

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The monetary situation has changed very little in the city since our last report, and even the advent of the fourth on Friday last produced no remarkable features. There are no complaints of scarcity of funds at the banks, as resources there are ample, but both traders and bankers are in no way anxious to extend the volume of paper at discount. Payments from the country are far from as good and prompt as they might be, although on the fourth there were no irregularities to speak of, and a smooth surface was maintained, although considerable financial patching was necessary. There seems, however, to be a general hope, not unsupported by symptoms too, that the list of compromises and extensions has about run out, and that a more satisfactory state of affairs is at hand. If this was once reached lower discount rates might be expected, but 8 per cent. is still the minimum rate quoted. In real estate mortgage loans business is slow, although a certain number of farm loans are being made right along. The volume is not heavy, however, and that of interest payments is equally light. The steady rate of interest for such loans is eight per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The movement in the wholesale trade was of a steady nature last week, and indicated a fair average distribution for the season in most staple lines. Provisions were in improved demand, and generally firm. Produce receipts are not yet large, but increasing. Textile branches of trade were rather quiet, but with perhaps increasing signs of life. Building material and supplies are growing in demand, and promise to be active in the near future. Fruits were among the most active branches of trade, though the varieties in the market are limited mostly to staple sorts.

## AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

The seasons' business is now over in spring implements and it has been a very satisfactory one. There has been a large sale of plows, harrows, seeders, etc., probably the largest trade in these articles since 1882. The number of orders already taken for harvesting machinery is large, and the prospects are good for a considerable increase in the sales of binders, though of course crop conditions hereafter will influence the season's sale of binders.

## CANNED GOODS.

Prices were as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$8.00.

## DRUGS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3.00; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50

to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3.00; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 9½c.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Dealers experienced a fairly active business last week, as a result of warmer weather. In apples some russets are in the market, in good condition and held at \$6 to \$7 per barrel. Other varieties of apples are more or less demoralized in quality, and sell from \$2 per barrel upward. Quotations are as follows: Messina oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6 to \$6.50; Fancy Riverside Navel, Jr seedless, \$7 to \$7.50; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina blood oranges, in half boxes, \$4; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50; Pineapples, \$6 to \$7 per dozen.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Valencia raisins are easier. Quotations are now as follows: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Elmo figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

## FURS.

In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear or cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.50; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c. to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 12c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 75, raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

## FISH.

Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 5 to 6c; pickled at 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout, 8 to 9c. These are all frozen, no fresh caught yet being in the market. Fresh B.C. salmon held at 14 to 15c.

## GROCERIES.

Prices remain very steady. Rio coffees only being reported easier. Prices are: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 8½ to 8¾c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 18 to 22c; 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. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c, Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine's chewing tobacco, Beaver, 8c, 63c; Jubilee, 3s, 59c, Anchor, 58c; Smoking, Virginia Leaf, 3s, 56c, do Leaf, 7s, 56c; Silver Shield, 7s, 53c; Cut Cavendish, 8s, 70c; Silver Ash, 8s, 61½. tin boxes, 64c, Club Mixture, 8s, 65c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HIDES.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal 3c 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Prices remain steady at prices as follows: Cut rails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 27 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 29 to 32c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Prices now quoted: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.00; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; water white, 29c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$4.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$8.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25. Alabastine, \$8 per case of 20 pkgs.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$8.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.