

### WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The demand for money at the banks, continues light, and it is evident that business men are making an effort to get along with as little accommodation as possible. It is also indicative of the caution exercised in doing business during the past season. Paper maturing is being fairly well met, at least about as well as had been anticipated. Rates of discount remain unchanged. Gilt-edged commercial paper is negotiated at from 8 to 10 per cent; ordinary 10 to 12. The loan companies report an improved demand for advances on farm property. On good mortgage security plenty of money is obtainable at from 8 to 10 per cent. Money for other purposes of a speculative character is hard to get, and high rates have to be paid for accommodation.

### WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is very little change to note in the situation of the wholesale trade of the city from what has been reported for the past two or three weeks. There is very little doing except in the grocery and fruit lines, and this condition of things is expected to continue for several weeks to come. Until goods suitable for the spring trade are placed on the market, business will be confined to small sorting-up orders, country merchants having as a rule about stock enough on hand to carry them through the balance of the winter season. There is, however, a very fair prospect for a good trade when it does open up in the spring. Collections are still not so satisfactory as they might be, but there has at the same time been quite a noticeable improvement since the New Year. The recent fine weather has had the effect of causing farmers to bring their grain to market more freely. This will put more money into circulation, and serve to improve matters generally in this direction.

#### AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There is nothing doing at present in actual sales of machinery, but agents throughout the country are busy spying out the land for next season's operations and looking after the payment of notes given for implements during the past season. During the past week notes have been better met than before that time, but there is still lots of room for improvement.

#### BOOTS AND SHOES.

Business is very quiet at present. What demand exists is only for felt goods and moccasins, orders for which are neither numerous nor large in amount. Collections are reported fair.

#### CLOTHING.

A few sorting up orders constitutes the volume of trade for the week. This is only what was expected, and it is not anticipated that there will be any activity worthy of note for some weeks to come. Collections are about as good as was expected.

#### CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

There has been but little doing of late, and until the winter season nears a close the leading houses expect to have an easy time of it. Collections are not to be specially complained of.

#### DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business in this line continues at a steady even pace. There is no rush but the total of a

week's sales generally foots up to a fairly satisfactory figure. Collections have been fair.

#### DRY GOODS.

The leading houses are busy stock taking and balancing up the business of the past year. The amount of business done is very little, and like all other lines is confined to sorting-up orders. Travellers will not take the road with spring samples for some weeks yet. The prospect for a good spring trade is considered very encouraging. Retailers have not overloaded themselves with winter stock and will be in a good position to lay in seasonable goods when spring comes. Money is still reported somewhat hard to get but not more so than had been looked for. In fact, if anything, there has been an improvement in this direction during the past week or ten days.

#### FANCY GOODS AND SMALL WARES.

There is virtually nothing doing in this line at present. Retailers are getting rid of what surplus Christmas stock they may have had left over, and will not make any more purchases until that is disposed of. Collections are quiet.

#### FISH AND POULTRY.

The market is well supplied with fish, but the demand is not great. White fish are still sold at 7c per pound; Lake Superior trout 8c; Oysters are quoted at 70c for counts, 60c for selects, and 50c for standards. There is considerable poultry in the market. Turkeys and geese sell at from 17c to 20c per pound.

#### FRUIT.

There is more activity in this branch of trade than in any other. The demand continues to be good and prices are well maintained. Lemons are steady at \$9 to \$9.50. There are no oranges in the market at present, but a consignment of Valencia is daily expected. Apples are going off freely, and are firm at \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel. Stocks in the city are not heavy, and the probability is that they will advance beyond these quotations before long. Malaga grapes are also out of stock at present, but a considerable consignment is in transit and expected every day. Figs in 14lb boxes are worth 12c per lb.; Eleme layers 19c. Nuts are steady at old quotations, viz: peanuts 20c per lb; almonds 20c to 22c; brazils 22c; cocoa nuts \$9.50 per hundred. There is an active demand for dried fruit. Loose muscatel raisins are steady at \$3.25; black baskets \$4.40; dates are worth 10c per lb.

#### FUEL.

The demand continues good and prices firm. The wood market is well supplied. Saskatchewan coal is worth \$9 per ton in the yard or \$10 delivered; Anthracite ranges from \$14.00 to \$14.25. Tamarac wood is worth from \$6 to \$7 per cord; poplar \$5 to \$6; oak \$7 to \$8.

#### FURNITURE.

This branch of business is particularly dull at present. Country trade is at almost a standstill and city trade is quiet. Collections are only fairly satisfactory.

#### GROCERIES.

People must have groceries, and on that account a fair, steady demand continues all the time. There is no change in quotations

which are: Sugars—Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11½c; Paris lumps 12c; Coffee 15 to 18c for Rio; 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 65c; last season's do 18c to 35c. Tobaccos have advanced—Prince of Wales is quoted at 39c to 40c per lb.; Myrtle Navy \$1.0 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.

The demand is very light and likely to be so during the winter months. Collections are slow. Prices are firm at the quotation, given, viz.: 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, \$4.25 per 100lb keg; casing nails, \$5.00; finishing nails \$1.50. Bar iron is quoted at \$3.50 per 100 lb to the trade and \$4 to blacksmiths.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business is fairly brisk and collections not to be complained specially of. Quotations are: 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.

There is very little demand at present, nor is there likely to be any of much account until the revival of building operations in the spring. 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, 1½, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do., \$36; 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 been quiet during the week, but still as good as was expected at this particular season of the year. Collections are fair.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

The demand keeps up very well, and collections are fair. Quotations to jobbers and purchasers of quantities are: Hennessy's one star,