

firmly expected a brisk trade this season. The demand for building purposes is especially light, and there is not much prospect of a revival this summer. There has been the usual ordinary demand for light hardware, but in the heavier lines and in metals there has been but little done. Quotations are unchanged, as follows: Tin plate, 14x20, \$8.00 to \$8.25; 20x28, \$15.00 to \$15.25; bar iron, \$3.75 to 4; sheet iron, 5½ to 6c; iron piping, 25 per cent off price list; ingot tin, 32 to 35c; pig lead, 6½ to 7c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 8½ to 9c, according to quality.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business in this line has been on the quiet side, and collections are fair. There has been no change in prices, which are as follows: Sole leather, No. 1 Spanish, 33 to 35c; kips, slaughter, 70 to 75c; B. Z., 85 to 90c; French first choice, \$1.15 to \$1.25; French calf first choice, \$1.40 to \$1.50; wax upper, No. 1, 55c; grain, No. 1, 55c; harness leather, 34 to 36c for plump stock.

#### LUMBER.

There is no change to report in the state of the lumber trade this week. Business is inclined to be quiet, and dealers' stocks are not lessening rapidly, owing to the lull in building operations. A scale of prices has been arranged by the trade, but which is not rigidly adhered to by all the dealers. Quotations are as follows: Pine lumber,—1st, common boards, dressed, \$26.50c.; 2nd, dressed, \$25.50c.; 1st do., rough, \$26.50c.; 2nd do., \$25.50c.; sheathing, rough, \$25.00; timber 16 feet and under, \$25.00; do. over 16 feet, for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; dimension and joists, 16 ft. and under, \$25.00; do., over 16 ft. for each, \$1.00; fencing, \$30.00; 2 and 3 in. battens, \$32.00; A stock boards, all widths, \$50.00; B do., \$45.00; C do., \$40.00; D do., \$35.00; 1st clear, 1, 1½, and 2 in., \$60.00; 2nd, do., \$50.00; window and door casings, \$50.00; base boards, dressed, \$50.00; 1st pine flooring, siding and ceiling, \$40.00; 2nd do., \$35.00; 3rd do., \$32.00; ½ in. split siding, dressed, \$30.00. Spruce lumber,—timber 16 ft. and under, \$24.00; do. over 16 ft., for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; dimensions and joists, 16 ft. and under, \$24.00; do., over 16 ft., for each additional 2 ft., \$1.00; boards, \$24.00; 1st flooring, siding and ceiling, \$32.00; XX shingles, \$5.50; Star A star shingles, \$5.50; X shingles, \$5.50; A do., \$5.00; lath, \$4.50.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Business has been quiet for some time and still continues so. It is not expected that there will be any general revival of business for a few weeks yet. Collections are reported moderately good.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

Trade in this line, although it cannot be said to be dull, is inclined to be slightly quieter than for some time past. Prices remain the same. Quotations to jobbers and heavy purchasers are. Henney's one star, in cases, \$14.00, in wood, \$5 per gallon, Imperial, vintage of 1875, \$5.50, Martel, in case, one star, \$14; Renault, one star, \$12; Roleyn, in wood, \$4 to \$5.50; Rouet, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10, half flasks, \$11, Pinette, in wood, \$4

per Imp. gal.; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$10; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; half flasks, four dozen in a case, \$12; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9; half flasks, \$10. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$11; green cases, \$6; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booth's, in cases, quarts, \$9.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$4.00; Caol-Ila Islay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$9.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$4.50; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$9; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.50 to \$4 per gallon. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks, \$8.50.

### THE MARKETS.

#### WINNIPEG.

##### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The grain market of the city has shown no improvement during the past week, but has preserved the dullness which has characterized it during the past month. There has been no movement of grain worthy of note, and the receipts have been very light both by rail and on the street. Scarcely any wheat has reached the city, and the rough grain was in farmer's loads principally, which were sold to consumers direct. A few orders for car lots for contractors out west have made holders more hopeful, and prevented a heavy decline, which seemed inevitable. In provisions there has been quite an active business, with very few changes in prices. Any changes that have taken place have been in a downward direction, although no decided decline has taken place in any particular article. The bulk of the trade done has been for distant points, while the city has shown considerable slowness. The provision wholesalers, however, express satisfaction altogether, and are quite hopeful of the near future.

