

Country dealers are sending in tolerably good orders in anticipation of a good business between now and Christmas. City trade is also better. Collections are not yet what might be wished for, but there are evident signs of improvement. The factories are kept pretty busy with ordered work.

GROCERIES.

The trade of the week has been very satisfactory to the leading houses in this line. Heavy orders are being received from country points, and the city demand is also better. Staple groceries rank among the necessities of life, and on that account there is no doubt but that a good trade will continue to be done, especially towards the holiday season of festivity. Prices are firm at the following quotations, which are: Sugars—Yellow 9½ to 10c; granulated 10½ to 11c; Paris lumps 12½ to 12½c; Coffees 15 to 18c for Rios; 22 to 27c for Javas; teas—Japan 20 to 45c, Moynne gunpowders 30 to 75c; Young Hyson 25 to 70c; new season Congous 24 to 55c; last season's do 18c to 35c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

The rush which always happens at this season of the year, to finish up buildings in course of construction before winter sets in, has caused a more active demand for all classes of light hardware of late. The heavier classes of goods and metals are also more inquired for and a good trade has been done in these lines recently. Collections are still somewhat slow, and until contractors finish up their jobs and get their money there will not likely be much improvement in that respect. Quotations remain as they were, but a rise will shortly take place, owing to the advance in freight when navigation closes. Prices at present are as follows. Tin plate 14x20, \$7.50 to 7.75; 20x28, \$14.25 to 14.75; bar iron \$3.50 to 4.00; sheet iron \$3.50 to 7.00; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; piglead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8c to 9c according to quality.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business is reported very good and likely to continue so for some time. Shoemaker's stock is in especially good demand. There is no change in quotations, which are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 55c; B Z calf \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip 55c to 90c; slaughter kip 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper 55c; grain upper 55c; harness leather 34c to 36c for plump stock; English oak sole 65c.

LUMBER.

There is still a fairly active demand, and will continue to be until the advent of winter puts a stop to building operations. The following are the quotations: Pine lumber, 1st, common boards, dressed \$26.50; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50; 1st do. rough, \$26.50; 2nd do. \$25.50; sheathing, rough, \$25; timber 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimension and joists 16 feet and under, \$24; do. over 16 feet for each, \$1; fencing, \$25; 2 and 3 inch battens, \$30; A. stock boards, all widths, \$50; B do., \$45; C do., \$40; D do., \$35; 1st clear, 1, 1½, 1½, and 2 inch, \$60; 2nd do., \$56; window and door casings, \$50; base boards, dressed, \$50; 1st pine flooring,

siding and ceiling, \$40; 2nd do. \$35; 3rd do. \$30; ½ inch split siding, dressed, \$30. Spruce lumber—timber 16 feet and under, \$22; do. over 16 feet for each additional 2 feet, \$1; dimensions and joists, 16 feet and under, \$23; do., over 16 feet, for each additional 2 feet, \$1; boards, \$22; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$28; XX shingles, \$5.25; Star A shingles, \$5.25; X shingles, \$5.00; A do, \$4.50; lath, \$4.50.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business continues to be very satisfactory and steady. The approach of the holiday season is expected to give an impetus to trade in this line. Collections are very fair, in fact they might almost be called good.

STOVES, TINWARE, &c.

The leading houses are still very busy filling orders from both city and country. Another month will see the rush of the season's trade past. Collections are reported good.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In this line business continues to be very fair and somewhat better than it has been for a week or two. There is not much room for complaint as regards collections.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The wine and spirit business is becoming brisk, and shows signs of rapid improvement. The demand from both city and country customers is good, and collections are satisfactory. Quotations to jobbers and purchasers of quantities are: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Imperial, cases, vintage of 1878, \$5.50; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Boleyn, in wood, \$4 to \$5.50; Ronet, in cases, quarts, \$8.50, flasks, \$10, half flasks, \$11; Pinette, in wood, \$4 per Imp. gal.; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$10; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; half flasks, four dozen in a case, \$12; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9; half flasks, \$10. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$6 to \$7; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Ford's Acadia gin \$2.25 to 2.75; Booths, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$.00; Caol-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$9.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$4.50; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$28; G. H. Mumm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$21. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$5.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Drewry's ale \$13 per bbl; Bass's ale in quarts \$4 per doz; pints \$2.50; Guinness's porter in quarts \$4.00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; G. O. P. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$8.50.

THE railway track at East Selkirk is being extended to the harbor.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Owing to the bad state of the weather and the muddy roads the movement of grain for the week has not been what it otherwise would have been. But notwithstanding there have been considerable receipts at some points in the country. In Winnipeg receipts on street have been nil. Prices are pretty well maintained, and during the next few weeks it is expected there will be a heavy movement of all kinds of cereals. Provisions are in good demand at fair prices.

WHEAT.

There have been considerable receipts by rail, fully up to what was expected considering the weather and roads. Brandon, Greta and Manitoba City so far take the lead in receipts, but other points will show up pretty well shortly. Receipts on the street have amounted to little if anything. The price remains firm at 90c to 92c in Winnipeg, the latter figure being for the very first quality of No. 1 hard.

OATS.

There has been nothing taken in from the street during the week, but quite a number of car loads have been received from western and southern points. There is an active demand for shipment to points east, for use in the lumber camps and in railway construction. The ruling figure is 30c delivered in Winnipeg.

BARLEY.

There has not been a bushel of movement during the week, and the quotation of 35c to 40c is purely nominal.

FLOUR.

The mills are actively at work, running full time and still they are not able to supply orders as they come in. The local demand is good, and there is an eager inquiry for shipment east. Prices are firm at the following quotations: Patents \$3.10 to 3.20; xxx or strong baker's \$2.70 to 2.90; baker's \$2.00 to 2.10; traders or xx \$1.10.

RICE.

is in fair demand and the supply is liberal. It is still quoted at \$10 per ton on truck.

SHORTS.

are not much inquired for, but are firm at \$12 per ton on truck.

CHOPPED FEED.

remains at the old figure of \$28 per ton.

POTATOES.

Receipts have been light for the week, farmers not being able to get them to market. They are worth from 36c to 40c per bushel.

CHEESE.

There is a good supply in the city, and the demand is improving. Prices are firm at 14½c to 15c per pound.

BUTTER.

The market is abundantly supplied, and the demand for choice quality is good. Quotations range from 20c to 25c, according to quality, and very fine creamery would bring fully a cent over the latter figure.

HAMS.

are becoming scarce. Canvassed are out of stock; plain are firm at 18c.

BACON.

There is a plentiful supply and good demand from both city and country points. Quotations are: Long clear dry salt 11c to 11½c; smoked 12c to 12½c; rolls 16c to 16½c for both canvassed and plain; breakfast, uncovered, 16c to 16½c; covered 17c.