

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Financial circles have apparently become accustomed to the dragging state which has ruled for so long, and wholesalers have become tired of talking about slow collections. Though there has been some talk of firmer discounts, there is hardly any probability of an advance in rates, which hold at the old figures of 7 per cent. for first choice, 8 per cent. for ordinary, and 9 for promiscuous business. Considerable movement in mortgage loans on city property is reported at rates varying from 7 to 9 per cent. and occasionally at under the lower quotation.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been some improvement in the markets, especially in produce and provision trade. The principal feature has been the upward movement in prices. All meats, cured and fresh, are very strong, and show sharp advances, owing in the case of cured meats to the changes in duties, and to advances in prices at Chicago. The heavy increase in the duties at a time when provision markets in the States were advancing could not but cause sharp advances here. Flour, feed, feed grains, etc., have an upward tendency. Textile trade is backward, and the same may be said of most other branches of business, though all around the feeling seems to be more hopeful than it was a few weeks ago. The statement is sometimes now ventured that the season may not turn out such a bad one after all. Often when prospects are very favorable for a large trade, the result is not as satisfactory as was looked for. This season, with dealers generally looking forward to rather a light trade, it is quite possible that the demand may be nearly up to the average.

## CANNED GOODS.

The Toronto Empire says: The action of the packers' association in deciding to maintain the prices of staples put a little more backbone into the market, though the trade was shy of tomatoes. Corn was sold at \$1.20 by one packer, and other packers cleared out their entire stock of peaches, cherries, pears and pumpkins. The latter were an exceptionally heavy pack this season and the market looked very weak at the beginning of the season, but the export of several carloads has let packers out.

## DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 75 to 80c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$7 to \$9; bicarb soda, \$4.00 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

## DRY GOODS.

Clothing travellers are now about all on the road with their fall samples. Business continues backward. Foreign advices are still firm, though every slight improvement in values is keenly contested. British textile markets indicate a very slow but steady improvement in prices.

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

Oysters are not in large supply, and have a

slower sale. British Columbia fish are coming forward by express at intervals. Lake Winnipeg white are quoted 2c higher. Smelts, tommy cods and lobsters are out of the market. Finnen haddies are higher. Lake Winnipeg fresh fish are selling as follow:—Whitefish, 8c per pound, sturgeon, 8c per pound; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 4c. Lake Superior trout, 10c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; halibut, 20c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; B. C. black cod, 15c; herrings, 30c per dozen; Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnen haddies, 12c per pound; smoked whitefish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 lbs kegs, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2.50 for selects. Can oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

## GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Florida oranges are out of the market, and Californias have a firmer tendency. Bananas are offering more plentiful, though occasional cool days are not favorable to handling this fruit. Apples are strong and all good stock brings firm prices. At Toronto apples are quoted at \$1.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Prices are as follows: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6.00, 300 count, \$6.50 per box. California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per box; Messina blood oranges, \$7.50 a box. Apples, \$1.50 for good up to \$7.00 per barrel for fancy stand stock. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bunch. Comb honey 22c per pound. Maple sirup, gallon cans, \$1.25c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 18c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

## GROCERIES.

Granulated and white sugars were 3c lower in eastern markets, but low grade yellows are scarce, which keeps such qualities comparatively firmer, though there have been some reductions. This makes 3c reduction on white sugars. Willett & Gray, New York, in their last weekly circular, say: "Raws declined 1-16 to 3c. Refined declined 3c, and reacted 1-16c at close. The depression noted for some weeks past continued through this week until the closing day, when a steadier and somewhat firmer tone prevailed. Centrifugals 96" test sold at 3c cost and freight, but closed at 3 1/2 16c asked. Beet sugar was offered at 12s 6d cost and freight, a further decline from last week, partly owing to absence of American demand, which changed over to Cuba at the lower prices. Both Cuba and Europe show steadiness at the decline, which seems to be checked. Refined declined to 6c for granulated, at which price, with the discounts allowed, exporters were able to take several thousand barrels for Europe, as indicated last week by the parity of the markets, a condition which has not existed for two years. We have now in the United States a state of the sugar trade in refined such as existed in 1886 and 1887, before the formation of the sugar trust. Larger production than home demand, close competition in prices and the surplus production going to England. The power of monopoly may exist to nearly the same extent as in 1885 and 1889, but it is inoperative and has not been enforced thus far this year. Under these conditions of the re-

fined sugar market, in connection with necessary purchases of raw sugar in advance of requirements, on a declining raw market, the refining business is not profitable at the present time. The raw sugar market, however, has not, and probably cannot resume the conditions of 1886 and 1887, although it is quite possible that it may undergo some change under a new tariff. The export demand relieved the refined market, and the closing is at 1-16c advance. Total stock in all the principal countries at latest uneven dates is 1,440,733 tons, against 972,086 tons at same time last year." Prices here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c, as to quality; granulated, 8 1/2c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubiles, 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. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted. Three gallons, \$2.50; do. five gallons, \$3.50; do. 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

## HARDWARE.

Tin plates are quoted firmer, and selling more at outside figures. Canada plates are quoted strong at the top range. Nails are firm. Shot is easier. Iron pipe is strong, owing to changes in the duty, and some advance is looked for, though the exact position under the new schedule of duties seems to be misunderstood. There seems to be considerable uncertainty as to the interpretation of the clause referring to iron pipe, in the new tariff act, but the general influence will be to advance prices. British markets appear unsettled, and business less satisfactory. Prices here are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 11-20c; 1 1/2 inch, 14 1/2c; 1 3/4 inch, 18 1/2c; 2 inch, 25c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; 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, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Glass has declined 10c, in sympathy with a similar decline in the east, owing to the lowering of the duty. Turpentine is quoted 5c lower here. Linseed oil is firm. The Toronto Empire says: "There is a movement on foot to