

Winnipeg Markets.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 20.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

GROCERIES.—Dried fruits continue the most interesting feature. As reported during recent weeks, raisins and currants are very firm. All reports are very strong, and there appears now to be no doubt but both these crops are short, about one-half of the raisin crop having been badly damaged or destroyed by rains, while the currant crop has suffered severely from drought. Instead of a decline, as is usually expected, it is said that later direct arrivals will cost higher. Prices have advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c since the season opened on new goods. Both currants and raisins were cabled 6d to 1s higher. In apples—dried and evaporated—there is not much doing yet. In canned goods the only feature is a strong tendency in salmon. Rice is firm, influenced by the China-Japan war, the export of rice being prohibited from these countries. Sugars have been steady. Eastern refiners quote $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ 3-16c for granulated and yellows at $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c, with a continued scarcity in low grade yellows. It is said that some eastern buyers have been taking raw sugars on account of the scarcity of yellows of low grade.

Green Fruits.—The large trade that has been done in Ontario grapes is now drawing to a close. Stocks were about exhausted on some days. A large lot is expected in about Monday of next week, and this may be the last large lot of the season. Higher prices are expected next week on grapes. Oregon plums are now out of the market, and there will not likely be any more in this year. Though a good many cars of apples have been received, they have been well taken up, and they were actually scarce on some days. Heavy shipments are now on the way to arrive next week. Apples are firm, and the lowest prices of the season are now past for good fruit. Dealers are rather looking for an advance. No more crabs have been received, though a good many more would have been taken, if they had been forthcoming in season. A country dealer who got some crabs out of the last car lot, complained that the price was too high. He was asked to return them, which he did, and they readily sold at an advance to pay the freight. Retail dealers are complaining of the quality of the lemons, but they are the best that can be had this time of year, as explained last week. Peaches are getting scarce. The first car of cranberries is expected daily and the price will be rather high—\$11 to \$11.50 per barrel. Spanish onions are 10c lower. Some fancy snow apples have sold as high as \$1.50 per barrel. Following are quotations for sound fruit, fit for re-shipment to country points:—Lemons at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per box; apples, \$3.75 to 4.25 per bbl.; California fruits, peaches, \$1.50 per box; do. cling-tones, \$1.25 per box; pears, \$2 to 2.75 per box; tokay and muscat grapes, full crates, \$5.50; Oregon pears, \$2 to \$2.50 per crate; bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 per bunch; eastern grapes, 40 to 50c for Concord and up to 60c for red and green varieties per 10 lb basket; crabs, out of the market. Spanish onions, \$1.40 per crate of 50 lbs.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminal—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do. 4oz., \$5.10; do. 8 oz., \$7.65; do. 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25.

FISH.—The only change in fish is a de-

cline in haddies to 11c per pound. British Columbia salmon, 14c lb; British Columbia halibut, 14c. Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel 3 to 4c. Smoked whitefish, 8c lb; smoked goldeyes, 30 to 35c dozen; red herring 20c box; finen haddies, 11c lb. Oysters, \$2 for standards and \$2.50 for selects, per gallon. Some fish, (whitefish,) were saved from the burning of the fish refrigerator at Selkirk on Sunday, and they are being sold very cheap, as they are frozen stock and will quickly spoil.

CANNED MEATS:

Corned Beef	..... 2 lb tins, per case of 1 dozen	\$2 65
Roast Beef	..... 2 " " " 1 " "	2 75
Brawn	..... 2 " " " 1 " "	2 65
Pigs Feet	..... 2 " " " 1 " "	2 25
Lunch Tongue	..... 2 " " " 1 " "	7 65
Ox Tongue	..... 1 " " " 1 " "	7 80
Chipped Dried Beef	..... 1 " " " 2 " "	5 70
Compressed Ham	..... 1 " " " 2 " "	5 25

NUTS.—Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 16 to 18c, walnuts, 14 to 17c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 15c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c. Figs, 14 to 18c; dates, 10c. Cocoanuts, \$1 to 1.10 per doz.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Some manufacturers have travellers out for spring orders. Regarding spring goods the Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The samples this season are said to be the finest ever sent out, and the finish of both women and men's wear is far ahead of anything attempted in former seasons. The proportion of samples of the finer class of goods is also largely in excess of those sent out a year ago, showing that the consumptive requirements of these descriptions of footwear are increasing. Regarding prices, they are said to be as cheap as ever, and profits are cut down to such a fine point, that no chance is left for cutting. So that if cutting is resorted to now, it is simply for the purpose of financing.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are still out on sorting trade trips, though a few lines of spring goods are being shown. Woolens are firm, and there was some talk of an advance as likely to occur in colored and grey cottons. It is said that the cause of the failure of several of the smaller woolen mills east of late is due to their taking orders at less than cost.

