

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Signs are plentiful that the long continued dullness in financial affairs in the city is almost at an end. This month opens up with a better demand for general trade discounts, and the volume of such paper coming to the banks has been on the increase for a few days. Still there is room for further improvement, and hope that this month will bring it. The first calls for funds for crop handling have been made, and within three weeks they will be numerous as well as heavy. Banks are rather anxious to get all the funds possible out into legitimate channels here during the coming fall and winter, as the feeling in the east and especially in Ontario is not too confident as yet. There will therefore be ample funds at their disposal, and doubtless heavy demands for the same. The feeling of confidence is becoming more fixed every day, and it is expected that a 7 per cent. rate of discount will soon be general instead of being as at present only conceded to the best accounts. In real estate mortgage loans the lull is not yet broken much, and until absolute reports from crops are available, no movement of any consequence will be made. Enough is already known to foreshadow a good farm loan business, and a good gathering up of due and overdue payments. The interest rate is nominal at 8 per cent. with funds available at 7 for first-class city loans if they are called for.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The feeling in city trade circles last week was somewhat mixed, owing to the uncertainties of the situation regarding the crop outlook. The weather was not as uniformly favorable as during the previous week, and this, together with the somewhat contradictory reports from the country as to the condition of the crops, caused some to take a less hopeful view of trade prospects for the future. Others, however, took a more cheerful view of things, and maintained that everything was all right, and the outlook all that could be desired. As to actual business, a quiet feeling generally prevailed in most branches, and with harvesting operations going on actively throughout the country, this quiet condition is expected to rule for the next few weeks. Fruits presented a notable exception to the general rule, this branch being quite active.

DRY GOODS.

There is very little demand for immediate requirements in the dry goods and clothing branches. Fall and winter stocks are going out rather slowly. The leading feature of interest to the trade is the break in the cotton combination. Owing to the withdrawal of the St. Croix mill, the grey goods section of the cotton combine has been broken up. Mills will now be free to act as they choose, and some changes in prices may result.

DRUGS.

Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; 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, \$1.50 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, \$1.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Business has been very active in this branch, and the market has been well stocked with fruits, specially California varieties, which are selling at lower prices than usual. Oranges were nearly out of the market, and lemons were scarce. Watermelons were also getting low in stock. Apples have sold freely, and stock are generally full and of good quality. Quotations are as follows: Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8; apples, per barrel, as to quality, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch; tomatoes, 1/2 bushel boxes, \$2.00; do bushel baskets \$5; watermelons, \$4.80 per doz; California fruit:—peaches, \$2 per box; pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; plums, \$2.00 per box; blueberries, 4 to 5c per pound; Native black currants 90c to \$1 per pail; California grapes, 1/2 crates, \$3.50; Concord grapes, 8 lb. baskets, \$1.25; Rhodi oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.50 box; Southern onions, \$3.00 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, \$13.00; in 1/2 barrels, \$6.50.

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, 8c per lb, in 50 lb boxes; Valencia raisins, \$3.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencia's, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box; Malages, 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.

GROCERIES.

Sugars keep firm. The new St. Lawrence sugar refinery has resumed business and joined the refiners' agreement, which works in unison with the wholesale grocers' guild, so that there is no further fear of a reduction in prices from this source. The crop of Rio coffee is reported considerably larger than earlier estimates, and prices are not so strong. Teas are generally firmer, and cable advices report that earlier crop estimates for Japan and Amoy were excessive. Prices steady as follows: 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, 56c 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; Brunette Solace, 12s, 43c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine, 75c in five-gallon cans, or 70c in barrels; harness oil \$1.00; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 68c per gallon; boiled, 70c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1 castor, 12 1/2c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, puro, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 31c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$3 per case or 20 pkgs.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., \$4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50; vintage 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50 Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.5 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19. v. s. o. p., \$22.

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; Bourdon 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.

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.

THE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

The weather last week continued very favorable for harvesting operations. Since harvesting commenced the weather has been clear and dry, and the grain is being gathered in good condition. For grain which is yet on the green side, the weather last week was not so favorable as during the previous week, and on one evening the temperature got down to the frost line. Harvesting was going on pretty generally throughout the country, and in some district was well advanced, though in other sections of the country there is yet a good deal of grain which is on the green side. The cold spell about the middle of August is still the theme of much discussion and controversy. Though several of the principal wheat districts entirely escaped damage at that time, yet in other sections it is now believed that a good deal of grain