

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is no change to report as yet in connection with monetary affairs in the city, and the same sleepy feeling is prevalent at the banks. With the opening of the month there has been a slight increase in the quantity of paper going to discount, but this increase has been very trifling, and with the close of the week the aggregate of commercial paper held by the banks was probably lower, than at any other time during the past three years. There is still some renewing and patching up until after harvest, but with that included commercial business is very slender in volume. Saturday was the fourth, and although no full report of the day's business has been received at this office, the indications up to that day were, that it would be without any feature worthy of note. The discount rates are unchanged being 8 per cent. with 7 for gilt edge paper. In real estate mortgage loans, business is quiet, owing entirely to the anxiety about the coming harvest. Once that is satisfied there is every prospect of the liveliest demand for farm loans that has been since the days of boom. As a consequence loan agents are not only satisfied but buoyant. The interest rate on loans of that class is nominal at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

A quiet feeling, usually apparent at this season of the year, continues to prevail in many branches of wholesal trade. Though the crop outlook may be considered as favorable, yet there is some indisposition to place large orders for fall stocks until the crop is actually assured. Some who ordered pretty large stocks last season, are now conservative about placing orders for fall goods, preferring rather to trust to duplicating orders later on, if necessary. This is more apparent in textile branches. The lumber trade is one of the most active branches. In this line, whilst the city trade is considerably behind last year, owing to lighter building operations, the country business is decidedly active and largely in excess of last year. This would show that building operations in the country are being carried on on a much larger scale than last year. Some delay has been experienced by manufacturers, in obtaining cars as fast as required to make shipments, and this has brought in a number of complaints from country points of short stocks.

DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; 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 \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Oranges are about out of the market and no more expected for a few days. Blueberries have been coming in in immense quantities,

and prices have rapidly declined from 15c at the opening of the crop to 5c per pound. A car of melons was received and sold out rapidly, and more are now in stock. Apples are plentiful and easier in price. Quotations are as follows: Messina lemons, \$8 to \$8.50; apples, per barrel, as to quality, \$5 to \$6.50; bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch; cucumbers, 60c per doz.; tomatoes, 1/2 bushel boxes, \$1.50; do bushel boxes \$3.50; watermelons, \$5.50 to \$7.50 per doz; California fruit:—Peaches, \$3 per box; pears, \$3.50 per box; plums, \$3.00 per box; blueberries easy at about 5c per pound; 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.

GROCERIES.

The strong tone in sugar markets continues. Stocks of sugar were rather light in the city. Reports from outside markets note the better feeling in teas as continuing. Prices are: Sugars, yellows, 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c as to color, granulated, firm at 9c; lumps, to 9 3/4c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; 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; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 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.

CANNED GOODS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) 3lbs., \$8.25; 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) \$8.75; pears, \$8.75; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$7.75.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged as follows: California evaporated peaches, 20 to 35c; do. plums, 20c; do. raspberries, 38c; do. pitted cherries, 25c; do. blackberries, 16c; do. apricots, 23c. Other prices are: 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.

HIDES.

Prices are unchanged as follows: 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.

Trade is rather quiet and only light orders coming in. Quotations are as follows:

Cut nails, 10-l 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, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6 1/2 to 7c

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are unchanged 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; Boardon kip, 76c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

LUMBER.

Complaints have been made from several country points as to scarcity of lumber and difficulty of getting in stocks. This shortage of stocks, investigation shows, is caused by the inability of manufacturers to obtain cars to make shipments promptly rather than to any shortage in stocks at the mill. It appears that the railway company will not send empty cars east of Winnipeg, and the mills on the Lake of the Woods have to trust to getting cars from empties passing westward from Port Arthur. This sometimes causes delay. The high water on the Lake of the Woods and the sweeping away of the boom on the Rainy river has caused a great deal of delay to the mills, and will materially shorten the cut for the season. It is said that out of the 20,000,000 feet of logs carried into the lake by the bursting of the boom, not more than from one-quarter to one-half will be recovered, and that at considerable expense and loss of time. This disaster, together with the increased demand for lumber this season, will keep stocks on the light side this summer, and if the demand keeps as good as at present the mills will close down for the winter with decidedly light stocks. The lumber to be had now is about all green, that is this year's cut, old stocks of dry being about nil. A new price list went into force on Wednesday, which makes a general advance of about \$1 per M in dimension, boards and ship-lap. In siding ceiling and flooring \$2 per M reduction has been made on 1st and \$1 reduction on 2nd, whilst 3rd and 4th have been advanced \$1 per M. The revised list is as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, 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 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, 1st in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$21; 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. Ship-lap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17.