

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs in the city have been on the quiet side during the week, and only the stir which the opening of each month makes in commercial discounts things would have been dull at the banks. The amount of transactions going into paper with the opening of August is phenomenally light, and although it is known to be supplemented by some part renewals it is still far below an ordinary month. There is no grain movement and no other unusual call for money, so that while banks have abundance of funds the circulation has been very limited. There is no change in discount rates, first-class paper being still held at 7 to 8 per cent. and ordinary at 8 to 9. In mortgage loans business has been very light and companies' agents are getting plenty of leisure. The demand from the country is nil, and in the city very little funds are wanted. Until harvest is over no real business is expected, and interest for new loans is now nominal at 8 per cent on farm lands, while first-class city business can be done from 7 to 7½.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The past week has been a very quiet one generally with the wholesale trade of the city. In almost all branches of season goods the first orders for fall and winter have all been booked, and as yet there has been no stir in the way of sorting trade. As harvest draws near the feeling seems to get quieter, and at points in the territories where the crop prospect is very poor it has reached a state of deadness. In quite a number of instances opening orders given to eastern houses, and a few to houses here have been cancelled or greatly reduced owing the disappointment in crops. These are confined to the territories and although they are not numerous, they show the worst cases in what must be considered a not very satisfactory outlook. Inside of the province the feeling is totally different, owing to the prospect of an unusually early harvest, and a fine sample of grain being secured. Still there is but a light demand for all classes of goods there, and in city only one or two lines show any activity. Wholesalers do not display any disappointment at the quietness, but are satisfied to wait until the harvest is nearly over, when they look for a lively sorting trade to spring up. Only in lines dependant upon building has there been any increase of activity, and some of these have not reached the height of the season's trade. Even in lines of provisions matters have been quiet, and in retail circles all over the country at present there is a disposition to make no purchases unless what actual wants dictate, and with farmers commenced to harvest the actual wants are few and light. In collections there is a corresponding slowness, but not enough to cause any dissatisfaction, and although there have been quite a number of applications for part renewals of paper falling due on the 4th, they have been for short dates, and are evidently meant only to tide over harvest.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

A few binders are still being called for at country agencies, and these are wanted in a

hurry owing to harvest coming so early. There is equal rush in getting out supplies of binding twine, so that houses here have their hands full at present, and they have the additional push to get their collection arrangements ready much sooner than was expected. Of course collections are at a standstill until harvest is over.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Business has been very slow in this branch, and no improvement is looked for during the present month. The work of filling orders taken from sample during the past two months will commence now, and will keep moving until the sorting trade opens up. The report on collections is satisfactory.

## CLOTHING

Business is very quiet in this branch, a point on which all houses agree. Demands from the country have been fewer than in any week since the opening of the year, and only the most trifling odds and ends are called for in the city. Collections are also reported slow, with a few calls for part renewals of paper falling due on the 4th.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Business might be rated as moderate in this line, but with no tendency to increased activity. In Collections the report gives no reason for dissatisfaction.

## DRY GOODS.

This staple branch is also in a quiet state, although there is some business doing in the towns of the province. Some travelers are still out, but are not making great headway. Others have come in, and do not propose going out again until harvest is well advanced. The business to be done in the territories this season will be from hand to mouth, and scattered over the greater portion of the fall. In the province a much better state of things is looked for, and a stir in the city trade is expected very soon, which will increase activity. Collections are reported fairly satisfactory.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business in this line moves at a very steady pace of modern activity. There has been an absence of any special features, except that collections are a little slower than usual. Prices of goods are unchanged and 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, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; blacking 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, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; salpeter, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

Business has been quiet in these goods, but not actually dull. There has been a scattered irregular demand for staples, with a few fancy lines called for, but there has been nothing like general activity. The report on collections is fairly satisfactory.

## FURS.

The season may now be considered over, and

there is not enough business doing to make a basis for quotations.

## FRUITS.

Business has been fairly active in this line during the week, and there has been no change of any moment to report. Two car loads of water melons reached the city during the week, and the supply of blueberries and other native wild fruit seems in no way falling off. There are no change in prices. Apples are plentiful at \$6.50 a bbl. Lemons are quoted at \$12 a box, and oranges at \$9; peas \$3.50 a box; peaches \$3.50; tomatoes \$1.75 \$2 a box and \$5 per bushel basket; golden dates 10c per lb; peanuts 17c; English walnuts 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Plums, apricots and other delicate fruits are in fair supply. Dried fruits are quoted, valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$3.25; London layers \$3.90 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider is worth \$10 a bbl.

## FUEL.

There has been no stirring up of this branch as yet, and matters are still in a rather slow state. There is no change in prices. Poplar can be had on track at \$2.50 to \$2.75, and tamarac at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50 on track; American bituminous \$6.85; and Leithbridge at \$6.50. Smithy coal holds steady at \$12.

## FURNITURE.

There is still a quiet feeling in this branch, and shipments to the country are confined to small lots. There are, however, signs of some stir, and improvement is looked for during the month.

## GROCERIES.

Business in this staple branch has been quiet and steady like most regular lines, retailers being purchasing only for immediate wants, and without any view of stocking up. The only stir is caused by the arrival of new season teas, quotations of which will be given in our next issue. Prices are: Yellow sugar 6½ to 7½c; granulated 8c to 8½c; lump sugar, 9c to 9½c; Coffee, Rios, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fried Jap. 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congos, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

## HIDES.

No change to report and prices are steady as follows: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this branch business has been moderate during the week, reports varying. In shelf goods a fair trade has been done. In heavies and metals some business has been done at about last week's prices. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.00 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., ac-