

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs so far as trade is concerned have been moving along lazily during the past week, and even the fourth, which came on Wednesday, was scarcely distinguishable from any other day, and passed over in the most uneventful manner. The quantity of trade paper now in the banks is down to low water mark, and the volume coming in is in no way adding to it. In fact the slowest time of the year has been reached, and a month will pass before any activity will be apparent. Bankers are not at all disappointed at this state of affairs, and are quite hopeful in feeling, the wonderful progress of the crops during the past two weeks having made a hopeful feeling general with business men. The cash returns from the country have also improved somewhat of late, although they are still rather slow, and have added to the hopeful feeling. There is no change in the discount rate, 8 per cent. being the general figure for good paper and 7 for gilt edge. In mortgage loans business has been rather quiet, and until harvest is considered safe, the feeling will doubtless continue, but a lively demand for farm loans is looked forward to during the coming fall. The rate of interest is nominal at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Another very quiet week has been experienced in wholesale trade circles in the city. The holiday on Monday broke into the week to some extent, and that combined with the usual quietness at this time of year, rendered the volume of business transacted very small. The quietness extended to nearly all branches of wholesale trade, whilst retail business in the city was also slow. Agricultural implement dealers report a very prosperous business, some houses already being well cleaned up in mowers and binders. The sales of such machinery will be large this season. Sales are also being made on shorter time and for a greater proportion of cash than has been usual heretofore. With the favorable crop outlook, a satisfactory feeling prevails as to the immediate future prospects.

CANNED GOODS.

Prices are generally steady. Quotations are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7. to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$3.50; pears, \$3.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations are given as follows: Dates, golden 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Trade, as may be expected, at this season, is fairly active. Quotations are as follows: Rhodi oranges, 200 to 220 count, \$3.50 to \$9.00; Messina lemons, \$3 to \$9; New apples, \$1 per

1 bushel box and \$7.50 per barrel; bananas, \$3.50 to \$5 per bunch; pineapples, \$3.75 to \$2.50 per doz.; cucumbers, 60c per doz.; tomatoes, 1 bushel boxes, \$1.50 to \$1.75; water-melons, \$6.00 per dozen; new cabbage, 5 1/2c per pound or \$6 per crate; California fruit: Peaches \$3 per box; apricots, \$3 per box; pears, \$5 to \$7.50 per box; plums, \$3.50 to \$4 per box; Bermuda onions, \$4.50 per box of 50 lbs.; Southern onions, \$8.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, 1/2 gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl. 32 gallons, \$14.00; in 1/2 barrels, \$7.50.

FURS.

In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 primeskin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.35; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 13c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 75, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

GROCERIES.

The boom in speculative coffee markets is one of the recent features of the trade. At New York, June Rio was bid up from 12 1/2 to 20c, owing to a corner having been successfully worked in the option. The advance being a purely speculative one, it will not likely greatly effect the market. There has been a firmer tendency to the outside sugar markets. Owing to the improving statistical position of raw sugar and increasing demand for refined. A New York report says: Total stock in United States is 195,219 tons, against 233,887 tons at same time last year, which was the highest stock reached during the entire year. It is probable that the stock will not rise this year much, if any above present figures. All the figures seem to point to higher prices for both raw and refined, but every effort is put forth by buyers to prevent the natural improvement, and thus far with much success. European markets are firm and advancing. Quotations are: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7 1/2c; bright yellow, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c; granulated, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees—Rios, from 18 to 22c; 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, 26 to

50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W. butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeyaukle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 7, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES.

Notwithstanding the efforts put forth it that direction, there seems to be a great deal of ignorance among shippers as to the proper mode of handling hides. A great many of the hides arriving are greatly deteriorated or entirely ruined in value, through careless handling. Hides have been shipped in without salting, whilst others roll them up immediately after salting, instead of allowing them to remain a few days spread out. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 60c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 2c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Ingot tin is reported lower, and tin plates are also easier. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12. to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 35 to 37c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 3/4; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.00 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 1/2 to 7c.

LUMBER.

Following are the list prices, f. o. b. at Rat Portage, Keetwatin and Norman:—Dimension—2x4 to 8x8, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$15; 2x10 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do, 10 and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and siding, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$15.50, dressed, \$16.50; 2nd common rough \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10; dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17; 8 inch, \$16.50. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$31; 2nd, do, \$26; 3rd, do, \$20; 4th, do, \$17; 1st, 5 inch, \$31; 2nd, do, \$26; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16; 1st, 4 inch, \$31; 2nd do, \$26; 3rd do, \$18; 4th do, \$15; 8 and 10 inch flooring, at \$1 per M advance. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding—No. 1, 1st siding 1/2 in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, do, \$17. Siding—B, \$35; C, \$30; D, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$32; 3rd, \$28. 1 1/2, 1 1/2, and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$35; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts; Parting Strips, do, 50 cts; 1/2 round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 60 cts. Casing—4 inch, 0