

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

At the banks last week there was a fair demand for funds from grain circles, though from this source the call was not quite as active as during the previous week, and has not yet reached anything like the proportion expected. A really active business of this nature can hardly be expected, however, until grain shipments commence to go out a good deal faster than they yet have done. Commercial transactions have not been of a very large aggregate, as is usually the case toward the close of the month, and discounts of this nature have held steady at old rates of from 7 per cent for first class security, to 10 per cent for promiscuous. There have been a fair number of calls for funds from miscellaneous sources, mainly in the way of winding up operations for the season in building and contracting undertakings. Payments of interest for loans advanced on farm property are commencing to come in more freely, but there is little new business doing of this nature. On city properties some few loans are being made.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

There has been but very little change in the situation during the past week in comparison with the previous week. Taken altogether there has been a quieter feeling, and since the work of sending out fall stocks has been completed the situation has been rather uninteresting and somewhat slow in many branches of trade. In such lines as dry goods, clothing, etc. a cold spell of weather would soon induce a heavier movement, but until we have something of this nature business will continue slow, and the sorting season will not set in actively. Other branches of trade have remained very much as they were. Reports from outside markets generally show a large volume of trade for the fall season, and prices at mills and factories hold firm and with an upward tendency. Especially is this true of textile fabrics, which are said to have advanced as much as 20 per cent for orders now taken ahead.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

The usual quiet at this season of the year now reigns undisturbed, and but for the efforts made in the way of collections, there would be nothing at all to report. Payments, though not made as promptly as might be desired, are usually met in a fairly satisfactory manner for the season.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Occasional orders keep dropping in, but sorting trade has not opened out to any great extent as yet, the weather not being as favorable as it might be for the boot and shoe trade. A little more wet and muddy weather is what dealers would prefer, to cause a run on their stocks.

## CLOTHING

The past week has been rather quiet in this branch. Sorting trade has not opened out very briskly yet, and an active movement of this nature is not expected before colder weather sets in, which would cause a run upon the stocks of retailers for winter clothing; and in turn start a movement of the wholesale sorting trade.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

Whilst the call is not of a decidedly active

nature, yet it is fairly good for the season and dealers are not disposed to grumble. Collections also are about as good as could be expected.

## DRY GOODS

This leading branch is also influenced to some extent by the weather, and the advent of a cold snap is now awaited to start up the sorting trade. In the meantime the situation continues rather quiet since fall orders have all been cleaned up. At the manufactories the feeling remains firm. The mills are said to be well ordered ahead, and at advanced prices. Orders for spring goods have already been placed with the manufacturers, at an advance as high as 20 per cent. in some lines, it is said, notably in some lines of tweeds. Collections here only fair.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

In this branch trade continues steady and fairly active. Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; 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, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES

The features in connection with this branch noted last week, continue without any changes worthy of note.

## FURS

There is nothing special to note, and the season has not yet opened for actual buying to any extent. We repeat quotations as a forecast of probable opening prices: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20.00; bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to 90c; martin, per skin, 60c to \$2.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$3.00; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 5c.

## FISH AND GAME

The supply of game is still scarce. Fish are in plentiful supply for both fresh and salt water varieties. Oysters are now offered in bulk or cans. Quotations are: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickarel, 3c; salmon, 18c; cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c; Halibut, 17c; Flounders, 15c. Oysters, standards, 45c per can; selects, 55c per can; bulk oysters, \$2.35 to \$2.65 per gal.

## FRUITS

Winter apples are now in the market, though stocks are not full yet. Balance of stocks of fall apples are being run off at almost any price, according to quality. Crab apples very scarce and not in the market in quantities. Ontario grapes about out of the market. Quotations are as follows: Jamaica oranges, in barrels, \$14 per barrel. Winter apples, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per bbl, for good stock. California pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; Lemons, \$10.50 to \$11.00. California, Muskat and Tokay grapes, \$6.00 to \$7.00 per crate of 40 lbs; Malaga grapes, \$8.50 per keg; Ontario grapes

5c to 10c; Cranberries, \$12 per bbl; Figs, 50lb sacks, 12½c; Golden dates, 10c; peanuts, roasted, 17c; peanuts, raw, at 15c; walnuts, at 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$2.50; London layers \$3.00 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel; sweet potatoes, \$8.25 per barrel.

## FUEL

No change to report as yet. Quotations are to some extent nominal as follows: tamarac on track in round lots \$3.25 to \$3.50; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50; bituminous \$6.85; and Lethbridge at \$6.50 on track.

## FURNITURE

About the usual steady trade doing in this line, with the feeling rather quiet.

## GROCERIES

Prices here rule steady at quotations, and with trade moving about as usual. Prices are: Canned tomatoes, at \$3.50; corn \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$3.75; yellow sugar 6½ to 7c; granulated 7½ to 8c; lump sugar, 9 to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java, 28c, other Javas, 22c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 30c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2.00; T. & B. tobacco, \$10.

## HIDES

Quotations are unchanged and are as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; cal, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tal low 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS

The movement in this branch during the past week has been steady, with a lighter demand for heavy hardware. The discontinuation of work for the season on several railway extensions has probably influenced the trade to some extent. Metals is said to be generally firmer at outside centres, but here prices have not changed. Quotations are as follows, Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Trade continues steady and in fair volume and prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 23 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebbie, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.