COAL.—Souris coal, which has been out of stock for some time, is now arriving freely from the new mine, which is said to produce a much better quality of coal than that placed on the market last winter. The mines at Estevan are not being operated this season. Quotations in Winnipeg are \$8.50 to \$8.75 per ton for Pennsylvania anthracite as to quantity, \$8.50 for western anthracite and \$7.50 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices delivered to consumers in the city, for regular stove sizes. Small sizes, called pea coal, suitable for steam and furnace, \$7.00 for western or imported anthracite. Souris coal sells at \$1.25 retail, and \$3.75 on track here, and at \$1.50 to \$1.75 on cars at the mines.

WOOD.—Prices are about the same. Tamarack is held at \$4 to 4.25 per cord on track here in car lots as to quality. Oak about \$3.75, mixed pine, spruce, etc., can be had at \$3.50. Poplar has sold at from \$2.25 to 2.75 on track as to quality.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—Business in this branch is just about wound up for the season, excepting the item of sleighs and cutters. A few plows have been selling, but this trade is about over. Attention now is directed to the matter of collections, which, however, are not turning out as good as was expected. It is now estimated that about 25 to 30 percent. of old liabilities will be paid off from this crop, and about 50 per cent. of new paper will be met, the balance going to renewals for another year. Regarding new business, however, business has been carefully selected by most of the implement houses this year, and

a larger proportion has been cash, while credit was given as a rule only to the more responsible persons. This statement regarding payments refers to farmers' paper.

DRUGS.—Following prices are for small parcels and will be shaded considerably for full apackage orders: Alum, per pound, $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c, alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor, ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 65c; copers, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4c; cocaine, per oz., \$7.50 to \$8.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 30 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 35 to 45c; iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25. Opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U.S. salad, \$1.25; to 1.40; oil, lemon, super, \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$4.00 to 4.50; oxalice acid, 13 to 16c; potash iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 80 to 85c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 5c; sulphur roll, per kegg, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 5c; soda bicarb., per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to 4.25, sal soda, \$2.00 to 3.00 tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55c.

LUMBER.—Dealers report quite a little business doing, there being the usual hurry to prepare buildings for winter. The mills are being closed down for the winter. There are pretty heavy stocks of lumber on hand at the mills, there being, it is said, about 50,000,000 feet at the Lake of the Woods. One effect of the practical amalgamation of the mills has been a curtailment of credit business this year. The management have wisely acted with great caution in supplying stocks, and there has been no overloading or pressing of stuff upon the retailers. As a consequence retailers have also been obliged to curtail credit, and the trade all around should be in better shape. The effect of this is larger stocks carried over at the mills, and probably smaller stocks at country points, notwithstanding the fact that nearly 10,000,000 feet were burned at one of the mills this season. It is said that none of the pine mills will get out any logs in Canadian territory this year, but a limited quantity will be got out on the south side of the Rainy river, in Minnesota, for the Lake of the Woods mills. This region has supplied about half the logs of late. Fire ran through a great deal of this country the present season and destroyed much timber. With the large supply of lumber carried over and a few logs on hand, the mills do not expect to do much more cutting next season than is necessary to keep stocks sorted up in the various lines required. There has been no change in prices since quotations were last given. Following is the price list of the Winnipeg dealers:

Dimension and Timber.

SIZES.	12ft	14ft	16ft	18ft	20ft	22ft	24ft
2x4 to 2x12	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$22	\$23
3x6 to 3x12							
4x4 to 4x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24
6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8							
8x10 to 12x12	21	21	21	22	23	24	15
2x4-10 at \$21.00.							
2x6 to 2x12-10 at \$18.00.							

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$24.00. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26.00. \$1.00 per M. advance on each inch over 12in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M. less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M.

BOARDS.—1st common dressed, \$25.50; 2nd common dressed, \$20.00; 2nd common rough,