

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 15.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

HINDER TWINE.

There has been no further change in the price of binder twine here since the 1-1c advance on March 20. The market continues very firm. Some of the large United States manufacturers are said to be sold out, and Canadian factories are also well sold up. It is difficult to say just how the retail trade here has fared. While fairly liberal orders have been placed, still in the event of a heavy crop considerable more twine would likely be required.

DRUGS.

Bluestone in a small way is selling at 10c per pound, but there is no stock to speak of in the city. Citric acid has advanced 5 to 10c. Quinine is off a little in price owing to easier feeling. German is now quoted at 5 to 55c which is 5c less than last week, and Howard's at 55 to 60c, while is 7 to 10c less than last week. African ginger has been reduced 5c per pound, and shellac 7 to 8c. For quotations see market page.

GREEN FRUITS.

The market remains very much as it was a week ago. Navel oranges are in fair supply at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$4.50. Seedlings are offering at \$3.25 for fancy. A few No. 1 spy apples are yet obtainable at \$5.50 to \$6.00. Blood oranges are offering at \$2.50 in half boxes any size. Bananas will be arriving in carlots now which means lower prices. One car arrived this week. It is said that there is a combine on among southern shippers of bananas which may have the effect of keeping up prices. New maple sugars and syrups are yet to arrive. We quote prices as follows: Navel oranges, \$3.50 to \$4.50; seedlings, \$3 to \$3.50, as to quality, per box; bananas per bunch, \$2.25 to \$3, as to size and quality; Messina lemons, \$3.75 to \$4.00; California lemons, \$4 a box grape fruit, per case, \$1.50; apples, spiced, \$5.50 to \$6 bl.; Washington box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, quarts, per dozen boxes, \$3.50; cranberries, unfrozen, \$8 per per barrel, sweet potatoes, per barrel, \$5.50, coconuts, \$1 a dozen. Sicily filberts, large, 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 25c; Tarragona almonds, 15c; peanuts, green, 9 to 12c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12c per lb.; comb honey, \$2 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1.2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; fruit cider, put up in 10, 20 and 30 gallon kegs, per gallon, 40c; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks, \$1.90 per box; in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c per pound; imported lettuce per dozen, 50c; California cabbage, 7c per lb.; California pieplant, 9c per lb.; onions, 31-2 to 4c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Sugars are up in this market in sympathy with the late eastern advance reported by our wires last week. Extra standard granulated has been advanced from \$4.90 per hundred to \$5 and German granulated from 47-8c per pound to \$4.30 per hundred.

Bright yellow is also higher. Canned peaches are getting very scarce, and prices have been advanced 25c per case here on Canadians. It is said that the crop of peaches in Western Ontario particularly in Essex county, will be practically ruined owing to the heavy frosts. To this fact also is attributed the present advance, as the loss of a crop means an off season for the canned goods trade in this line. Raisins are a little easier and we quote a reduction of 5c in Valencia. Butter tubs have been advanced 10 per cent in price by manufacturers although local quotations remain unchanged as yet. Wire hoop pails have been reduced 15 to 20c here. California dried fruits are very firm. Owing to large sales in California for Chicago and other points, stocks there have been greatly reduced and are said to be unusually light. Peaches and apricots have advanced sharply in the California market within the last week or two, and prunes are also higher, though the advance in these has been more moderate. Stocks of California fruits in the local market are rather light, and prices will have to be advanced here when new supplies are brought in. Dried and evaporated apples are higher in the east. Tapioca, sago and Japan rice are firm, and the former two are costing higher to import. Canned meats are firm. Lard is firmer. One broker was instructed to withdraw quotations on United States lard this week. Currants are firm abroad.

HARDWARE.

Further advances have been made in the local market quotations this week on iron pipe, cut and wire nails, horse shoes, and wood screws. The advance on iron pipe amounts to 25c on all sizes up to 3-4 inch, to 50c on 1 inch, 75c on 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 inch and to \$1.50 on 2 inch pipe. On cut nails the advance amounts to 5c in the base price of 30d to 60d and on wire nails 10c, in common steels of from 4-1-2 to 6 inches. Iron horse shoes, 0 and 1, have advanced 25c, and steel shoes, 0 and 1, 5c per keg. Screws are now quoted here as follows: Flat head, bright, discount 80 and 5, round head, bright, 70 and 10; flat head, brass, 70 and 10, round head, brass, 65 per cent. An active trade is promised local building houses for this year judging by present appearances, as the volume of business is already considerably in excess of previous similar periods. Our Toronto wire to-day, on another page, reports quite a list of important advances.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The only change to note this week is a reduction of 3c per gallon in the price for turpentine. Other lines are unchanged and business remains fairly active.

SCRAP MARKET.

The demand for all kinds of scrap goods continues and almost any amount would find a ready sale here. Orders have been received this week from Montreal for large quantities of wrought iron scrap. We quote prices l.o.b. Winnipeg as follows: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton, No. 2, do., \$4 per ton, wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$4 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound; red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound, lead pipe or tea lead, 21-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt, rubber, boots and shoes free

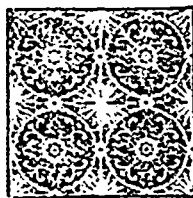
from arctics and rivets, 21-2 to 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have this week exhibited increased activity in a speculative way, on account of the continued reiteration of reports of damage to the winter wheat crop in the States. It is now being acknowledged by some of the more competent and conservative authorities that a good deal of damage has occurred. The United States government report, giving the condition of the winter wheat crop up to the first April, was issued on the 10th inst., and gives the standing of the crop as 77.9, against 86.7 at same date last year. This percentage of condition on the acreage of 29,950,000 acres points to a yield of about 370,000,000 bushels, as against 380,000,000 bushels actually harvested last year. It is noted, however, that the returns which make up the government report do not cover a later date than probably the 25th of March, and that since then a fuller revelation of the damage is seen, which may materially lower the above percentage of condition. The weather continues backward all over this continent, and it is probable that the extent of damage cannot yet be estimated with much exactness, and it may be observed that while much damage has occurred, favorable weather later on may repair it to a considerable extent. The fluctuations recorded in the speculative markets have almost every day been wide in range, and indicate movement, showing the nervous and uncertain nature of the situation. The net result on prices for the week is an advance of 11-2c per bushel. The world's shipments for last week were over 7,000,000 bushels. The American visible supply increased 440,000 bushels, and is for the first time this season 30,000 bushels over last year's figures. The world's visible supply of breadstuffs

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