nothing special to note in the fish market from what we said last week. The supply is liberal, and the demand keeps improving. White fish are quoted at 9c; Lake Superior trout at 10c. Poultry is becoming more plentiful. Spring chickens are worth 75c per pair; wild ducks are worth 40c to 50c per pair; prairie chickens 75c to \$1; partridges 75c to \$1; rabbits 50c to 60c.

## FRUIT.

Business in the fruit line has been rather quieter than for some time past, but still not by any means slow. Lemons are in good supply, and are still quoted at \$8.50 to 9.00. Oranges are worth \$6.50 per case, but in the course of a week or two, when the supply becomes more liberal they will doubtless be cheaper. Apples are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6, according to quality. A car load of Malaga grapes is in transit, and will be here in a day or two. California fruit is being regularly received. Pears are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6; grapes \$7.50 to \$8.50; peanuts continue firm at 20c; almonds 20c to 22c; brazils 22c; coconuts \$9.50 per hundred. Dried fruit quotations are as follows, viz: loose muscat raisins \$2.75; black crown \$3.75 to 4.00; triple crown \$6.50; four crown \$7.00; dates 10c per lb; figs in mats 10c per lb.

## FUEL.

There has been no change in rates since our last writing. The demand is active, and the supply not more than necessary for it. Saskatchewan coal is worth \$9 per ton in the yard, \$9.75 delivered; Anthracite is worth \$12 to \$13 per ton. Tamarac wood is worth from \$6 to \$7 per cord; poplar \$5 to \$6; oak \$7.00 to \$8.00.

## FURNITURE.

Business still continues quiet, although show-

ing some signs of improvement. The auction sale season is about over, and when this drag is taken off a general improvement is expected. Collections are still slow, but better than they were a month ago.

## GROCERIES.

There is nothing beyond the usual run of trade to note in the grocery line this week. Orders both from city and country are coming in freely. Prices are firm at the following quotations, viz: Sugars Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11c; Paris lump 12½ to 12½c; Coffee 15 to 18c for Rio; 22 to 27c for Javas; teas—Japan 20 to 45c, Mysore gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season Congous 24 to 55c; last season's do 18c to 35c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business has been quite brisk during the week, and the demand will be active until the cold weather sets in. Collections are reported slow. The quotations remain as follows: Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.7; bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$5.50 to 7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; piglead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

During the past week a good business has been done, the muddy condition of the roads, causing more demand for shoe leather. The following are the quotations, viz: 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.

The demand for lumber continues very good, and prices remain firm at the following quotations, viz: —Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st do, rough, \$26.50; 2nd do, \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 16 feet and under, \$21; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$21; 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, 1½, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do., \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$30; ½ 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.

Business has shown a decided improvement during the past week, and between now and Christmas a good lively trade is expected. Collections are satisfactory.

## STOVES, TINWARE, &amp;c.

The busy season in this line of trade still continues, and will not abate for six weeks yet. The quantity of stoves being sold throughout