

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Oct. 16
COAL.

The cooler weather this week has increased the demand materially for coal, and coal delivery wagons have become familiar sights upon the city streets. There is nothing new in the local trade in the way of prices, which are quoted the same as last winter for all kinds, namely, \$10.00 per ton for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9.50 for western anthracite, \$8.50 for Lethbridge bituminous, and \$4.50 for Sea Island lignite. These are retail prices, delivered. Reports from the United States speak of a possible combination in the bituminous coal trade. Anthracite is firm and a further advance is talked of.

DRUGS.

Quinine bark has advanced rapidly of late and prices are said to be 50 per cent higher than a year ago. Castor oil keeps high. Bluestone is very firm. Prices have advanced 1-4c per lb. east. See quotations on another page.

FISH.

The summer fishing season at the Manitoba lakes is over. When the lakes freeze over later on, the winter fishing will begin. Shell oysters are the only new thing in. Local jobbing prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut 10c per lb; kippered gold-eyes, 30c per dozen; flunan haddies, 12 1-2c per lb. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon in bulk, and \$8 per barrel for shell.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples continue very firm. There are some Ontario apples in the market but most offerings are southern stock. No more plums offered and the season is over for them. A few peaches are still obtainable, but when present limited supplies are exhausted, it is not expected any more will be brought in, unless it be a few small lots in mixed cars. Crabs are practically done. A few baskets have come in, but nothing worth mentioning. California Tokay grapes are not arriving in good condition. Altonas will be in later and will be better shipping stock. Tomatoes are very scarce. The recent heavy frost has stopped the local supply, and not many Ontario have been arriving. Orders for Quinces are coming in, but no stock has arrived yet, and it is not expected there will be any considerable quantity brought in. There may be a few small lots in mixed cars. Ontario grapes have been in good supply, but are now slackening up. The supply has been mostly Concord, Rutgers have been scarce. Ontario pears have not been coming forward fast enough to fill all demands. The yellow fever situation in the south has interfered with the banana trade, owing to the quarantine restrictions and the supply may be almost entirely shut off. The first new Mexican oranges have arrived. They are not looking stock, but rather on the green side yet, consequently lacking in flavor. Prices are as follows: Mexican oranges, \$0.50 box; Bananas per bunch, \$2.50 to \$3; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; tomatoes, 20-lb baskets, 70c; California peaches, \$1.25 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; apples, \$4 to \$4.50 per barrel for fall and winter varieties; Concord grapes, 30c 10-lb. baskets; California

grapes, \$2.50 to \$3 per crate for Tokays; Ontario pears, 65 to 85c per 20-lb. basket; Cape Cod cranberries, \$9.50 per barrel; sweet potatoes, \$5 to \$5.25 per barrel.

GROCERIES.

Rice is very scarce in this market. No new crop has been obtainable yet. The Canadian rice mills have been closed since the new tariff was introduced, but it has lately been rumored that the Montreal mill will resume operations, and thus furnish a supply of the lower grades at least. New canned goods are now coming forward in tomatoes, corn, etc., and the market will soon be well stocked with domestic canned goods. New California muscatel raisins are now in transit to this market. It is expected from reports received that the new crop will show much better quality than last year. The great scarcity of prunes in this market is being gradually relieved, and supplies of small and medium sizes are now obtainable here. Some Oregon prunes, which are alleged to be of very fine quality, are on the way to this market. They are claimed to be superior to the California article. The market is at present practically bare of currants, but supplies of the new crop are expected to reach here daily. The price of new currants will be high, as the goods are away up this year. It is a long time since the Winnipeg market has been so bare of staple goods as it has been for some time back, but the situation is now being gradually relieved by the arrival of new season goods in different lines. Teas are very firm abroad and the tendency is higher. Sugars are firm. Advices from the east speak of a probable advance at the refineries, though competition from German refined sugar is holding down the price of Canadian. Importations of German refined are said to be on the increase.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

