

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been a slightly improved feeling during the past week in connection with trade financial affairs, and signs are apparent that the long strain is gradually relaxing. The fourth or rather the fifth on Monday last, although falling short, in the proportion of maturing paper paid, of an average at this time of year, showed a decided improvement upon the fourth of February, and has created a more hopeful feeling. By adding the supplementary remittances which have since come in from the country, the proportion of the paper due on that day and now paid reaches at least sixty per cent of the whole. Of course there has been great differences in this proportion, some houses reporting not more than forty per cent and others over eighty. On the whole there is evidence of a freer circulation of money, although the volume is still slender. Banks are meeting the demands of their regular mercantile customers freely, but are not touching promiscuous business, and are still adhering to the 8 per cent minimum rate of discount. There is no improvement noted in connection with real estate mortgage loans, unless it be a little better return of interest payments. New business is still very slim, and neither land owners nor loan companies are very anxious to push matters. Some agents think that a favorable settlement of the disallowance question at Ottawa would cause a little stir in new loans, but the majority think the season too far gone, and have settled their minds down to accept this as a winter's business spoiled by grain blockade on the C.P.R. and a very promising one it was last fall. The interest rate is nominal at 8 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Again the trade of the city has been startled by another failure of an important nature in the city retail trade. This was the principal matter of interest and conversation last week. Several compromises of an unimportant nature were also a matter of comment. The payment of paper due on the 4th, and collections generally, were frequently referred to in conversation with wholesale dealers, and though some firms had received fair returns, yet the general feeling was not one of satisfaction. It seemed however to be the opinion that matters were slowly improving in this respect. Trade was generally quiet, and there has not yet been much indication of the spring movement for immediate wants.

CANNED GOODS.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says: "Salmon, Columbia river, of 1888 pack is being offered quite freely here at the f.o.b. price of \$1.60 to \$1.65. Some few in the trade have entered into contracts upon this basis, while others consider the price too high for any large operations, though they are willing to purchase single car lots for the purpose of obtaining prompt shipments and having some stock to open the season with. The position of affairs on the river, however, is a strong one, but the stability of the market will depend largely upon the run of fish, when the season opens, a matter that cannot be reckoned upon at this time. Prices here are: Tomatoes, \$3.25;

peas, \$3.25 to \$3.45; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

DRY GOODS.

The movement has been in about the same proportion, and the demand for immediate wants is still of an unimportant nature. In dry goods and clothing shipments of spring orders are going out though there is something of a drag in this movement, owing to uncertainties of the situation.

DRUGS.

Business keeps on fairly active, and with prices steady. Quotations were as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; 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; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Apples are becoming stronger as the season advances, fancy sorts being quoted from \$6 to \$7 per barrel. Russets, greenings and some varieties may be had at from \$5 to \$6 per barrel, whilst damaged can can be had frequently at buyers' prices. Florida oranges are out of the market, but other varieties are to hand. Quotations are for sound and frost free goods. Oranges slightly damaged from frost may be had at lower figures. Quotations are: Mesinas, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6.50 to \$7; Fancy Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$8 to \$9.50; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50. Cranberries, \$10.50 to \$12 a bbl.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 7½-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Elme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

FURS.

Quite a number of lots are coming in to this market, where there is sharp competition. Good prices are being realized. There is nothing new to note. In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows: Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin, badger, 10 to 50c, black bear \$3 to \$19; cubs do \$1.00 to \$5.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$17, cubs do. 50c to \$3, grizzly bear, \$3 to

\$10, cubs do. \$1 to 12, white bear, \$5 to \$57, cubs do, \$4 to \$17, lynx, 10c to \$2.25, cubs do. 5 to 40c, wild cat, 10 to 30c, timber wolf, 25c to \$2.50, prairie do. 20 to 60c, wolverine, 25c to \$5, panther, 10c to \$2.50, fisher, 25c to \$5, red fox, 15c to \$1.25, kit fox, 10 to 50c, silver, grey or black fox, \$7 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5, blue fox, 25c to \$9, white fox, 10c to \$1.25, martin, 10c to \$2.00, mink 10 to 60c, muskrat, all grades, 3 to 15c, otter, \$1 to \$3, do cubs 25 to 75c, raccoon, 10 to 80c, skunk, 10 to 80c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The market is now well supplied with white fish. Quotations are as follows: Fresh cod and Haddock are in the market, and sold at 8c per pound. Fresh white quoted at 6 to 8c, and Lake Winnipeg jackfish at 3½c per pound. Finnen haddies 10½ to 11c. Oysters are steady and quoted: Selects, \$2.10, and standards \$1.90 per gallon. Cans, selects, 40c, standards 35c.

GROCERIES.

Only a steady movement. Prices are: Sugars Dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees—Rios, from 24 to 26c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan Newseason's 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 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.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quiet and prices steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES.

Prices are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 5c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3½ to 4c a lb around; tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are as follows: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance