

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The week has been a rather quiet one in connection with monetary affairs in the city, and even the advent of the fourth on Friday caused but little stir. Quite a quantity of farm machinery paper fell due on that day, but it was not by any means met with the promptitude, which was so general on the fourth of December, and its payment will doubtless be extended over the next two months. The aggregate of general trade paper maturing was light, and was fairly well met. The discount demands have been steady, but lighter than in the opening of December, while the grain movement has dropped to a low ebb, and called for practically no funds. Still in the banks there has been a continued state of moderate activity, and no feeling of dulness experienced. Rates of discount hold steady, and bank resources are in excess of demands considerably. Loan company agents report a steady but limited business in new farm loans, and a slight falling off in interest payments. There is no change to report in rates, and no special feature to note.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade usually experiences a very quiet season for the first few weeks after the new year, and this year, expectations in this direction have been fully realized up to the close of last week. In nearly all branches the dulness incident to the season was experienced to the full extent, and in some lines business was even quieter than usual at this season. In textile lines, for instance, the very mild and spring-like weather has combined with the after holiday season to increase the dulness. There is usually a little sorting trade doing in winter goods, in clothing, etc., during January, but with April weather at a time when the thermometer is usually touching its lowest point, and winter is expected to be at its very depths, any call for winter goods could not be looked for. This dulness pervaded nearly all branches, and stock taking was about the only thing doing in the warehouses. A large number of travellers took the road immediately after New Year's day, with samples of spring goods. In collections, there is a good deal of complaint from a number of branches as to slowness of payments.

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, \$4.25 to \$4.75; 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, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$1 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.

In all textile lines the present is a very dull season, and the most of the houses are now engaged in stock-taking. In dry goods there is little or nothing doing in the way of actual business. Travellers started out last week with

spring samples, but nothing will be heard from them for some time. When stocktaking is completed, warerooms will be put in order for the reception of customers, who may come in to purchase their spring stocks. In fancy lines, furnishings, small wares, etc., travellers also took the road last week with spring samples, and there is nothing doing in the warerooms save taking stock and fixing up. The clothing branch is of course very dull at this season, and this year is duller than usual, the weather being altogether too mild to expect any sorting trade in winter goods. With colder weather there would be a little sorting trade through January. Travellers are now about all through with the work of taking orders for spring stocks, and the aggregate of such orders will amount to considerably in excess of last year. There is a good deal of complaint about collections.

FURS.

There are no changes to note in prices from the list published last week: The winter and spring sales will take place in London, England, as follows: Hudson's Bay Co., 28th January, 1889. C. M. Lampson & Co.: Sundry furs, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st January, 1889; salted fur seal, 1st of February, 1889. Hudson's Bay Co., 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, March, 1889. C. M. Lampson & Co., 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th March, 1889; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th April, 1889; sundry furs and salted fur seal. The Hudson's Bay Co.'s importation list has been issued, and the quantities are as below:—

Beaver, about.....	74,000
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Fisher, about.....	4,700
Fox, red, about.....	14,000
“ cross, about.....	2,400
“ silver, about.....	550
“ white, about.....	9,000
Lynx, about.....	32,000
Marten, about.....	60,000
Mink, about.....	40,000
Musquash, about.....	200,000
Otter, about.....	8,000

Quotations here are: Black bear, \$2.00 to \$18.00; 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; beaver, 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; wolverine, \$1.00 to \$6.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown and 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.

This branch has proved something of an exception to the general rule, and business since New Year's day has kept up much better than was expected. The market, however, is pretty bare of variety at present, apples and Florida oranges being the principal articles moving to any extent at present. Apples are now held pretty generally at \$3.50 per barrel for good fruit, though poor qualities may be had as low as \$3. Choice Florida oranges are held at \$6 to \$6.50 per box, with some poor qualities

offered at \$5.50. Quotations are as follows: Apples, \$3.50, for choice to fancy stock; Montreal famous, \$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, \$5.50 to \$6.50 a box; Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$3 to \$3.50; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bangle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 60 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

FRUITS—DRIED.

Prices are steady:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencia, \$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, 20c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 24 to 20c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Elmo 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, 27c per lb; Coconuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH.

The very mild weather has not been favorable to trade in fresh fish, and it has been rather risky to attempt to bring in sea fish in any quantities. Oysters are unchanged in price. In fresh fish, Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 8c; pickerel, 6c; pike, 3½ to 4c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8½c 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, 11 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.25; St. John bloaters, \$2.00; fresh smelts, 11c per lb. Oysters 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.

Business in this branch was about as quiet last week as is usually the case at this season. There is no new feature to note, with the exception of a firmer tendency in coffees. Quotations were: Sugars—yellows 7 to 7½; granulated 9c; lumps 9½ to 9½. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c 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.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Trade is very dull, and prices steady. No changes are expected for some time, as stocks for the winter are all in and dealers are taking stock. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.60; J. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates,