

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The excitement consequent to the federal elections superceded all other matters last week. Consequently there was very little news to report in business matters. The situation in money matters is unchanged and there is a slowly developing easier feeling financially. Wholesale trade was very quiet and prices unchanged.

DRUGS.

Movement fair and prices as follows:—Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65; English camphor, 75 to 80; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$4.25; 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 vitrol, 7½ to 9½c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Demand steady and prices unchanged. Quotations here being as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Valencia layers, \$2.75; currants, 7c; figs, cooking in bags, 6½c, in boxes, 7c; choice, 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Klime figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 10½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 2½c; peeled peaches, 35c; pitted plums, 22c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8½ to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahiti, \$5.

GREEN FRUIT.

Oranges are in good supply, with the season for Florida drawing toward a close and lower. Southern apples are being brought in as required, and hold at old prices. Few eastern apples offered. Fancy apples are held at \$8 per barrel, with less desirable stock selling at \$7.50 and even \$7, as to quality. Mexican oranges are held at \$6 to \$6.50, and Floridas at \$4.50 per box in 128 size, and \$5 in 150 to 200 size. Lemons are quotable at \$5.50 to \$6. per box. Malaga grapes, in 55 lbs kegs at \$13 per keg. Cranberries are scarce. A few were offered at \$11.50 per barrel.

GROCERIES.

The sugar market continues strong, and teas have an upward tendency where there are any changes. Prices here are: Sugars—Yellow, 6 to 6½c; Granulated, 7½c. Coffees, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c, Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honey-suckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 69c; Anchor, 69c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, 40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00; Commercial

Traveller, \$25. Spolia selecta, \$55; Selects, \$45; Columbia, Canucks, \$40; Darby, \$36; Sports, \$3. 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.

Business has not looked up yet in this branch. Prices are: Cut nails, 10½ and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to 5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 16½c; 2½ inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6c net.

LIQUORS.

Prices are: Whiskies—Canadian rye in barrels, \$1.85 per gallon; do five year old, \$2.40; do seven year old, \$2.80; Club in cases, \$9; Mackie's pure Scotch whiskeys, Islay Blend, in cases of 12 bottles, \$9.50; do Rare Old Special, \$11; do Pure Lagavulin, 10 years old, \$11.50. Brandies—Cognac in bulk, \$4 per gallon; in cases, \$9; do Martel and Hennessy, in cases, \$14; do V. O. \$20. Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$12 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7 per case; Tom gin, \$9 to \$10.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business is quiet. Prices are: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 79c; boiled, 82c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a wt; Elephant genuine white lead, \$7.25; Elephant, No. 1, do, \$6.40; Bull's Head, do, \$6.00; Royal Crown, do, \$5.00; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.50; Railroad, \$6.25; Red Star, \$5.50; Calsomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6, per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

There has not been much movement yet, though business is slowly improving. Prices are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoes uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 per doz.; long straw, \$33 per doz.; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$25.00 per doz.; do., wool face, \$27.

NUTS AND SWEETS.

Pecans are costing higher for good stock. Prices are: Taragona almonds, per lb. 20c; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicily filberts, large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginias, green, per lb. 15c; do, roasted, 17c; pecans, large, polished, per lb. 20c; cocoanuts, per hundred, \$9 to \$10. Candy in pails, 12 to 16c per pound. Maple sugar, 13c, maple syrup, \$1.25 gallon.

RAW FURS.

The New York Fur Trade Review in its last

issue says: "There has been an unusually good demand this season for raw furs at firm and advancing prices; the inquiry has been principally shown by local furriers, the leading article required being selected black skunk; fine skins have brought an average of \$1.75; some sales have been made above this figure, but they are limited in numbers. Mink is steadily advancing in favor, and is now in active request at prices ruling two years ago. The indications are that this excellent article will do better the coming season than in many years past, proving the correctness of our predictions of the past eighteen months or more. Muskrat and beaver sell very well at high prices. Raccoon in medium grades is abundant; large rough skins are, as usual, offered in limited supply. In imported furs the articles selling last season will be in request." Interest is now turned toward the London March sales, which commence this week. The following quotations represent a very fair range of values in Winnipeg, per skin, the wide range given covering values for poor to prime skins: Badger, from 5 to 80c; bear, black, 50c to \$28; do brown, 50c to \$25; do grizzly, \$1 to \$15; beaver, 50c to 8.25; castor, \$2.50 to \$4 per pound; ermines, 1c to 2c; fisher, \$1.50 to \$7.00; fox, cross, 75c to \$6; fox, kit, 10c to 45c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.70; fox, silver, \$5 to \$65; lynx, 25c to \$3.50; marten, 75c to \$2.00; mink 5c to 90c; musquash, 3c to 12½c; otter, \$1.50 to \$9.00; raccoon, 50c to 85; skunk, 5c to 35c; wolf, large, \$1.50 to \$2.25; wolf, small, 25c to 80c; wolverines, \$2 to \$4.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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WHEAT.

There was no change in the general wheat situation the first two days of the week. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a very small increase and receipts were large, Minneapolis and Duluth getting 365 cars against 234 cars a year ago. It is reported that considerable Pacific coast wheat is arriving at Minneapolis, which helps to keep up the large receipts there. On Wednesday there was a sharp bulge in wheat, prices at Chicago advancing on that day about 2½c. The strong upward tendency in corn and oats seemed to have at last produced a market effect on wheat. Cables were ½ higher, and crop damage news helped on the bulge. Shorts became frightened and began to cover. The bulge kept up on Thursday, but there was a sharp decline, which dissipated the gain of the day and part of Wednesday's advance also. There were sharp upward spurts on Friday, principally due to European crop reports.

In Manitoba the political excitement consequent to a general election contest culminating about the middle of the week, has for the time overshadowed all other matters. Deliveries of wheat, however kept up fairly well, and the bulge in prices in outside markets somewhat stimulated prices here. The average price to farmers in Manitoba country markets, for best samples, equal to about No. 2 hard, is not far from 70c per bushel. The last weekly report of stocks in store at our Lake Superior ports showed an increase of 19,991 bushels, the total in store there being 567,250. Bradstreet's statement showed that the following stocks in