

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs have not shown much tendency to increased activity during the past week, although there has been a revival in the demand for small mortgage loans by farmers, and there will in all probability be further increase in these during the present week, now that seeding operations are over, and the prospect is sufficiently good to warrant farmers in making some permanent improvements. Loans on city real estate are still few and far between, except arrivals and in instances where companies have made sales of property left on their hands, and these have been on the increase during the last month. The interest on business loans has been nearly all 9 per cent straight, and there has been no first-class city business to call for lower rates. At the banks business has been a little quiet as it usually is near the close of the month, but with renewals and part renewals of trade paper the volume of discounts has been kept considerably above what it usually is at this slow time of the year. With the opening of June the last of the purchases of spring goods will go into paper, and that will cause a little spurt at the banks for a few days. On all sides the feeling is one of easy confidence, and there has been nothing to make a change in discount rates which range from 7 to 8 per cent for good choice trade paper.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade of the city has been moving along with a steady gait during the week, but there has been no marked increase of sales in any particular branch. The most marked improvement has been in season lines of goods, and even in these the bulk of the heavy purchases have been by city retailers, and they have bought cautiously. As yet the country trade has been light, and wholesalers have been inclined not to press sales to country dealers, but leave them to see more clearly their probable wants for the coming fall trade. There has been a fair sorting trade in summer lines, and travellers going out this week will carry samples for the sorting trade. In heavies and other lines dependant upon building and contracting the movement is still far from as brisk as the trade desire. There has, however, been a slight increase in the volume of sales, compared with that of the previous week. In food products and other lines of everyday consumption there is very little if any change to note. Wholesalers are not anxious to force sales unless to first-class men, and such are not inclined to buy, only as immediate wants compel them. The volume of sales is thus held down considerably, and it is likely to be held, until cash returns from the country are much better than they are as yet. On this head there is still some grumbling to be heard, although the feeling all round is one of much greater confidence than it was a month ago.

## DRUGS.

There is no change to note and prices held steady as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4250 \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; 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; American blue vitriol, 10 to 12c.

## DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

During the week there has been a moderate sorting trade doing, but the volume has not been so heavy as at this time last year, and has certainly fallen short of the calculations of a month ago. However, with a continuation of warm weather, this week will make a better showing. City buyers have been buying more freely from fall and winter samples, but still show a cautious tendency. Only a few country dealers have made fall purchases during the week, but these few act with much more confidence than was displayed by buyers three weeks ago. The worst feature of the trade is still in connection with collections, which continue to come in very slowly, and in a very slender volume.

## DRIED FRUITS.

The supply of evaporated fruits is getting very low in the city, and there is an unwillingness to import much at present advanced prices asked at central markets. Prices here hold firm, and should importations have to be made quotations would go still higher. Present figures are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do.  $\frac{1}{2}$  boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.70 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.00 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c per lb.; evaporated apples, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; choice new Elemo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elemo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 21 to 23c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 14c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 10c per lb.; nectarines, 20 to 23c.

## FISH.

The demand is light, and the variety unchanged since our last report. Prices are: Salmon, 15c a pound; cod, 8c; jackfish, 1c; pickerel 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 keg.

## GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

The volume of sales has increased materially with the advent of warm weather. Stocks in the city are liberal, and prices scarcely changed. Apples are now practically out of the market. Quotations are as follows: Messina lemons, 360 size, \$5.50 to \$6.00 a box for fancy; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50; 300 size, fancy, \$5.50 to \$6.00; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Messina oranges, in half boxes, fancy, 100 to 110 size, \$3.00 to \$3.25; choice Sorrento oranges, in boxes, 200 to 220, \$5.50 to \$5.75. California oranges, fancy seedlings, 128 size, \$4 to \$4.25; 150 size, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 176 size \$4.50 to \$4.74; navels, 128 to 176 size, \$5.25 to \$5.50; bloods, 200 to 300 sizes, \$6.50 to \$7. Bananas are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.75, or bunch. Pine apples \$3 to \$3.50 per dozen. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound. Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicilian filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts per hundred \$9; hickory nuts 10c per pound; pecans, large polished, per lb 17c.

## GROCERIES.

No change to report in this branch. Business is worked on the hand to mouth principle. Prices are steady as follows: Sugars, yellow, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; lump, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Coffee, green,—Rio, from 22 to 23c;

Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government, 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 35 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 25 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 55c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnetto Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchon, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$30; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Scudaa Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

## HARDWARE.

There has been a slight increase in the volume of sales during last week, and the trade are more hopeful, than they were two weeks ago. Prices of most staples are stiff, although they have not in most cases moved upward in sympathy with outside markets. Prices stand as follows so far, but advances are possible any day: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30; L. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade 1.; C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  inch, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; 2 inch, 23c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  nett.

## LUMBER.

The week has developed a good steady demand with a fair volume of sales. There is no sign, however, of any rush. Prices are steady, the quotations at the different mills on the Lake of the Woods are as follows: Dimension: 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do. 10, 18 and 20 ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap: 10in, \$16; 8in, \$15.50; 8 and 10in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring. 1st, 6in, \$29, 2nd, 6in, \$25. 3rd, 6in, \$21; 4th, 6in, \$18; 1st, 5in, \$29; 2nd, 5in, \$25; 3rd, 5in, \$20; 4th, 5in, \$17; 1st, 4in, \$29; 2nd, 4in, \$25; 3rd, 4in, \$19; 4th, 4in, \$16; \$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,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  and 2in): 1st and 2nd clear, \$45; 3rd clear, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd clear, \$32; No. 1 stock, \$35; No 2 do. \$30; No 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft lineal, \$1; parting strips, do. 60c; 1 round and cove, do., 75c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100 ft