

probably not be felt before the opening of spring trade. The report on collections is also a dull one. The quotations we give are almost nominal. Tin plate I.C., 14x20, \$6.25 to \$6.50 a box; I.C., 20x28, \$12.50 to \$13; Canada plates \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, 28 G, \$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 25 to 30 per lb; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, 7 to 7½c per lb; bar iron, \$2.75 to 3.25 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.25 to \$3.75.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There is scarcely any change to report in this line of business. A light but steady trade has been done during the week, while collections have been fairly good. Prices have not changed and quotations are: Spanish sole, 33c to 35c; slaughter sole, 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.10; French kip, \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip, 85c to 90c; slaughter kip, 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33c to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

LUMBER.

There has been no improvement in the state of trade during the week. Business has been about as dead as it well could be. No sale of any consequence is reported, and yards present a deserted appearance. There is a growing fear that the absence of snow will materially lessen even the light cut which was intended in the woods this winter.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Matters are still in a state of dullness. There have been no demands during the week, and wholesalers have now their winter arrangements in force. The following quotations may be considered nominal: Linseed oil raw, 72c per gal.; boiled, 75c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market, east of, 15c per lb. lard, No. 1 \$1.30 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine qualities 65c to \$1. Coal oils, headlight 72c; water white 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4.00 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6, white lead, genuine, \$5.00, No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, first break, are quoted at \$2.50.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

Business has been falling-off a little in this line during the week although it cannot yet be termed dull. The absence of snow for sleighing has had a bad effect upon this trade, as had it been general, December would doubtless have been a lively month.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business is still rather slow in this trade, and but for the demand in Christmas cards and other holiday items would be actually dull. This season, altogether, has not been a very prosperous one. Collections are reported fair.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

There has been a little activity all week in this trade, and now that the election excitement is over, a steady, good demand for staple lines exists. Quotations are as follows: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis Freres, in cases, qts., \$9;

flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, flasks, \$8; Gin, \$9; Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.5 to 11.50; green \$5.50 to \$6.50; cases, Old Tom gin, Bernhard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Coal-Isa Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, 10.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4. Bernhard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet and Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Munz, quarts, \$28; pints, \$30; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports, 2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$4.00, pints 2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$2.52; W.F.L. five year old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$4.50.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The past week has not been a very active one in grain circles, and the movement of all kinds of grain has been light. Millers are not very anxious to increase their stocks as the state of the flour markets of the east is not such as would warrant their so doing. Quite a number of cars have passed through the city en route for Port Arthur, but as yet no grain has been shipped by all-rail route to the east or at best none of any magnitude. The street receipts in the city have held well up, and from this source the mills have been able to get a large proportion of their supply. Oats have been in very light demand and have fallen in price considerably. Altogether the grain business of the week has been much slower than during the last month or so. In provisions the business done has also been light and the weak feeling in prices still continues. The butter glut noted in our last report is in no way improved but has grown considerably worse. Meats although much firmer in the eastern markets have not improved much here and are very little changed in price.

WHEAT.

The prices of better grades have been a little firmer during the week, but lower ones are about the same. The great advance expected from the philanthropic movements of the great Montreal syndicate have not accomplished much in the way of better prices. No. 1 hard, is quoted at 65c; No. 2 at 58 to 59c; No. 1 regular, 58c; No. 2, 53 to 54c; No. 3, 47 to 48c; rejected, 40 to 42c.

OATS.

The demand having fallen off greatly, prices have dropped quite a little. Car lots are now offered at 33c, and are not ready sale at that.

BARLEY.

There are practically no fine lots to be had in the city, and the receipts so far have been used

as a rule for feed. Lots of that kind have sold at 25 to 35c.

FLOUR.

"Here has been a fair local and western demand during the week but no shipments to the eastern provinces have been made. Prices are unchanged and are: Patents, \$2.30; strong bakers', \$2.00; XXXX, \$1.50, and super-fine \$1.25.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

The local demand for these still holds good, but no heavy shipments are heard of. Bran is quoted on track at \$9 a ton and shorts \$11.

POTATOES.

There has as yet been no weather cold enough to cut off receipts, and prices are consequently weak yet. Street receipts after peeling, around the city are sold to consumers at 40c and to dealers as low as 35c.

EGGS.

There is no change to report since our last. The supply holds up well owing to mild weather and even the farmers bring a few fresh lots to town which sell readily to retailers and consumers at 30c. Cases are quoted at 26 to 27c.

BUTTER.

Demoralization is the state of this trade. The stock in the city has been increased by consignments from the east to be sold on commission. The city is now properly glutted, and after all the quantity of first-class quality is not so unusually heavy. Prime eastern is still held at 25c, and first-class Manitoba sells at 19 to 22c. Medium and lower grades are abundant but are very slow sale.

CHEESE.

There has been no change in price since last report, the quotation for prime quality being 15c. The demand is steady but not heavy.

BACON.

There has been an effort to lift prices during the week which has not succeeded very well. Dry salt is now quoted at 10½ to 11c; rolls 14½ to 15c; English breakfast, 16c.

HAMS.

There is no change to report. Prime smoked are still held at 16c with an occasional quotation of 15½c for a jobbing lot.

MESS PORK.

Prices have not changed during the week although there is some curiosity manifested as to how home pork packing operations which are about to commence, will affect prices. Small lots are quoted at \$19.50 with \$19 for jobbing lots.

MESS BEEF.

A few sales are reported during the week at the steady figure of \$17.

MINNEAPOLIS.

During the first half of the week just closed the wheat market was strong and prices went higher, but a reaction followed and a net decline of ½c on high grades and of 1 to 3c on low grade and sample grain was recorded. At the close, however, the market was quite steady and had a slight upward tendency. There has been a sudden increase in the demand from outside shipments the past week having been the largest ever known here in the same time. This demand comes mainly from millers who have heretofore been content to grind soft spring wheat, but who find that their best gives better satisfaction and sells higher if a mixture of our hard wheat is used. Little of the hard grades is shipped, the bulk being No. 1 or lower.

Farmers continue to market freely in parts of Dakota and Minnesota, so that receipts do not decline much, and the elevators are