

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

This month has brought with it an improvement in money matters, so far as country remittances are concerned. One or two dealers found matters much about the same in the way of collections, a great many others had experienced a marked improvement, and still others were quite satisfied with the returns to date for April. This improvement will be a greater satisfaction to many than a more active trade without the cash returns would have been. Taken all around the week was fairly satisfactory, and as one dealer expressed it, he did not see where the money was coming from.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

Good Friday coming last week would somewhat lessen the volume of business, but there were not wanting indications of a steady improvement in most branches of wholesale trade. In nearly all lines the general report was to the effect that matters were slowly but surely improving, though in a quiet sort of a way, and without any appearance of a rush. Advices from the country reported that farmers were purchasing freely and laying in supplies to tide them over during spring seeding time. In the city there was also a noticeable improvement in retail trade circles, no doubt due to some extent to the movement in immigration.

BOOTS AND SHOES

This branch continues very quiet, and though last year at this time a very good sorting trade was going on, yet to date this year there has been scarcely a move in sorting business. Dealers are expecting a brightening up soon.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

Business has been steadily improving in this line for some time and last week was fairly active. Dealers are preparing to ship out orders on a larger scale.

DRY GOODS

Some improvement has been observed in this branch, but trade was still rather quiet. Some orders were coming in from travellers on the road, and there was a somewhat better call for sorting lots from the city. Clothing was distinguished by much the same features as dry goods.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Quotations show but slight change, as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 70c to 80c; opium, \$4 to \$4.50; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide 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, \$2.25 to \$2.50; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; coppers, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FISH.

Fresh lake fish are somewhat irregular in quotations and supply. In fresh sea fish the tendency is easier as the weather gets warmer. Some sorts are out of the market. Quotations were as follows: Lake Superior trout, 8½c; Gold eyes, 1c; Whitefish, 6 to 7c; pickerel, 2c; jackfish, 1c. Bulk oysters, \$1.85 to \$2.20 per gallon, according to quality. Fresh sea fish are

in the market and quoted as follows: Tommy-cods, 6c; cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; herrings, 25c a dozen. Smoked Finnan haddies, 10c; boneless fish, 6½c; boneless cod, 8½c; prepared herrings, 7½c; mackerel, 25-lb. kits, No. 1, \$2.50; other qualities, \$1.75 upward.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Choice apples were scarce, and stocks even of second quality were not large. Importations last fall have proved insufficient for the demand, and new importations do not long survive the handling at this time of year. Quotations are: Choice apples were worth from \$6 to \$7 per barrel; Messina oranges, 200 count \$5.50 to \$6.50 per box; Sorrento oranges fine, \$5 to \$5.50 box; California Washington oranges, \$6.50 box; Tangerens, \$6.50 box; Messina lemons, \$6.50 box; bananas, \$4 to \$7 per bunch; pineapples, \$6 dozen; tomatoes, \$3. per box, rhubarb, 10c pound; Southern red and yellow onions, \$5.00 per 100 lbs; apple cider, \$10 per barrel.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Revised quotations are: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15 to 18c per lb, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.40 to \$2.50; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 13 to 14c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c to 9c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 20c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; Texas pecans, 18c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$1.30 per gallon, in 5 gallon tins, or \$1.25 in 15 gallon kegs; maple sugar 10 to 14c per pound, according to quality.

FURS

Following is a summary of the changes in prices at the late London fur sales:—Beaver 15, per cent. lower than in January; mink, 15 per cent. do. do.; muskrat, 10 per cent. do. do.; black, same as in January; skunk, same as in January; opossum, do. do.; racoon, 10 per cent. higher than in January; fox, gray, same as in June; red, United States, 25 per cent. higher than last March; do. red, Alaska and Halifax, 10 per cent. do. do.; do. cross, same as do. do.; do. silver, 10 per cent. do. do.; do. white, 60 per cent. higher do. do.; otter, 10 per cent. lower than in June; bear, grizzly, 50 per cent. higher than last March; do. brown, 100 per cent. higher than June; do. black, large number, 50 per cent. do. do.; do. do. cubs, 70 per cent. do. do.; do. do. southwest, 15 per cent. lower than last June; fisher 5 per cent. higher than last June; marten, United States and Canada, 20 per cent. lower than in June; do. Alaska and British Columbia, 15 per cent. do. do.; lynx, 40 per cent. do. March; wolf, brought advanced prices; fox, blue, 15 per cent. higher than last March; Russian sable, 10 per cent. do.; sea otter, 15 per cent. do. do.; dry fur seal, same as last.

GROCERIES

Quotations are steady as follows: yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c; Coffees, Rios, 19 to 20c; Government Java, 30 to 35c, other Javas, 25 to 28c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 20 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; panfired Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired,

25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 385-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound.

CANNED GOODS

Prices are generally firm as follows, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50, lobsters \$1.87, sardines (french) ½ tins, \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.00, cove oysters corn \$1.65, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch t-ragues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb, \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

HIDES

Green hides have commenced to come in freely. City hides are worth ½c above quotations. Prices unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 4½c; bulls, 3½c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

WINES AND SPIRITS

Business, which has been very quiet in this branch for some time, has commenced to move more freely. Quotations are: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Henney, \$6.50; 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 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Henney's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

Grain markets all over the province were at almost a complete standstill all last week. Nothing was being delivered by farmers, who were all busy seeding and conducting other spring operations. This work was going on extensively and generally all over the province, and up to date a large area has been sown. Conditions have been favorable for seeding, though in some parts the ground is very dry, and rain is needed to start growth. The area of fall plowing is considerably larger than ever before in the history of the province.

WHEAT

Nothing doing, and prices merely nominal at last week's quotations. No movement from first hands expected before June, and shipments will be light until the opening of navigation.

FLOUR.

The mills have all continued running on full time, mainly owing to the active demand for millstuffs. Low grades are somewhat stiffer, on account of the disposition to run them into shorts. Indeed, some low grade flour has been taken for feed. Other prices are unchanged for local use. Millers are somewhat discouraged at the continued depression in eastern markets, and have been curtailing shipments as much as possible, consequently stocks are heavy here. Quotations for broken lots to the local trade are as follows: patents \$2.25; strong baker's \$1.80; XXXX \$1.20 to \$1.30; superfine \$1.

MILLSTUFFS

In keen demand and unchanged in price, at \$14 for bran and \$16 for shorts.