

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Business has been decidedly slow at the city banks during the past weeks, and even the fourth coming on Thursday last did not seem to make any perceptible stir. Regular trade discount business has been down to as low an ebb as possible, and the feeling of anxiety and disappointment about the growing crop has checked up any tendency to new enterprise that would call for extra funds. The circulation of money throughout the country is decidedly slender at present, and the manner in which paper was met, or rather arranged on the fourth was far from satisfactory. There is nothing to put money into circulation at present, as even the public undertakings now on foot in the province have not as yet assisted in that respect. This month therefore promises to be the tightest of the year in a financial sense, although banks have plenty of funds if there was any movement to bring them into circulation. Rates of discount hang steadily at 7 to 8 per cent., and good trade paper is eagerly taken at the former figure. In real estate mortgage loan business there has been a decided slacking up during the past two weeks, and with the present crop outlook an early improvement is not very probable. Many farmers who were talking of loans to make improvements have now decided to hang back, and more may follow their example. City business is scarcely heard from, and is not expected at present. The interest rate on farm lands is steady at 8 per cent., although there are rumors of some companies having shaded that figure in good sized loans.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The past week has been a decidedly blue one in wholesale circles, and its business results have been far from satisfactory. In every staple branch except those of food products the feeling has been decidedly quiet, and even in the lines connected with such products there has been only a steady and by no means heavy volume of business done, without the slightest approach to rush being heard of. Only in a few minor branches has any activity been reported, while in some branches of season goods which were fairly active in June a monotonous quietness now reigns. This is specially the case with branches dependent upon building and outdoor contracts, which were more or less rushed in the early part of June. In most lines of season goods the summer business is past, and no life is expected until the sending out of fall stocks commences, and that will not be for over a month. The most discouraging symptom of the week has been the cancelling of considerable portions of their orders for fall goods by some country merchants, who judge that the crop prospect foreshadows the wisdom of carrying a light stock next fall and winter. Another very discouraging symptom has been the irregularity as well as the slenderness of cash returns. Taken altogether, therefore, the week has been quieter than might even be expected at this time of the year.

CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS.

The report from these branches is anything but hopeful. Sales have dropped to a very

low ebb both for present wants and for fall delivery. To make matters worse, instructions for the cancelling of orders have been received both by Winnipeg and eastern houses, indicating that the fall trade is likely to be a very poor one. The report on collections is also rather discouraging, the proportion of paper met on the fourth being the smallest of any fourth during the past twelve months or more.

FURS.

The receipts during the week have been fairly liberal, although there have not been many of the large lots which were coming in a month ago. Prices have not changed to any perceptible extent, and the results of Lambson's June sales in London showed no marked variation from prices secured there in March, except in mink, which showed the greatest decline. The following may therefore be taken as the ranges of prices from poor to prime skins: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black bear, \$1.50 to \$2; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1 to \$5 silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin.

FRUITS.

Business has been moving along steadily during the week, with about a normal volume of sales. Water melons are beginning to arrive in car lots, and California peaches, pears and plums are again on the market. Southern potatoes are also arriving in car lots, but no steady quotations of these goods can be had as yet. Quotations have been as follows: Lemons—360 count boxes, \$7 to \$7.50; in 300 counts, \$7 to \$7.50; Oranges—Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, \$6.50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Fananas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$3.50; onions—Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$3.25; figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in 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., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; eggs—fresh, per doz., 14c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

Business has been steady and if anything a little more active since our last report. Sugars still keep up in price, and may advance more. A big drop in Ric, Coffees in New York was rumored, but it turned out to be only a decline of one cent. Canned fruits are still quoted away up, and eastern packers are a little reticent about quoting prices of new season's goods. Quotations stand: Sugars, yellows, 9 to 9½c; granulated, 10½ to 10¾c; lumps, 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c;

Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 26c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 60c to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52½; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

These branches are reported decidedly quiet, and in heavies last week was probably the quietest of the season. Since the changes noted in last report there have been no new ones, and prices stands as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 2 inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Receipts of hides have dropped to a very low ebb, and prices which are unchanged, are in a great measure nominal. Wool has been coming in quite freely, and prices are somewhat higher. Quotations are: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.; wool, low grades, 9 to 9½c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

LUMBER.

Business is still active at the mills, but the local trade is quiet. Prices at the mill are steady and as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 19, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding