

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In monetary circles during the past week there has been little if any change in the situation. Business at the banks has continued along in a quiet and unpretentious manner and has been of the every day routine nature. There has been some call for commercial discounts, but even in this never failing source of business the number of transactions have been light. The past week has been marked by the first demands caused by the movement in grain, but calls for funds for such purposes have not yet been sufficient to show any very marked improvement in monetary circles. Rates of interest are steady. In real estate loan business there is little doing and not much looked for before threshing has been pretty well completed. Payments of interest are a little slow, but there is very little falling due, payments generally being arranged so as to fall due toward the close of the year. Some new business has been doing in the city, mostly on building account, for which loans are readily obtainable for good securities. Interest rates steady and unchanged.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade of the city has moved along in a steady sort of a way during the past week, and the different branches have been influenced by pretty much the same features as during the previous week. Considerable progress has been made toward a more active state of trade in those lines which usually experience an augmented demand at this season. This is particularly true of lines dependant upon building operations. Though the city trade in building supplies has been heavier than for the past two years, similar demands from the country have been lighter than last year. The past week, however, brings indications of a waking up in this respect. In commodities of every day use trade has remained steady and in fair volume. In dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., the movement has gone on steadily in shipping out fall orders. Many country merchants still show an inclination to make first purchases somewhat light in quantity. This, however, is not an unfavorable feature. It certainly is not in the interest of the wholesaler to supply the retailer with a much larger quantity of goods than the latter can dispose of, and such a course is most likely to bring disaster upon both in the long run. On the other hand stocks can now be replenished at any time on short notice, and with due care no loss of trade need result from carrying rather light stocks, if the same are well selected. Collections continue rather slow, and in this respect no improvement is looked for till such time as the grain movement has assumed some proportion.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There has been some improvement in the call for plows, doubtless caused by the rains of late which have rendered plowing more readily possible, as well as interfering with threshing to some extent. In other respects business has held very quiet and collections slow.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The work of shipping out fall orders has progressed steadily during the week, and addi-

tional orders have been coming in to some extent. There has also been some little call for sorting lots, mainly from the city, doubtless caused by the change from very dry to wet and slushy weather, as the demand has been chiefly for rubber goods, top boots, etc. Collections quiet.

CLOTHING

In this line the same features reported last week have continued, namely, the movement in shipping out fall goods and receiving new orders for fall stocks. In the latter respect a fair business has been done and indications are still very favorable for a good aggregate fall trade from the province. The only new feature of the week was developed by the wet weather and showed itself in some call from the city for a few sorts in waterproof coats, etc. Collections slow.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

No very acute change has taken place in this branch, and the demand has not greatly increased since our last report. However, if there has not been any great improvement, there has been no noticeable diminution in the demand, and taken altogether the situation has remained favorable.

DRY GOODS.

This branch has continued about as it was at the time of our last report. Dealers have been kept fairly busy receiving and shipping out fall orders, and quite a number of additional orders have come to hand for fall purchases, from merchants who held off earlier in the season. The tendency still remains to order rather lightly, with the intention of replenishing their stocks as future requirements may necessitate. The policy is a safe one for both wholesaler and retailer. There has been some improvement in the call from the city, but orders from this source have partaken of small jobbing nature. Collections have continued at a low ebb and until grain moves more freely little improvement is looked for.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business is now moving along steadily, and quotations are still unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; 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.

In this line no new features have been manifested. There has been a fair movement in such lines as are usually taken at this season, but the call to date has been principally for staples. Collections quiet.

FISH AND GAME.

The varieties of fresh fish named last week have been in the market in good supply, at unchanged prices. Oysters have been received in small quantities but not in wholesale lots.

Game seem rather scarce this season. Only a small number of ducks and prairie chickens being offered. Quotations for fish are as follows: Salmon, 18c; Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 2c; pickerel, 3c.

FRUITS.

Ontario fruits such as plums, pears, etc., have been received, but invariably in poor shape and have to be sold at whatever they will bring. The first lot of British Columbia fruit to reach this market arrived during the week, and consisted of Bartlett pears, in very good shape and good sample of fruit. New lemons have arrived but are rather green yet and sell slowly. Oranges are out of the market. Prices are: Apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 a bbl; California pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; New York Bartlett pears \$7 per keg. Lemons, \$10.50 to \$11. Bananas, \$2 to \$2.50 a bunch. Watermelons, \$4 to \$6 a dozen. British Columbia Pears, 50 lb boxes, \$5.50 to \$6 per box. California, Muskat and Tokay grapes, \$6 to \$7 per crate of 40 lbs; Concord grapes, 12½c per pound; California peaches, \$3.50 a box; Tomatoes, \$2.75 to \$3 a bushel. Figs, 50 lb sacks, 12½c a lb; Golden dates, 10c a lb; 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 \$3.25; London layers \$3.00 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider is worth \$10 a 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 \$8.55 on track.

FURNITURE.

There has only been a light call for small wholesale quantities, mostly of a jobbing nature. Collections quiet.

GROCERIES.

Trade continues steady and in fair volume. Stocks remain firm and held easily. Prices are: Yellow sugar 6½ to 7c; granulated 7½ to 8c; lump sugar, 9c to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. New season's teas are quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7 28 to 45c; Congous 1886-7 20 to 60c; 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, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

HIDES.

Prices continue to rule at the late advance, though dealers declare that they can make no profit by exporting at present prices. In this case prices are likely to decline at any time, as there is very little satisfaction in doing business for the name of the thing. Local competition is the cause of high prices. Quotations are: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.