It is a long time since the metal markets have exhibited such a strong trend as at present. Prices are very firm all along the line. Manufacturers are frequently advancing prices, and they do not seem to be anxious to do business at the present basis of prices, as higher values are expected. In this market the only actual advance this week is in rope, which has been advanced to 63-4c base price for sisal and 81-4c for manilla rope. Further advances in rope are talked of, owing to the increased cost of the raw material. All heavy goods tend upward. The manufacturers of wire nails have advanced prices 10c per keg. In the local market this advance has not been met yet, but no doubt nails will be advanced here at an early date. Bolts have been advanced in the east, but are unchanged here. Iron pipe has also been advanced by eastern makers, as will be seen by the list on another page. Locally prices are the same as quoted last week, with the exception of rope, as noted.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

Business is active in glass, and already stocks have been broken some. Importations were large, but the increased trade this season has reduced stocks very fast. Prices are very firm. White lead and linseed oil are very firm at the recent advance. Turpentine is firm and higher east, a further advance being reported from Montreal, but the local price remains the same. Quotations in this market are the same as reported in detail last week.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—Wheat has been irregular this week. Early in the week it was reported that the long drought in the western winter wheat states had been broken, but later reports spoke of the drought as still prevailing in parts of Kansas. The condition of winter wheat in some sections appears to be still precarious. Deliveries of wheat by farmers at Manitoba country points have fallen off considerably this week, as the farmers are all busy with their fall plowing and other work which must be done before winter sets in. Deliveries have ranged from 150,000 to 200,000 bushels per day. The movement eastward to lake points is heavy and cars have been obtained more readily. Shipments this week will approximate 1,000,000 bushels. Last week they were 742,000 bushels. In the Winnipeg market No. 1 hard sold at 90 to 90 1-2c early in the week. On Wednesday 91c was made, and on Thursday 92c was reached for spot No. 1 hard afloat Fort William. On Friday 91 1-2c was quoted for No. 1 hard. No. 2 hard, 2 1-2 to 3c under No. 1 hard, and No. 3 hard about 7c under No. 1. No. 1 northern 1c under No. 1 hard.

FLOUR—There has been no change in the local price of flour. Millers report a good demand for shipment, and some large export sales were reported from Montreal. Prices are the same as last week. We quote prices as follows: Patent \$2.10 to \$2.45; strong bakers' \$2.20 to \$2.25; second bakers' \$1.75 to \$1.80, XXXX \$1.40 to \$1.50 per sack of 38 lbs. These are local quotations in broken lots.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton delivered in the city to retail dealers.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is held at \$16 to \$18 per ton, as to quality for good straight grain feed.

OATMEAL—The market is firm and \$1.70 is asked in lots to retail dealers for rolled oats per sack of 80 pounds.

BARLEY—Nominal at about 28c per bushel of 48 lbs. None offering.

OATS—Stocks of oats in the city are very light, and receipts this week have not materially improved. A few loads have been marketed here by farmers, and have usually brought 30c per bushel of 34 pounds. One car sold at 30c on track here of No. 2 mixed, and others were offered at 32c for feed grade. There were inquiries for oats from country points, showing that the local supply in some districts is insufficient. While the price of wheat is good and farmers are busy with fall work they will not take time to market oats as the cash return for a load of oats is small compared with a load of wheat. The market is firm. We quote car lots at country points 24 to 25c per bushel of 34 pounds.

BUTTER—Creamery. Prices are about the same as quoted last week, and the market is firm. Factories are pretty well cleaned up and they have mostly closed for the season. We quote 19 1-2 to 20c for creamery, as to quality.

BUTTER—Dairy. The market is firm. Prices are steady, and we quote 14c for choice lots of dairy and 12c to 14c as to quality for good to choice round lots.

CHEESE—The local market holds very strong for cheese, and high prices have been paid, compared with values in the east. Up to 10c has been paid this week to factories, and even 10 1-2c is said to have been paid for some