

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The principal feature in monetary circles is the slackening up of loan business on real estate security. This is perhaps partly due to the season of the year, and partly to the changed crop prospects from what it was earlier in the season. The slackening up of business in real estate transfers would also likely have the effect of curtailing loan transactions on farm properties. In the city there is little building doing to call for similar business. At the banks business remains rather quiet, and a good deal of anxiety is manifested regarding the crop situation. The feeling, however, is more hopeful than it was a week or two ago, and it is felt that even with a light crop this year, the country will come through all right, and that undue despondency is unnecessary. There have been no transactions at the banks of a special nature, and rates of discount are unchanged.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The past week has been one of more than usual quiet in wholesale trade circles in this city, though perhaps not more so in several branches than is often the case at this time of the year. Several houses report having sold their full complement of goods to date but in some lines, orders previously taken for fall and winter stocks have been cancelled or partly cancelled to some extent. However, this is not looked upon as an unmixed evil. In cancelling heavy orders, eastern houses will suffer along with the local houses, and it is expected that the result will beto give a heavier sorting trade in fall and winter goods in season. The first prospect of a failure in crops created a reaction from the very bright prospects of the early spring to the opposite of despondency, and naturally as early prospects were very bright, the revulsion of feeling was carried to the very depths of despondency. With the improved prospects of the last two weeks there has been another partial reaction, and now, though a less sanguine view is taken of the business outlook than was the case earlier in the season, yet the situation is not considered altogether hopeless. Indeed, many are now of the belief that with good weather for the balance of the crop season, the year will be more prosperous than has been the past one.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Prices are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

FURS.

Quotations are unchanged as follows: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black back, \$1.50 to \$2.2; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to

\$1 60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5 silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2 50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c Prices all per skin.

FRUITS—GREEN.

There has been considerable activity in this line, and importations have been fairly large. California oranges have come forward freely, and in good shape, and other California fruits in season are usually to be had. Following are the principal varieties in the market, with prices. Lemons, \$7 to \$7 50 per box; Oranges—Fancy Riverside Mediterranean Sweets, \$8.50 to \$7; fancy Riverside St. Michaels, \$7.50. Apples, \$8 per barrel, or 75c per box; Plums, \$3 per box; peaches, \$3 to \$3 25 per box; Bananas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$2.50 to \$3; Melons, \$6 per doz.; cucumbers, 75c per doz; onions—Egyptian, in 100 lb. crates, per crate, \$6; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$2.75.

FRUITS—DRIED, NUTS, ETC.

The movement is quiet in dried fruits, with prices as follows: Figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c.

GROCERIES.

There were further advances in sugars at New York last week, but cables reported lower prices. Valencia raisins were higher at Toronto, where 7 to 7½c. was quoted. Prices here are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 9 to 9½c; granulated, 10½ to 10½c; lumps, 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

There is hardly anything doing in hides, and prices are unchanged. Wool is moving freely, and competition is brisk, with prices paid in some instances at outside figures. Quotations are: Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per pound. Calf, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c. Beacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c re-

dered 5c.; wool, low grades, 9 to 9½c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

LUMBER.

The very dry season has seriously interfered with the lumber industry, and a good many logs are hung up, owing to low water. About one-half of the logs which were to be cut at the Lake of the Woods mills, have not yet been moved, and unless good rains are experienced, there will likely be a shortage of lumber this season. The most of the mills have some logs on hand from last year, so that they have been able to do some cutting. A good deal of lumber has been brought in from the Lake Superior district, and a considerable quantity has also been imported from Minnesota, but the latter has been mostly poor, cheap stuff, such as 3rd common and culls. This comes more into competition with the Lake Winnipeg spruce lumber. Trade has been good up to recently, but of late the demand has fallen off very materially. Prices are unchanged, list prices at the mills, f. o. b., being as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2, inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; select, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window Stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting Strips, do, 60 cts; ½ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3, 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Business has been fairly brisk in this branch, but is slower at present. Turpentine is quoted lower; also pure white lead. Price are: Turpentine in barrels, 83c per gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 67c, boiled 7½c; benzine and gasoline, 30c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar, \$6 a barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.40 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50