

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The dullness in trade circles which prevailed last week, was reflected in monetary circles to a considerably extent. Wholesale dealers continue to complain of slowness in payments, and a good deal of the paper maturing this month is not being met as promptly as could be desired, part renewals being not infrequently asked for. However, with light buying, liabilities are being worked down all the time. The grain movement is now so light that the call for funds for this purpose is small, and at the banks there is only the ordinary commercial business doing. Discount rates remaining unchanged at 7 to 8 per cent. There is a little doing in farm mortgage loans, at 8 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was a decidedly dull one in the city wholesale trade. In nearly all branches of business the same report of extreme dullness was given. Travellers who went on the road immediately after New Year's were returning to the city last week, and they report that there is very little business to be done at present. This of course applies to sorting trade and stable lines of every-day consumption. Country merchants appear to be well stocked up in most lines of goods, and, as one dealer expressed it, wholesalers will just have to wait till stocks are reduced somewhat. Travellers on the road with samples for spring and summer goods, for future delivery, report taking very fair orders, and it will not be long before dealers will commence to ship out early spring goods. The sudden drop in the temperature the latter part of last week to something more like Manitoba winter weather, did not seem to have much influence upon the city trade, and while the storm lasted it would no doubt have a quieting effect in the country, as it would check deliveries of wheat for a time. It is not expected that the cold spell will have much influence upon sorting trade now, as it is too late in coming, and is not expected to last any length of time.

## DRUGS.

Prices are steady, as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 50 to 55c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; 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 \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Both these branches were very dull. Dealers are now preparing for the movement in spring and summer goods, which will commence very soon. Recent advices from Europe report an advance of 25 per cent. on raw silk. This it appears is caused partly by an increased demand for the article, and partly by the action of a powerful syndicate who, with a capital of six millions sterling, hold practical control of the market. Manufacturers are now said to be asking an advance in the price of gray flannel

of the better class, and also for shirts and drawers for future delivery. They say that the better quality of wool has gone up 40 per cent., hence the rise. Cotton goods have sympathized to some extent with the flannels, and the mills are asking an advance of from 5 to 7½ per cent. on future orders. Prices all through the dry goods trade have a firmer feeling.

## FURS.

No changes in prices are expected until the London sales take place. In the meantime the following quotations will indicate the range of values for the different grades:—Black bear, \$2.00 to \$13.00; black bear cubs and yearlings, \$1.00 to \$9.00; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$16.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, 50c to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$9.00; weaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.75; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75. cross fox per skin, \$2.00 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, 25c to \$1.50; grey fox, 25c to 80c; timber wolf, \$1.50 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1.00; wolferine, \$1.00 to \$6.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown or pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 90c; raccoon, 25c to 75c; mink, as to color, 10c to 50c; badger, 10c to 75c; muskrat, fall, 3c to 10c.

## FRUITS—GREEN.

There is absolutely nothing new in the fruit line, and with the colder weather trade was very quiet. Prices are:—Apples, \$3.50, for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, Florida oranges, choice, \$6 to \$6.25; russets, \$5.50 to \$6.00 Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$9 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

## FRUITS—DRIED.

Dried fruits are generally firm in price, and some advances are reported from outside markets. Valencia raisins were an ¼ to ½c higher in eastern markets, while currants were a fraction lower. Here prices are steady as follows:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ¼ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 24 to 29c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Flame figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocoonuts, \$10 per 100.

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

There was a pretty good supply of fresh fish in the market last week, though the demand is not as large as it should be. The population of Manitoba and the prairie country generally is not noted for the quantity of fish consumed, but

this is perhaps due to the fact that in times past the supply of fish has generally been limited. In fresh water fish, Lake Winnipeg white are still most in demand, and bring in jobbing lots, 7½ to 8c, pickerel, are worth about 5c; mud pike, 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water fish are offered as follows:—Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 10c per pound; herrings, \$2.60 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 9½c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 10 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.00; St. John bloaters, \$1.80. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

## GROCERIES.

There was quite a drop in white sugars in eastern markets on Monday, amounting to 3-16c but prices were not changed materially here. Yellows were not changed. Teas were generally firm in price, and in eastern markets prices were stronger, with advances expected. Some large sales of low grades were reported. Stocks of canned goods held by packers and eastern jobbers are said to be large for the season, and prices were said to be easier. Salmon, lobsters, tomatoes and corn were lower in price. Here prices hold steady as follows:—Sugars—yellows 7 to 7½; granulated 9c; lumps 9½ to 9¾. Coffee—Rio, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette, Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HIDES AND TALLOW.

The feeling seems easier in hides. Frozen are bringing 2½ to 3c. By grade, prices are nominal as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 2½ to 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, lower at 2½c for rough, and 5c for rendered.

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## WHEAT.

Wheat was on the whole in a depressed condition last week, in leading markets, though there was some firmness shown later in the week. The first day of the week was a sickener for the bulls, prices dropping 2c under Saturday's close at Chicago, and 4 to 4½c at Duluth. Minneapolis was also lower. The visible supply statement on Monday showed a decrease of 425,000 bushels, making the total on Jan. 12th