

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Very little change has taken place in the monetary aspect in the city since our last report. There are better hopes of business at the banks, but no material increase in the general commercial paper coming to discount. Large amounts will now be called for for grain handling, so that from this date forward the aggregate of unemployed funds will be kept much lower than it has for some months. The circulation of money is now at its lowest ebb in trade circles generally, but the demands for general trade purposes are correspondingly light. The situation at the banks is one of expectation and readiness, but has not as yet reached general activity. Discount rates are steady at 7 per cent for gilt edged commercial paper and 8 for good. Real estate mortgage business is almost at a standstill for the present. Until threshing is under weigh farm loans or interest payments upon such will scarcely be heard from, and in the city there is scarcely any calls for loans. The outlook is good, however, for the fall and winter. The interest rate on farm loans is nominal at 8 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Unless in the work of hurrying the shipment of fall goods there was but little activity in city wholesale circles during the past week, and new sales were as a rule confined to the immediate wants of buyers, and their wants were few and light. Two weeks ago most houses had instructions to hold over fall orders as heavy cancelling might be necessary owing to damaged crops. Last week most of these fears were cleared away, and the cancels of portions of orders have amounted to a very moderate aggregate in all, and have only been heard of from a few districts. This has greatly improved the feeling generally, but country buyers are withholding the customary supplementary orders, until threshing commences and a definite estimate of crops can be had. It is satisfactory however to learn by incoming reports, that the scare with which September opened has disappeared, and retailers all over the crop growing districts are becoming more confident. As might be expected collections are at a very low ebb, and no increased circulation of money over the country is looked for until the grain movement fairly sets in. In one or two minor branches such as fruits, there has been considerable activity, but in wholesale circles generally returning confidence is the furthest progress made as yet.

## DRY GOODS.

In dry goods and clothing houses there has been a general rush to get fall orders shipped, but there are very few new sales reported. These branches furnish the best index to the feeling of country traders, owing to the instructions they have received about shipping or cancelling of orders placed during the summer, and their reports are every day becoming more encouraging. The report as to collections is one of quietness.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

There is scarcely any change to report, and new raisins are not yet quoted. Quotations have ruled as follows: California evaporated peaches, 20 to 35c; do. plums, 20c; do. raspberries, 38c; do. pitted cherries, 25c;

do. blackberries, 16c; do. apricots, 23c. Other prices are: Dates, golden, 8c per lb, in 50 lb boxes; Valencia raisins, \$3.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box; Malages, London layers, \$3.50; Elemo figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb; Walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

## GROCERIES.

This trade has been in rather a quiet state of late, and no renewal of activity is as yet reported. Prices of staple goods seem to be tending upwards, and the refineries have made another small advance on sugars. Teas are also firm in foreign markets although not advanced here as yet. Coffees have advanced in European markets to the extent of nearly 2c a pound, and although this has not taken effect here, higher figures may be reached any day. Quotations range: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 8c, according to color; granulated, 9½c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 69c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

In this trade there has been quite a lively business done during the week, and consignments by rail have been arriving pretty freely. The following varieties have been selling as here quoted: Lemons, \$7.50 a case; apples, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel, the latter being for choice varieties only. Pears, \$8.50; California pears, \$4.50 a box; crab apples, \$6.00; Ontario plums in 20lb. baskets, \$2.00; Concord grapes in similar packages, \$2.00; California, Tokey Mureal grape, \$3.50 and \$3.00 respectively. California peaches, \$2.5 a box; tomatoes, \$3.50 a bushel baskets; oranges and bananas are about out of the market. Southern onions, \$8.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$13.00; in ½ barrels, \$6.50.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

In heavy lines business has been rather quiet during the week, although better than for two or three weeks previously. In shelf goods there has been more activity, and wholesalers express satisfaction on that head. Collections are very slow indeed. Prices have been holding steady, scarcely a change in staple lines being reported. The feeling however, is one of firmness. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$6; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11. to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c per lb., according to quality; bar

iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

## LUMBER.

This branch of trade is still lively, and the slowest report received is that orders can now be filled in reasonable time, and customers are not subject to any tantalizing delay. Mills look forward to six weeks more of activity, and are reporting very favorable as to the season's business as a whole. There is no changes in prices to report. Quotations are: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$10.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$10, 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, \$29; 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, do, \$17. Stock—P, \$35; C, \$30; D, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$32; 3rd, \$23. 1½, 1½, and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$35; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts; Parting Strips, do, 50 cts; ¼ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 60 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.50; 5 in, do, \$1.75; 6 in, do, \$2; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3; 10 in, do, \$3.75. Lath, \$1.75. 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.

## HIDES.

There has been an improved demand for good quality hides, and prices are a shade firmer all round. No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 30c.

## PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Business has been fairly active in this line so far as sales are concerned, the demand being for the most staple lines. Collections are reported very slow indeed.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are unchanged as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 16 to 30c; French calf, 1st choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 1st to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.