##### WHEAT.

Only a car or two has changed hands during the week, and prices have been nominal. Eighty cents is still offered for dry hard Fyfe, and unless receipts increase rapidly, millers will soon be more anxious to secure supplies. The stock in the city is still liberal, but even the home demand must soon reduce it, and if any eastern shipments are to be made by the new lake route, receipts must very soon increase.

##### OATS.

Sales from store in the city have been a little more liberal during the past week, than for two weeks previously, and there is a probability that heavy demands will yet come from western points, owing to the stores out there becoming musty from being wet. There are large quantities of damaged oats in the country, but it is fast becoming apparent, that good dry oats, fit to keep through summer, are by no means plentiful. Dealers in the city have shown some disposition during the week to make fresh purchases, and 40c to 45c has been offered. The street receipts during the week were all sold to consumers at from 45c to 50c.

##### BARLEY.

Barley is as unsaleable as ever, and holders have been considering the advisability of shipping to eastern markets, even at a loss. Unless a local demand beyond any present expectations springs up, this course will have to be adopted, and with the dullness which has pervaded east-

ern barley markets for weeks, the move is not likely to prove a profitable one. There have been no quotations during the week, and no buyers asking for any.

No other grains have been on the market.

##### FLOUR.

Millers are still confining their production to the demands of the local trade. No shipping except to north-western points has been done during the week. The stock in the city has not increased much, and prices have not changed. The home demand has been reasonably active but not extra heavy. Quotations still remain as follows: Patents, \$3 to 3.20; xxxx, or strong baker's, \$2.50 to 2.60; baker's, \$2 to 2.10; traders or xx, \$1.10.

##### CRAN.

Very little in demand and has held steady during the week at \$10 a ton on track. Mills although not running full, can produce all that is necessary at present for the demand.

##### SHORTS.

There has been no change in the price of this product, quotations still being \$12 a ton on track. Demand has been slow and light.

##### CHOPPED FEED.

There is still almost no demand for this article, and no sales of any quantity are reported for the week. Quotations are nominal at \$28 a ton.

##### POTATOES.

There has been quite a drop in the price of potatoes during the week, while sales have been made all the way from 60 to 90c. Only car lots changed hands at the former figure, while 65c on track has been the most general quotation, and in some instances 70c was reached. Small lots have sold all the way from 75 to 90c, but the latter figure could not be obtained near the end of the week.

##### BUTTER.

There have been during the week unmistakable evidences of a coming decline in this article. At least one consignment of the new season's butter from Ontario has reached the city, and quite a number of others are daily expected. Not less than eight car loads are known to be now on the way here. In view of these receipts prices have declined a little. Choice creamery has not sold above 27c unless in a very few instances, while creamery has been very hard to sell at 30c. Buyers are holding off as much as possible in expectation of a plentiful supply of new season's. Poor butter is still plentiful, and quoted at 20 to 24c, with very few sales to report.

##### CHEESE.

seems fixed in price, sales being steady at 16c for prime goods.

##### EGGS.

There has been very little change in the egg market of the city during the past week. Quotations have held at 21c for barreled goods and 22c for cases. The supply is now abundant, but the demand has rapidly increased, making the sales of the week quite heavy. A slight reduction is looked for by some, but it is not likely that this summer will bring quotations below 20c.

##### HAMS.

There has been no change worthy of note in prices, although a continuation of the easy feeling of our last report has existed all week. Quotations of smoked were made as low as 15½c but the general figures have been 16c, with 16½c for canvassed. The demand has held quite active and dealers report liberal sales.

##### BACON.

A steady feeling has held out during the week, and prices have remained almost without change, except in cases of car lot sales. Dry salt has sold from 14½ to 15c, and long clear smoked at 15½. Spiced rolls have held at 16c steady. Breakfast bacon held at 17c. The aggregate of sales has been quite large.