

GROCERIES.

Some houses in this trade report a slight increase in sales during the week, while others say there is no change as yet. The average report is therefore a little better than our last, and would place the week's sales about an average. Collections are reported very satisfactory. There is as yet no change in prices of staple goods, although stocks received before freights from the east went up are now getting low and an upward movement may set in any day. Quotations are: sugars, yellow 6½ to 7½c, granulated 8½c, lump 10½ to 10½c. Coffees, Rio 13 to 15c, Government Java 32 to 33c, other Javas 22 to 27c Mochas 31 to 34c; Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 30 to 75c pan-fired Japan 26 to 50c, basket-fired 27 to 40c, Congous 23 to 80c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this branch business during the past week is reported to have been very fair with a rather better demand in the heavy lines and metals from the country. Light hardwares have also been selling off fairly well. Owing to an advance in the eastern and English markets the price of tin plates have advanced, and if this advance is maintained it will tend to stiffen the price in other goods, this feeling being strengthened by the prospect of a further rise in freights. Dealers quotations are now as follows: cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.25 to \$3.3; I.C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I.C. tin plates, double, \$11½ to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.00 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 to 30c per lb.; galvanized iron, 26 gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb., according to quality, bar-iron, \$2.50 to \$3. per 100 lb.; shot, 6 to 6½ lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

In this line business is stated to have been pretty good with a good steady business being done during the week, with the country demand showing an improvement on the city. There is no reason to complain of collections. Prices of goods have not changed any, dealers' quotations being as follows: Spanish sole, 31 to 33c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 85c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.10; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plumb stock; American oak sole, 60c.

LUMBER.

In this line business during the past week so far as can be learned does not show much change from our report of the previous two weeks. Mills generally seem to have about closed down for the season. There are calls for finishing and other lumber, but we do not gather that there is any great activity prevailing, with prices ruling a little firmer.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

In this branch business is stated to have been very quiet during the week there not being much demand from either country or city. There appears to be a feeling that there will not be any great activity in this trade for some time as some buildings which were expected to be pushed forward in this city and in country towns are at a

standstill because the contractors did not look for such an open fall as we have had. Collections are also stated to have been slow. Prices of goods are unchanged, dealers' quotations being: Linseed oil, raw 72c per gal., boiled 75c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25 and window glass, first break, \$2.40.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

In this trade business has been fairly good during the week. There has been a very good demand from the country but in the city matters are still rather quiet. Collections are reported very fair with no room for complaint.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

In this branch business is reported to have been very quiet during the week, there not being such an active demand as was prevalent during the preceding two weeks. Collections, however, are stated to have been very good, there being no cause for complaint.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

In this branch business is stated to have showed a more active feeling, there being an improvement in the demand from the country with a fair average of sales. In the city affairs are still in a rather quiet condition. Prices have not made any change, the following being the dealers quotations Gooderham & Worts, 5 year old, \$2.75; 7 year old, \$3.25; old rye, \$1.80; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50 Bisquet, Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$2.75; Port Wine \$2.25 and upwards; Sherry, \$2.25 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$3.50; DeKuyper red gin \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin \$6 per case; Martell and Hennessy's brandy \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The local grain markets during this week do not show much change from our last report, except that the movement in wheat is now getting more general, the supply received here being much heavier and increasing in quantity every day, and is likely to show more activity in another week or so as by that time farmers will be pretty well finished with their fall plowing and other necessary farm work and having more time to devote to marketing their grain, so that a large surplus may be expected for shipping eastward. At present this is rather light, as only what is left after filling milling wants is being shipped. The quality of the new crops is stated to be excellent and prices are firm at an advance on the previous week's figures, these being considered likely to maintain a firmness till at least after the close of navigation. In oats the supply is also good but the demand appears to be limited. In barley there is not much activity either, while the receipts are not increasing, but a bright quality

would fetch a good price here at present. In flour there is a much healthier feeling than for some time back, and some good orders are being filled at advanced prices. In provisions business during the week has been quite active, although perhaps not so much so as during the previous one. In butter there continues a good demand for the higher grades, the supply of which is rather scarce while prices do not show much change.

WHEAT.

The movement of the new crop is now beginning to get heavier, the supply coming in shows an increase every day and is likely to show considerable activity within a week or so, as farmers by that time are likely to be finished with their fall plowing and other necessary work which will allow them to look after the selling of their grain. The quality of the grain received is equally as good as previously reported and prices have made a further advance, the following being the millers' and dealers quotations: No. 1 hard 83c; No. 2, hard, 78c; No. 1 Northern, 78c. No. 2, 73c; No. 1 regular 68c; No. 2, 63c; No. 3, 60c; and rejected 46 to 54c according to sample.

OATS.

In this market business is still very quiet. The supply being received here has been very good during the week, but the demand is limited, there being but little called for at present. Prices are quoted at a lower figure than last week, quotations being from 20 to 25c, and weak at the latter price.

BARLEY.

In this market there is not much activity as yet. The supply coming in is not very heavy while there is good demand for barley of a bright quality, the price of which is quoted at from 35 to 40c. Inferior from this quality is stated to be worth 30 to 35c.

FLOUR.

In this market business during the last week is stated to have been very brisk. To eastern points shipments of new flour are being sent steadily, the average of orders filled being considered very satisfactory. In the city trade is also reasonably fair, and the same may also be said of the western trade. Prices have made an advance, owing to the high price of wheat in the city, the following being now the millers' quotations: patents, \$2.55; strong bakers \$2.25; XXXX \$1.70, and superfine \$1.30.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

In this market business during the last week is stated to have been very good. The demand has kept up fairly active with the volume of sales made about the average. Prices have not made any change, the following being the dealers quotations: for bran \$9 per ton on truck, and for shorts \$10 per ton.

POTATOES.

In this market business during the past week is stated to have been about a good average, with prices, if anything, a little higher, owing to the supply showing a decrease as farmers are pitting their stocks. Quotations are given as 25 to 30c.

EGGS.

Business in this market during the past week has kept up fairly steady, due to a pretty active demand. Prices have made a further advance owing to a scarcity of the supply, these not being enough for the demand, as the shipment of eastern eggs on the way has not yet arrived. Quotations are now from 20 to 22c.

CHEESE.

In this market business during the last week has continued fairly good. There was a pretty fair demand for Manitoban cheese which appears to be the favorite, and prices are quoted from 9½ to 11c, according to quality. There is not