

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In connection with the monetary arrangements of trade affairs, the situation in the city during the past week has been one of slowness, if not of actual drowsiness. Nearing the close of the month the volume of regular trade discounts slackened up as is customary, and made the week a very quiet one. There is but little opening for funds outside of this regular trade business, and new enterprises that would be likely to make any special demand for funds are not heard of. With the opening of this month, there will be the usual little stir, but no lasting relief from the quiet feeling is looked for until the growing crop begins to come to market. In mortgage loans the business has been lighter than during the previous week, and it is believed the present poor crop outlook has prevented many new applications being made for small loans on farms, and with continued drought a good season's business will be materially spoiled. There has been no circumstance that would tend to change discount rates in commercial circles, and the interest rate on mortgage loans holds equally steady.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

It would be difficult to find a word that would better express the feeling in Winnipeg wholesale circles last week, than the term monotony. This does not mean that business was dead, or that there was an utter absence of changes in values in the different branches. On the contrary there have been more than the usual number of changes of quotations, and the volume of business done has been about normal, with exceptions in some branches. In food products and other every day staples the volume of sales has been fairly heavy, but with no bustle or rush, and no remarkable feature, except that buyers are taking only what the demands of the moment compel them to purchase. In season goods generally the feeling is a little quieter, the sorting season being now nearly over, and the taking of fall orders from samples almost completed. In contractor and builders supplies the business while fairly good is rather disappointing for this time of year, when the greatest rush should be on. The report all round as to collections is not very bright, although there were no expressions of disappointment made on that head, and the intention seemed to be to wait for a more favorable turn. There can be no doubt; but the feeling would be better all round but for the discouraging reports of damage to crops from drought over the greater portion of the country.

CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS.

The sorting trade has fallen off slightly during the week, but a few demands of that kind are still heard from. Orders from fall sample have fallen off greatly, and are nearly closed for the season. Those who have not bought are afraid to with the present rather poor crop prospect. Collections are reported very slow.

FRUITS.

The fruit market has been moving with fair activity during the week. California peaches, apricots and soft fruits are almost out of the market, and consignors will not send more here, unless they secure better prices than they

got for former lots. Oranges are getting scarcer and firmer, but had made no further advance up to the end of the week. There are no other changes in prices to report. Quotations have been as follows: Lemons—360 count boxes, \$7 to \$7.50; in 300 counts, \$7 to \$7.50; Oranges—Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, \$6.50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Fannanas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$3.50; onions—Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$3.25; eggs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; eggs—fresh, per doz., 14c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

Business has been moving in a steady manner, with no unusual feature to note. In fact the movement has been rather monotonous. Sugars are still climbing upwards, and the advanced prices lately reached on canned goods are still held to. Quotations stand: Sugars, yellows, 9 to 9½c; granulated, 10½ to 10¾c; lumps, 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; 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 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS

The quiet feeling is still maintained in this branch, and no improvement is noted. The feeling pervades both shelf and heavy branches, and can only be looked upon as a temporary lull, and not an actual dullness. The complaint is loudest in connection with heavy lines. Collections are reported very slow, and not at all satisfactory. Several slight changes have taken place in prices, all resulting from the upward tendency of iron. The following are quotations: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; ½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Hides coming to market very slowly and only in small lots. Wool receipts still keep liberal. No changes in prices, quotations being as follows; Unwashed, low grades, 7½ to 8c per pound; Shropshire and Southdowns, 9 to 11c;

washed, 14c. Prices of hides range as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 75c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

Business at the mills is still quite active, but the city local demand has fallen off somewhat. Prices at the mills east of here hold steady, quotations being as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M. Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$16, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$22; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ½ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business in these lines has held steady and active, with no prospect of falling off. Turpentine has advanced a little, but no other changes are reported. Quotations are: Turpentine in barrels, 90c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 67c, boiled 70c; benzine and gasoline, 59c; purrooxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$1 75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.50; Royal Charter, \$7 00.

Mr. O. E. Marcy, representing the Doherty Organ Co., returned last week from a tour to the Pacific coast and back, taking in all the leading points by the way. He reports business is very encouraging, and adds that every trip he makes adds to the faith he has in the Northwest, no matter what obstacles to its progress or temporary set-back it may meet with.