

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In monetary circles during the past week there has been little more than the customary amount of business doing. The first of the month usually brings with it an increased call for commercial discounts, but last week this business was hardly up to the average on such occasions, though of course better than the two or three weeks previous. Outside of regular commercial transactions, business at the banks has also been quiet in a general way and without special feature. Money is said to be in plentiful supply and easy at last quotations of 7 per cent. for first-class securities for large loans; ordinary paper and small advances, 8 to 10 per cent. Real estate loan companies are having a rather quiet season at present, and it is expected to remain so for a couple of months. No special effort is being made at present to extend the influence of the loan companies, until the growing crop prospect has been more thoroughly assured. In the event of a successful harvest it is probable that greater efforts will be put forth by the companies to extend their usefulness. Some additional eastern companies may commence operations in this field, and others now having agencies here have already signified their intention of increasing their funds available for investment on Manitoba real property securities. In this event of increased funds and keener competition, it is not unlikely that loans may be more freely negotiated and rates of interest easier. The bulk of business now doing is transacted at from 8 to 9 per cent., with large loans on good rent-producing property sometimes taken lower. Payments of interest are being fairly well met.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Wholesale trade in the city during the past week has not been of a particularly brisk nature, taken altogether. Some branches report a fair movement, and one or two have had a brisk season, notably in fruits, but as a general rule staple lines have had a quiet week and with few features of an interesting nature. Dominion Day falling on Thursday no doubt had some effect on the trade of the week, though what was not done one day would probably come the next. Then the effect of the three day's celebration in the city would also be to augment the movement in some lines. The quietness now ruling in staple lines is no doubt partially due to the usual midsummer dullness which is expected to prevail about this time of year, add therefore excites no particular comment. In collections matters appear to be particularly quiet and the amount of paper maturing very light.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Harvesting machinery has been moving to some extent during the week, but a real active demand has not yet set in and is not looked for until about the commencement of the harvest. Breaking plows are still selling occasionally.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

In this line there would appear to be but very little business doing at present, at least for immediate requirements. Considerable progress has been made in booking orders for

full delivery, which are turning out fairly good. In collections the amount of paper falling due is so small that an estimate cannot be based upon it.

CLOTHING.

More traders from the northern districts have been in the city, and their purchases, combined with those of some other dealers, have made a fairly good weeks trade. Collections rather poor.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Not more than the usual demand has come in from this trade, for the season, and dealers have therefore had but a moderate amount of business. Collections fairly good.

DRY GOODS.

In this leading branch the past week has brought with it no new developments, and trade has continued in about the same quiet way as for some weeks back. The recent advances in the price of wools, especially for finer qualities, is a matter of considerable interest to the trade. It is said that many manufacturers decline to book orders for future delivery at present prices, and the tendency is toward firm and higher prices for all woolen goods of finer quality. In the face of this feeling there has been some cutting of prices among eastern manufacturers in grey flannels, but several of the mills refused to follow the reduction. However, if the advance in wools is maintained a similar advance must come in manufactured woolen goods, and the general feeling is in that direction at present.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Trade continues about as usual and prices 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, 30 to 35c; American camphor, 33 to 40c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 65 to 70c; 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, 25 to 35c; alum, \$2.75 to \$3; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.25; salpeter, roll, \$3.75 to \$4; American blue vitrol, 6 to 7c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

Dealers in this branch have been enjoying a season of comparative quiet for a few weeks past, and about the only thing doing is in preparing for fall orders. Of course there are always a few packages going out, but the number of these is limited at present.

FURS.

Several additional consignments of furs came in during the week, consisting of lynx, beas, fox, beaver, etc., for which good prices were obtained. Following are the quotations: beaver per lb \$2.75 to \$3.50; bear, black, per skin, large, \$9 to 12; bear, cub, per skin, \$3 to \$7.50; bear, brown, \$6 to 10; fisher, \$3.50 to \$6; fox, red per skin, 90c to \$1.25; fox, cross per skin, \$2.50 to \$15; lynx, per skin, \$2.75 to \$3.50; marten, per skin, \$1 to \$2.25; mink, per skin, 50 to 80c; muskrat, winter, 6c; muskrat, kits, 5c; muskrat, spring, 6 to 8c; otter, per skin, \$6 to \$9; racoon, 50 to 75c; skunk, 25c, 50c to \$1,

badger, 50 to 80c; wolf, prairie, \$1; wolf, timber, \$1.50 to \$2.25.

FISH.

The very warm weather of last week was detrimental to a very active trade in fresh fish. However, the market was kept fairly well supplied with the leading varieties. Quotations as follows: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Columbia salmon, 22½c; Lake Superior trout, 8½ to 9c; pickerel 3c. Cured fish are quoted as follows: Salt white, \$9 per bbl; Labrador herrings \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddocks, 9½ to 10c per lb.

FRUITS.

Last week was a sort of boom time for fruit dealers, owing to the three day's celebration in the city and numerous observances of Dominion Day throughout the province. Heavy importations of fruit were made by all the dealers, which were disposed of about as soon as they could be unloaded here. Some old apples were brought in from Minnesota in good condition and sold off rapidly. Imported strawberries are now nearly done, but native wild berries have taken their place. There are also a few native cultivated berries in the market, but in limited quantities. Blueberries were brought in from the south in small lots. Lemons are now quoted away up. Some watermelons sold at \$1.50 each, but the quantity imported was small and did not last long. Oranges are in good supply at quotations. Prices are as follows: Oranges, Messina, 200 count, \$9, 300 count, \$10, bananas, \$3.00 to \$6.00 per bunch. Messina lemons, \$12.00; California peaches, \$3.50 per box; California plums, \$3.75; apricots, \$3.00; new apples per box, \$1.25 to \$1.50; tomatoes, \$2.00 per box; valencia raisins, \$2.75; London layer raisins, \$3.90 to \$4.00; black crown \$5.00 to \$5.25 walnuts, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 16c; peanuts, 17c for roasted and 15c for raw; figs 18c to 20c; dates mats 8 to 10c; golden 11c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

FUEL.

Prices for coal and wood are unchanged as follows: poplar \$3.25; to \$3.35; oak \$5.00 to \$5.50; tamarac \$4 to \$4.50. Prices are for lots, on track. Hard coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50, and American steam coal, \$6.85 on track. Blacksmiths' coal, \$12.00 per ton. Galt coal sells at \$6.50 on track.

FURNITURE.

In this branch business does not seem to move in a very active manner. In fact so far as wholesale trade is concerned, the situation remains about as quiet as it could well be without coming entirely stagnant. Collections are slow.

GROCERIES.

There has been a steady and fairly good movement in grocery staples. Sugars have been held firmer at first hands, but prices have not changed here. Provisions have generally been stronger. Quotations are as follows: yellow sugar 7½ to 7¾; granulated 8¾; lump 9¾; Coffee, Rio, 12 to 13½; Government Java 28c, other Java 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 20 to 30c; Moyune