

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The financial situation was generally described as still very close, so far as regarded remittances from the country. Wholesalers generally found collections very slow, and in fact they have given up looking for anything different. It is recognized that very little cash can come into circulation until grain commences to move freely. In the city the complaints of scarcity of the circulating medium were about as general as they have been for the past few weeks. With harvest now on the eve of generally commencing, the feeling of extreme caution in financial circles is gradually slackening, and purse-strings are more readily relaxed to accommodate the seeker after funds who has reasonably good security to offer. Discount rates hold steady at previously reported figures.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The feeling was generally improved in wholesale circles last week. The feeling of hope regarding the outcome of the crops has now given place to one of confidence. With harvest really commenced at so early a date, it is generally considered that there need be little fear of future injury to the grain. With the improved feeling has come a state of slightly more activity in most branches of trade. Nearly all dealers reported some improvement in the present movement, though of course nothing very active is expected at this season of the year. In some lines fall goods were being received and sent out, and soon this work will be general. The feeling is altogether one of hopeful confidence in the future.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

There was a gratifying improvement in the call for sorting parcels of goods during last week, and although the amount of business done was not very large, yet it indicated a break in the monotonous state of inactivity which has so long prevailed in this branch. Shipments of fall goods have commenced to go out. Dealers expect a good fall trade, from the reason that stocks held by retailers are considered to be very low. Collections in this line are about as backward as in other branches. In Boston, with more enquiry from the boot and shoe companies, the rubber market is taking on a firmer tone. Advices from Para report more activity, and a little higher and increased sales are reported in English markets. Central American and African grades are stronger, in sympathy with firmness in Para grades.

## CROCKERY.

The wholesale trade to country points is described as being fairly good. The city trade is dull in all departments.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Prices remain as last reported, as follows: Howard's quinine, 75c to 90c; German quinine, 65c to 75c; opium, \$5.50 to \$6; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; 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, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to

\$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## DRY GOODS.

The movement shows some improvement in the call for small packages for immediate wants, but still the aggregate volume of business is on a moderate scale. Travelers on the road are sending in quite a number of good-sized orders. Fall goods are commencing to move more freely.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Oranges continued scarce, and only a limited quantity and variety were obtainable, with prices firm. More were expected. Blueberries are plentiful and getting cheaper. Native greenstuffs are plentiful. Prices are as follows: Roli oranges, \$9 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$4 to \$5 per bunch; apricots, \$3.50 per box; cucumbers, 60c; watermelons, \$7 to \$9 per doz.; new apples, \$5 to \$6.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$3.50 to \$4 per box; California plums, \$3.50 to \$4 per box; California pears, \$6 to \$6.50 per box; blueberries, 5c per lb.; Bermuda onions, \$3.75 per box of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$4 per 100 lbs.; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 40c to 60c per dozen; cauliflower, 60c to \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; peas, 75c to \$1 per bushel; beans, \$1 per bushel; lettuce, radishes, onions, beets and turnips, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations remain as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 6½ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17c to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars continue to advance. A Montreal report says: "Without any exception, the existing sugar companies are now reaping a harvest on account of the decreased production, prices having advanced ¼c per lb. The fruit season has stimulated the demand, and business is brisk at 6½c to 6¾c for granulated, and 5c to 6c for yellows. Stocks of syrup are light, and firmly held." Prices show an advance here, particularly in granulated, which is marked up ¼c. Rio coffees are higher. Quotations here are: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c; medium to bright, 6½c to 7c; granulated, 5c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c. Coffees, Rios, 23c to 26c; Government Java, 33c to 35c; other Javas, 25c to 30c; Mochas, 31c to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan, season 1886-7, 20c to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20c to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old Meye 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 \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound.

## CANNED GOODS.

A New York report says: "Salmon continues to advance, owing to the influence of active demand and unfavorable information from the Pacific coast. There have been sales here of some 3,000 cases, spot and to arrive, at \$1.65 to \$1.70; but to-day there were buyers of good brands at \$1.70, and sellers were unwilling to entertain bids below \$1.75 to \$1.80. A telegram from the Columbia this morning advises purchases there of 1,600 cases at \$1.50 f.o.b. The advance in the price of Columbia river fish has naturally strengthened the market for outside river stock, and advanced prices have been met by buyers." Prices here are, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50 lobsters \$1.87, sardines (French) ½ tins, \$1.70, ¼ tin, .90, cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.65, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb, \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb tins, are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has yet been no change in quotations, but prices hold firm. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$3.75 to \$4.00; 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, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

## HIDES.

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine-haired rearing veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter ole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00. Advance 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; pebble, 21 to 22c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices are as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 35c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 29c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Business is reported as somewhat improved. Prices do not give indication of change. Quotations are: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co.