

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

Payments of paper falling due have been met in a fairly satisfactory manner, and complaints of slowness in this respect were not frequent. A good deal of paper will fall due during the current week, and the manner in which this is met will indicate the state of the country more clearly than can be surmised from the straggling payments of the past month. The loan companies and agricultural implement dealers report payments not at all unsatisfactory. At the banks commercial discounts are steady at old quotations.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

The excitement consequent upon the Dominion election contest seems to have superseded everything else, and wholesalers were found more inclined to talk politics than business. However, it appeared that there was very little actual business to talk about, and in nearly all lines the season's dullness continues undisturbed. Many dealers have not yet received spring stocks fully enough to allow of making up orders, and others seem inclined to hold off shipping out goods until after the fourth of the month, by which time they will have a better knowledge of the financial standing of the country. Some, however, will commence shipping immediately.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

A move will be made at once toward shipping out spring orders, but a week or two will elapse before the work will be in full blast.

CLOTHING

There is still a state of quietude in this trade, broken only by the opening of new goods. Very little has been done yet in making up orders, and dealers do not seem inclined to push matters in this respect.

DRY GOODS

Cases and bales are still pouring in from all quarters to the warehouses. Local dealers appear to be laying in extra heavy stocks this season, in anticipation of a good spring and summer trade. Stocks will soon be complete in every department, and dealers will be in better shape this season than ever before to handle the trade to the best advantage of their retail customers.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Prices hold steady at quotation as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 70c to 80c; opium, \$4 to \$4.50; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 50 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; 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; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES

Spring stocks are not all to hand yet, and shipping out orders will not commence before the middle of February. At present there is little stir in any direction.

FISH AND GAME

Fresh lake fish of all kinds are still very scarce, and only a few loads arriving. Prices now are: Whitefish, 8c; pickerel, 4c; jack,

fish, 3c. Oysters are quoted at 35c for standard, and 37½ to 45c for selects, according to quality. Bulk oysters, \$1.85 to \$2.20 per gallon, according to quality. Fresh sea fish are in the market and quoted as follows: Smelts, 11c; tommy cods, 7½c; eel, 11c; haddock, 11c; lobsters, 18 to 20c. Smoked Finnan haddies, 11c.

FRUITS

Apples hold firm at quotations. Other prices unchanged as follows: Florida oranges, \$7.00 to \$7.50; Mexican oranges \$7.00 to \$7.50. Winter apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per bbl. for good stock. Messina lemons, \$7 to \$7.50; Oregon pears, \$4.50 to \$5; Malaga grapes, \$7 to \$8.00 per keg; Cranberries, \$9.00 to \$12.00, according to size of barrel and quality; Figs, in 50-pound sacks, 12½c; New Elme figs, in layers, 16c to 20c per pound, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 11 to 12c; peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 20c; almonds 20c; filberts 15c; Texas pecans, 18c. Dried fruits quoted: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$3.25; London layers \$3.75 to \$3.90; black crown \$5 to \$5.25; black baskets, ½ boxes, \$1.30. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel, or \$7 per half-barrel. Sweet potatoes, \$9.50 per bbl; Spanish onions, cases 150 lbs., \$7.25; cases 50 lbs., \$2.50. Evaporated apples, 13 to 14c; dried apples, 7c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c.

GROCERIES

Trade moves slowly and prices steady as follows: Canned tomatoes, at \$3.50; corn, at \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$3.75; yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c to 8c; lump sugar, 8½c; Coffee, Rios, 19 to 20c; Government Java, 30 to 32c, other Javas, 25 to 28c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; panfried Japan 25 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.00 to \$2.25; T. and B. tobacco, \$10.

HIDES

Prices have gone down another notch, owing to the demoralized state of the markets east, and failures in the leather trade. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; bulls, 3½c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 5c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

HARDWARE AND METALS

Trade quiet and prices steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 45 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

There is little demand outside of illuminating and lubricating oils. Prices are: Turpentine, 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 14c per lb; la d

No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 30c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 50c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

THE MARKETS

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WHEAT

The wheat markets, both local and provincial, have been increasingly quiet during the past week. Deliveries have steadily declined, and at a number of markets not enough grain has come in to pay buyers to remain in the field. Some dealers think that there will be very little more wheat for export, and that all yet to be marketed will be required for grinding in the province. It is a known fact that many millers are very poorly supplied with stocks for grinding ahead, and these are now hustling to lay in wheat in store. It is just possible that some of these may be caught napping. Last year there was a heavy movement of wheat in February, and doubtless some country millers expected the same thing this season, and have consequently put off buying wheat until the same time this season, thinking they would be able to obtain ample supplies during the present month. This year, however, there was an earlier movement, and a greater quantity of wheat went out before the close of navigation. Prices in the city, paid to farmers for deliveries at the mills, were still held at the old figures of 65c for No. 1 hard and 62c for 2 hard and 1 northern. The feeling was easier at the close, with a probability of a decline, should outside markets remain easy. Cars on track have sold as high as 62½c, but this was a top figure. About 61c would be an average price for car lots on track at provincial points. Prices paid farmers were quoted at 56 to 58c at Brandon and 57c at Portage la Prairie for No. 1 hard.

FLOUR.

Prices here remain entirely unchanged. Broken lots, delivered in the city, are quoted: Patents, \$2.35; Strong bakers', \$1.80; XXXX \$1.20 to \$1.30; super-fine, 90c to \$1.

BRAN AND SHORTS

Steady at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts.

BARLEY.

Some cars of feed have been moving and are quoted at 43 to 44c.

OATS

Oats have been offered more freely, and cars have sold at 42 to 44c. Deliveries of oats along the C.P.R. main line are shipped west.

OATMEAL

Prices hold steady at \$2.60 for standard and \$2.75 for granulated, in trade lots.

EGGS.

Scarcely any called fresh offered. Pickled sell at 22c, and 21c would not be refused in round lots. Fresh bring 25c on the street.

BUTTER

There appears to be a pretty full supply of stocks in store, and new receipts are fully up to the consumptive demand, so that there is no likelihood of a diminution in stocks. Som