

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Business at the banks during the past week has been principally of the usual straight commercial nature. Quite a volume of paper has found its way to the different institutions during the first week of the month, and the call for discounts has been fully up to the average. Maturing papers have not been any too well met and remittances from the country are now at about the lowest ebb. However this is just what is expected and causes no uneasiness, especially as the time is now so close at hand when a general awakening is expected. Already there is a visible rustling in preparation for a more active financial condition, which must come with the early movement of the grain crops. Discount rates still hold steady at about 8 per cent for ordinary commercial paper, with lower rates obtainable for large advances on first-class security. In the real estate mortgage loan business is about at a standstill, both in collections and new transactions. Some agents have recently been taking a run through the province for the purpose of inspecting risks, and have returned fully satisfied with securities offered in this province for advances on real property. Interest rates steady at about 8 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

As the summer advances the outlook for a good wholesale trade in fall and winter goods gradually improves. The past week has been most marked in the number of additional orders received from provincial points for fall stocks. In dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc., the number of additional orders received would foot up a very respectable aggregate for the week. Quite a large number of retailers abstained from placing advance orders until the harvest had been assured, and these are now coming forward for their quota. Many retailers have shown caution in purchasing somewhat lightly for first orders, with the intention of stocking up later on as their requirements may demand. This conservative policy is one that can work no harm and is invariably a satisfactory course to follow. With markets close at hand and rapid transport, stocks can at all times be quickly replenished; and it is usually better to be run close than to take much risk of carrying over surplus goods, which too readily accumulate even with the most careful buying. In only the most remote portions of the Northwest is it now necessary to order stocks for six or twelve months ahead, whilst the greater portion of the country is within a few hours or days of this market. Wholesalers in the city therefore expect that whilst the fall trade in first orders will prove of fair proportion, the sorting trade for the balance of the fall and winter will be a very considerable item in the aggregate trade of the season. With the activity now going on in first orders and what is looked for later in sorting, dealers are counting on a good season, especially throughout Manitoba. The past week has been one of steady and sure improvement in commercial circles, and in nearly every branch of trade the movement in commodities has undergone gradual augmentation, especially in special lines of

fancy goods, stationery, crockery and glassware, etc. Staple lines of every day consumption have continued about as usual. The one thing most required now is a more easy circulation of cash, and with a general movement in grain so close at hand, it is not likely that a great time will elapse before money will be coming in more freely.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Trade has settled down to a very quiet basis in this branch. A few plows have gone off during the week, but even the demand for these has been light and will remain so until threshing has been well completed. No attempt to push collections will be made until the grain movement has set in earnest.

## BOOTS AND SHOE

The work of shipping out fall orders has been going on steadily and is now well entered upon. A good many additional orders have been taken for fall stocks, from country merchants who delayed purchasing until the harvest had been assured. There is no sorting trade doing at present, the demand for summer goods being practically over for the season.

## CLOTHING

In this branch also the summer sorting trade is practically over for this season, and dealers are now busy filling fall orders. Travellers are now on the road picking up orders from those who delayed making their purchases until after the result of the harvest had been fully known. A large number of country merchants were among this list, and consequently a good many additional orders have come in, which will greatly augment the season's aggregate trade. Dealers are confident of a good trade particularly from the province.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

There has been some improvement noticeable in this branch, which has been of a steady and gradually developing nature, which points to a healthy growth until a state of real activity has been reached. The trade to date has been mainly in staple lines of crockery, etc.

## DRY GOODS.

Dealers have been kept busy receiving and shipping fall orders. A good list of orders were received during the week for fall stocks, from country merchants who had held off from purchasing earlier. These have not usually been for very large amounts, but have been in such number as to foot up a very respectable aggregate. A good many provincial merchants have purchased lightly for first orders, with the intention of duplicating later on, and on this account a large sorting trade is looked for during the latter part of the fall and winter. The demand for summer goods is now considered over for the season.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Quotations 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, 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; 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, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

This branch shows a steady and gradual improvement in the demand for all classes of goods, and it is expected that trade will go on steadily improving till the most active season in fancy lines has been reached.

## FISH.

Salmon and Lake Winnipeg White are in good supply and are about the only fresh fish called for. Quotations are as follows: Salmon, 10c; Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickerel, 3c.

## FRUITS.

A fairly active trade has been doing in this line. Eastern Canada fruits, such as plums, pears, etc., have been received, but have come in bad condition and prices irregular. Quotations are: Apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 a bbl; California pears, \$6 per box; N. T. Bartlett pears, \$7 per keg. Oranges nearly out of the market, Messinas, \$11 to \$12 per case; lemons, \$10.50 to \$11; California, Muskat and Tokay grapes, \$6 to \$7 per crate of 40 lbs; Concord grapes, 12½c per pound; California peaches, \$3.50 a box; watermelons, \$5.25 to \$6 a doz. Tomatoes \$2.75 to \$3 a bush. Golden dates, 10c a lb; peanuts, roasted, 17c; raw, 15c; walnuts 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: 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 barrel.

## FUEL.

No change to report as yet. Quotations are to some extent nominal as follows: tamarac on track in round lots \$3.25 to \$3.50; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50; bituminous \$6.85; and Lethbridge at \$6.50 on track.

## FURNITURE.

There has been no appreciable change in this branch and only a light jobbing trade is doing in lots going to the country.

## GROCERIES.

Business has moved along steadily and in about the usual proportion. Sugars have been held somewhat more firmly; other quotations steady. Prices current are: Yellow sugar 6½ to 7½c; granulated 8c to 8½c; lump sugar, 9c to 9½c; Coffees, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. New season's teas are quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7 28 to 45c; Congous 1886-7 50 to 85c; Indian teas 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; pan-fired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-86, 20 to 35c. Syrups, corn, \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

## HIDES.

Prices have held up at the recent advance and are still unchanged as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c. No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine