

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Last week opened with the 4th of August which was a heavy settling day in several lines. Payments may be said to have been fully as good as was expected, but of course expectations were low. The percentage of paper met would be small, though some rather large amounts were met in full within a few days of the date upon which they were due, it being a characteristic of the trade here to consider promptness not essential in meeting paper. In some lines small accounts were met even better than could have been expected, one wholesaler reporting 80 per cent. of paper met. Another stated that payments were better than expected and the wonder was where the money came from at this season of the year, considering the general closeness which has prevailed. While payments were certainly not good, they were not so poor as might have been looked for in comparison with the results of the past season all through.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The quiet of harvest time is being felt in some lines, while causing briskness in others. Lumber and building supplies are in less request, while the implement men are having their busiest season. The situation is now one of keen interest and expectancy. The telegraphic reports which came in on Monday last, of destruction of crops by hail, cast a shudder through the commercial community, which was somewhat relieved later on when the extent of the damage was better known. Though the damage done by the storm was very severe in the hail-swept district, the result is not such as to materially affect the trade of the country as a whole. It might have been worse is the general remark. The good crop outlook in the territory west of Manitoba, in comparison with recent years, will more than make up for the destruction by the storm in Southwestern Manitoba. Implement men report a greatly increased demand for goods in their line from the territories which speaks well for the crop outlook in the country beyond the western boundary of Manitoba. With good weather through harvest, a large crop will be secured, and the feeling is still very hopeful.

## AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Dealers are right into their busiest season, and are rushing out binders and binder twine as fast as they can handle it. The demand for mowers and hay-rakes is about over. The local retail trade in the Winnipeg district for mowers was very large this year. Stocks in the city were exhausted, and dealers were obliged to call back stocks from country points, where they had a surplus, to supply the retail demand here. In this way the local demand was supplied. A good many orders for twine and binders have been cancelled from the hail-stricken region. This will help out the supply of twine. A small quantity of twine has been imported from the States, which will also increase the supply here over what was formerly counted upon. There was some talk among dealers about advancing the price of binder twine, but it has not materialized, and the retail price holds at 17c per pound, with 16 to 16½c asked for large orders.

## DRIED FRUITS.

Great firmness characterizes the situation in fruits. Quotations here are as follows:

California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. ½ boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7½ to 9c per lb., evaporated apples, 14½c; choice new Elmo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elmo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 13c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 7½ to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

## DRUGS.

Business is keeping fairly brisk in this branch, but without change of prices in staples. Quotations here now are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75, bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, 33 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Fruits are coming forward more freely, especially California varieties. Concord grapes are also arriving freely. Cooler weather improves the quality of receipts. Lemons remains firm and scarce. Quotations are as follows:—Rodi oranges, 200 size, \$9; 300 size, \$10.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$9.50 to \$10.00 per box; bananas, yellow, \$2.50 to \$3.25; tomatoes, 90c to \$1 per box; watermelons, \$5 to \$5.50 a doz. California fruits are quoted: Peaches, \$2.75 per box; pears, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per box; plums, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per box as to variety; grapes, eight pound baskets, \$1.25; California grapes, \$3.75 per half crate; new apples, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per barrel. In native fruits, blueberries bring 5c per pound for good, though sales have been made as low as 4c per pound for soft fruit. Red currants are offering on the market freely at \$1.25; blueberries, at 75c per pail. Gooseberries, at \$1.00 per pail; raspberries, at \$2.00 per pail; Saskatoon berries at 40c per pail.

## FISH.

Fresh halibut are in good supply and held at 16c per pound. Fresh salmon remains at 15c per pound, and Lake Winnipeg whitefish at 6c per lb. Smoked goldeyes 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per keg of 100 lbs. Oysters are expected to be in the market next week.

## GROCERIES.

The situation is generally steady. Sugars are unchanged. Teas are considered firm. The situation in canned goods in the east is reported to be improving, as the canners are not making as heavy packs as they counted upon, and are stiffening their prices. The Toronto *Empire* says of canned goods: "Packers of canned fruits and vegetables are showing much more back bone than they did a short time ago. There was then a good deal of reckless selling of futures. Now some of them see that they are not going to pack the quantity they anticipated. Corn promises to be a large pack and tomatoes may also be a good crop. For strawberries that were offered here a short time ago at \$1.55 to \$1.90 packers to day wanted \$2.10

to \$2.15, with \$2 bid. Jobbing prices are also firmer." Prices here are: Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7c as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8; lumps, 8½ to 9c. Coffees, green, —Rios, from 21 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c, diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Wrier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco. Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 69c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco. Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted. Reliance, \$30; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Maurício, \$12.50. Seaman Waps, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$35.00. Commercial Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

## HARDWARE.

Steady and unchanged as follows:—Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.75 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.15; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, \$13½c; 2 inch, \$16½c; 2½ inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 31c per pound; sheet zinc, 7½ and 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7½ to 8½c lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

## LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Prices are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 28c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, \$5; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 der dozen.

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Turpentine is quoted 2c lower. Oil unchanged. Prices are: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 81c; boiled 84c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$1.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$6.25; Bulls head do., \$5.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

## WINES AND LIQUORS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50, Bisquet Dubouche & Co., \$4.00; Martel, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage 1890,