

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The money market remains as close as ever. Mercantile collections are very close. There has been no movement of grain to market yet in quantities to affect the situation. Dealers of all kinds are preparing for a grand push to collect up outstanding amounts which have been accumulating for a year or more, but until the grain movement sets in actively they recognize that there is little use in pushing collections.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was very slow in a business way. The season drags along from week to week, and the busy time looked for "when grain begins to move actively" seems as far off as ever. The unfavorable weather is of course accountable for this. It is now so late in the season that a real brisk movement is not looked for until it freezes up, as farmers will not leave their plowing to market their crops, even if the weather does turn favorable. Plowing is of the greatest importance at present, if everything else does stand. The bad weather which has so delayed farmers in marketing their crops, and in other work, will certainly curtail fall trade in some branches, more especially in lumber and building supplies. A feature of the week is the arrival of a large number of travellers in textile lines for eastern houses. Travellers are now flocking out in dry goods, clothing, etc., but they are rather early, as owing to the lateness of the fall movement this year, stocks in the country are hardly broken into yet.

## DRIED FRUITS.

There is marked firmness in dried fruits of all kinds. Valencia raisins have advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ at Montreal, and currants firm. Dried and evaporated apples are strong. Sales of evaporated incar lots have been made easton Winnipeg account at 13 cents, which is the bottom price reported. Prices here are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do.  $\frac{1}{2}$  boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.75 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7¢ per lb.; dried apples, 8 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.; evaporated apples, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; choice new Eleme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16¢ per lb.; choice figs, 13¢ per lb.; fancy Eleme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18¢ per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9¢ per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24¢ per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30¢ per lb.; pitted plums, 13¢; raspberries, 35¢; prunes, 8 to 11¢ per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23¢.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Apples hold firm at \$5 per barrel for good winter fruit in the market, with some fall fruit obtainable lower. Apples are very firm in the east, prices for export to Great Britain realizing 25 to 50 per cent. higher than a year ago. Dealers say they could not now lay down choice fruit here now to sell at \$5 per barrel. Higher prices are certain here later. Tomatoes are poor quality for such as are now obtainable, latest arrivals from Ontario being very poor quality. Grapes are about the only Ontario fruit now offering freely. Ontario pears are about used up. A full car of Oregon pears arrived, and are offering at a low figure. Quotations are: Apples \$4 to \$5 a barrel as to quality, with choice fruit firm at \$5; Louisiana oranges, \$3.50 a box. Jamaica

oranges \$8.50 per box. Lemons, Messina \$9.00 to \$10 per box. Bananas, scarce and firm at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bunch for choice. Ontario tomatoes, in 20 lb baskets, \$1 per basket. California peaches, \$2 to \$2.25 per box; California pears, \$4 per box; Oregon pears, in 40 lb boxes, \$3.75 per box; Ontario pears, \$1.25 per 20 lb baskets; California grapes, \$3 to \$3.25 per crate of 20 lbs. Toksy grapes in 40 pound crates, \$6.50 per crate. Ontario grapes are quoted at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for Concordes, and 7¢ per pound for Rogers. Malaga grapes, \$9.50 per keg. Crab apples, \$6 per barrel. Wisconsin cranberries, \$10 to \$10.50 per barrel.

## GROCERIES

Sugars have been advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ by refiners. The situation in canned goods is very strong, canners being very firm on fruits and vegetables, and they appear confident of higher prices later. Prices are as follows: Sugars, yellow, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9¢. Coffee, green.—Rios, from 24 to 25¢; Java, 27 to 29¢; Old Government, 29 to 32¢; Mochas, 33 to 35¢. Teas: Japan, 23 to 40¢; Congous, 22 to 26¢; Indian teas, 35 to 60¢; young hyson, 26 to 50¢. T. & B. tobacco, 56¢ per pound; Lilly, 7s, 52¢; diamond solace, 12s, 48¢; P. of W., butts 47¢; P. of W., caddies, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55¢; Brier, 7s, 53¢; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56¢; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48¢; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48¢. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 48¢; Woodcock, 52¢; Beaver, 63¢; Jubilee, 60¢; Anchor, 59¢; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65¢; Cut Cavendish, 70¢; Senator, 80¢; Standard Kentucky, light, 85¢; do dark, 80¢. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$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.

Nails have been advanced 5¢ at Montreal, and are now quoted in that market at \$2.60 for small lots, per keg, and \$2.50 in round lots. There were also general advances in iron, and tin plates were quoted very strong. Quotations here are:—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, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 as to quality; granulated, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8; lumps inch, \$13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, \$16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 2 inch, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per foot; ingot tin, 30¢ per lb; bar tin, 31¢ per pound; sheet zinc, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 8¢ per lb.; galvanized iron, 23 gauge, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  nett.

## LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Leather is still very firm. So sharp has been the advance in the United States that 15¢ per pair will hardly cover the increased cost of shoes. Stocks are reported as light, and as manufactures must buy to make up goods for their spring trade firm prices are looked for. Prices here are as follows:—Spanish sole 26 to 30¢; slaughter sole, 26 to 30¢; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75¢ to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85; Bourdon kip, 70¢; slaughter kip, 55 to 65¢; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45¢; grain upper, 50¢; harness leather, 26 to 30¢ for plump stock. English oak butts, 60¢; buffe,

17 to 21¢ a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21¢; pebble, 21¢; colored linings, 12¢; 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 per dozen.

## WINES AND LIQUORS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$2.80; old rye, \$1.85; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.50; Martel, vintage 1893, \$4.50; vintage 1890, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$8.50 to \$7.50, for vintage 1885 to 1890; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4 to \$4.50 DeKuyper red gin, \$12.00 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$7.00 per case; Tom gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$20.00;

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

Wheat was fairly steady during the first three days of the week, but on Thursday and Friday there were sharp declines at Chicago. In British markets English wheat on Monday last was only one shilling higher than a year ago, per quarter of eight bushels, or equal to about 3 cents per bushel higher than a year ago. The visible supply statement on Monday last showed an increase of 339,000 bu. On Tuesday British cables reported wheat firmer and  $\frac{1}{2}$ d higher. Shipments of wheat from Russia for last week were reported as amounting to 1,920,000 bushels, showing some increase over the previous week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday cables were unfavorable to higher prices, and were generally quoted weak and lower. The present situation in British markets does not give much encouragement for higher prices than ruled at this time last year.

Locally there has not been much doing. After the almost incessant rain of the previous week it only required an occasional light shower to keep everything damp, and these light showers came at intervals. The week, however, was a great improvement on the previous one. Threshing was again resumed and considerable work of this nature was done, though it is to be feared that a good deal of the grain threshed last week would be on the damp side, as the straw would not have time to dry properly. Country roads were in such bad shape that much of a movement in delivering wheat was not expected, though at a few points there was considerable doing on some days. About 75 to 80 cents is the top price offered in country markets for best samples obtainable, but very little coming up to this figure. It is now evident that the continued wet weather will have the effect of preventing any considerable movement of wheat before the close of navigation. At Toronto No. 2 Manitoba hard was quoted at \$1.10 to \$1.12.

## FLOUR.

Flour is again lower, prices locally having declined 1¢ on high grades. The mills are all working steadily. Quotations in jobbing lots to the local trade are now as follows:—Patents, \$2.80; strong bakers', \$2.60; second bakers, \$2.10 to \$2.30; XXXX, \$1.40; superfine, \$1.20; middlings, \$2.70; Graham flour, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

## MILLSTUFFS.

There is a good demand for bran and shorts