

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is nothing new to be said of the situation financially. All around there appears to be the same disposition to grumble about slowness in collections, and in trade circles generally closeness is the rule. This subject, however, is becoming tiresome, and at present it does not appear as if there is any immediate prospect of an opportunity for changing the tune. At the banks there is nothing unusual to note, business being of the ordinary nature, and discount rates steady. In loans on real property, the loan companies are doing considerable business in advances on farm lands.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was a quiet one in commercial circles throughout the province. Farmers were busy seeding, and had no time to visit the towns, consequently country points, depending on farmers trade mostly, were very quiet. In the city the week was broken by Good Friday holiday, which helped to make things appear quieter. Trade, however, was reported as fairly active in a number of wholesale branches, a good business being done in fruits, lumber, and building supplies, hardware, etc. The spring rush is now over with the implement dealers, but they are looking for a heavy trade in harvest goods later on. Textile goods are commencing to show a better demand. Prices have held steady in most branches.

## FRUITS—GREEN.

Dealers report business active. Apples are in fair supply, but the quality is often unsatisfactory. Oranges and lemons plentiful, at easy prices. There is not much green stuff handled yet, though small lots are being brought in, at irregular prices. Rubarb, or pie plant, is offered at 10c per pound, with easier tendency. Prices are: Good to choice apples, in good condition, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel. Messina lemons are quoted at \$5.00 to \$5.50 per box. Messina oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. California fancy Riverside seedless oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$6.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.00 to \$4.50 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at about \$16 per keg. Cranberries are quoted \$7 to \$8.00 per barrel for sound fresh fruit. Southern red onions, \$1.25 per crate of 50 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.50 per crate of about 50 pounds. Cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon. New maple sugar, cakes, 13 to 14c per lb. Maple syrup, in tins or bulk, \$1.25 per gallon.

## FISH.

Plenty of fresh Red River fish are in the market, but several of these are not favorite varieties. There are no Lake Superior or Lake Winnipeg fish except old frozen lots, which are not of choice quality. No fresh caught fish will be in from the lakes for some few weeks yet. Some B. C. salmon are now in the market. Prices are: Red River fish, gold eyes, 12½c per dozen; pickerel, 3c lb.; sturgeon, 5c lb.; cat fish 3c lb.; buffalo fish, 2c lb. Frozen Lake Winnipeg white, 7c lb; frozen Lake Superior trout, 7c lb. Fresh B. C. salmon, 15c lb. Cured fish are quoted: Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8c per lb; in boxes of from 25 to 40 lbs.

7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$3.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bloaters, \$1.40.

## GROCERIES.

Outside sugar markets have continued strong and excited, and several further advances are reported in foreign markets and at domestic refineries. Scotch markets have advanced from one to two shillings per 100 lbs. and Canadian refiners about ½c per pound. Quotations here are: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9½ to 9¾c; lumps 9½ to 9¾c. 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. 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; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

It is not thought that the opening of navigation will make any important changes in quotations, as the firm tendency of prices in outside markets will about counterbalance any reductions in summer freights. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$8.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 32½c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

## HIDES AND TALLOW.

The hide market continues very dull and prices low, owing to the weak and unsatisfactory state of outside markets. Dealers here claim that they are paying big prices, in comparison with ruling prices at Chicago, Toronto and other markets. One feature is that kips are almost unsaleable, owing to the extensive use of sheepskin for purposes for which kips were formerly used. Prices here are unchanged, as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 2½c; No. 3, 2c. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 20c each. Sheepskins 25 to 55c as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are: Turpentine, \$1.09 in five-gallon cans, or 95c in barrels; harness oil \$1; neatfoot 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, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oil, Bocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; pure white lead, \$7.50; genuine do. \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.15. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

## GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

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## WHEAT.

Farmers continued to prosecute seeding operations vigorously all last week and reports were coming in from some points that the wheat crop in such districts was all sown. A good many farmers will now be sowing their other crops. A very heavy wind prevailed on Saturday, April 13th in the western portion of the wheat district, and on Sunday it reached the eastern district of Manitoba. Fears were expressed that the wind might do some damage on light soil, but so far no very definite reports to this effect have been received. A rain followed the wind storm, amounting to heavy showers in some districts, but lighter in the eastern section.

## FLOUR.

Prices have shown no further change since our last report, and hold as follows:—Patents, \$3.00; strong bakers, \$2.80; snowflake, \$2.70; XXXX, \$2.30; second bakers, \$2.55 to \$2.65; superfine, \$1.65; middlings, \$3.00; Graham flour, \$2.80.

## MILLSTUFFS

Prices hold unchanged at £10 per ton for bran, and \$12 per ton for shorts, with \$1 per ton advance asked for small lots.

## OATS

There is very little movement in this grain, and prices are irregular. About 31 to 32c seems to be the value of car lots on track here.

## OAT AND CORNMEAL, ETC.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: \$2.60 for standard oatmeal and 2.75 for granulated per hundred. Rolled oats, 30 pound sacks, \$3. Cornmeal was held at \$2 per hundred. Pot barley is held at \$2.75, and pearl barley at \$3.25 per sack.

## CHEESE.

Dull at about 10½c. in jobbing lots.

## BUTTER.

Receipts continue light, and the quantity of new butter coming in is small. Prices hold at about 20 to 21c for good to choice in small lots.

## EGGS.

Dealers were trying to get a little better prices for eggs last week, perhaps on account of its being Eastern week, but with the stocks held it was difficult to advance prices. As high as 13c per dozen, in single case lots was quoted, but not often obtained, most sales being made at about 12c, and some at 12½c, in case lots. Receipts were not quite as large last week, and there was good demand from packers for large lots, but not at over 11c per dozen.

## LARD.

Home rendered is usually held at \$2.40 in 20 lb. pails, and Chicago at \$2.35.

## CURED MEATS.

Prices are fairly firm and quoted as follows: Mess pork, \$19 per bbl; long clear dry salt bacon, 10½c per lb; smoked breakfast bacon, 13½ to 14c; rolls, 12½c; hams, 14 to 14½c; pork sausage, 9c per lb. Bologna sausage, 8c per lb. For smoked meats, sales at close cash prices are being made at ½ to ¾c per pound under above quotations.

## DRESSED MEATS.

There is a plentiful supply of good to choice beef in the market. Fancy prices are not being obtained for choice Easter beef, owing to the cutting among wholesale butchers. On this account the business has been rendered unsatisfactory and unprofitable. It is said that choice beef, bought to sell at 8c by the carcass, dressed, has been selling at 7c per pound. At any rate rate, 7c seems to be about the usual price, and really choice beef has sold freely at this figure,