

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

City monetary affairs have developed but little change since our last issue, but what there has been is for the better. In mercantile circles there has been a slightly freer feeling in connection with the volume of money in circulation, and cash payments from the country have been a little better. There is still in trade circles, however, quite a financial squeeze going on, and banks have to receive quite a little of renewed paper from their regular commercial customers. There is, however, a feeling of perfect confidence all around, in which bankers seem to share, and with plenty of funds at their disposal, banks are meeting all demands of a regular nature, with a williness which makes matters move smoothly. They are not, however, prepared to handle any promiscuous business, or extend their discounts beyond the circle of their regular customers. The discount rates hold steady at 7 to 8 per cent. for good to gilt edge trade paper. In real estate mortgage loans, quite a business in small loans on improved farms is being done, and a few city applications have been heard from. The rate of interest on farm loans is still 8 per cent., and on good central city loans, about 7 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Although there has been no great increased activity in any leading branches of the city wholesale trade, there has been a quiet improvement going on during the past week. The key note of the improvement, trifling if it be, is, that cash returns from the country have been improving a little in connection with some branches, and that has stimulated business and made wholesalers more eager to sell than they have been for a month back. The steadily brightening crop prospect has no doubt had something to do with the better feeling. In season lines orders from fall and winter samples are being more freely booked, and both wholesalers and retailers are becoming more hopeful. The city trade in particular is satisfactory in those lines, and the country much more so than it was a few weeks ago. Lines connected with contracting and building have shown a very marked improvement during the week, while in staples of every day consumption the volume of sales has increased purely in proportion to the return of confidence. It must not be imagined that all the anxiety of three weeks ago is gone from wholesale circles. Some look with quite a little uncertainty ahead, but the majority feel that nearly all danger to crops is past, and the outlook is decidedly encouraging.

DRUGS.

In this branch business has been about normal, and without special features. Prices are steady and unchanged, quotations being: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; English camphor, 90 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 15 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

In this staple branch affairs are still rather unsatisfactory, although a slight improvement has been felt in cash returns from the country,

but not enough to make any person jubilant. A feeling of greater confidence gains as the crop prospect improves, and wholesalers are more inclined to push the sale of fall and winter goods. The sorting trade has shown a little improvement and stocks of summer lines have been decreased a little. The volume, however, has been much lighter than it doubtless would have been had there been a freer circulation of money throughout the country.

DRIED FRUITS.

Evaporated goods hold firm in price, but have not advanced as was anticipated. There are no new varieties on the market. Quotations here are as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 1/2 boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.80 to \$2.90 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 1/2 to 8c per lb., evaporated apples, 14 1/2c; choice new Elme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elme layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 15c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 11c per lb.; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

FISH.

Business is quiet, and no new lines are quoted. Quotations are as follows: Salmon, 15c a pound; cod, 8c; jackfish, 1c; pickerel 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; smoked goldeyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 kg.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Business has been quite lively during the week, and the trade are well satisfied with results. Lemons and oranges are looking upward in price, and have advanced since our last issue. Prices are as follows: Oranges, Riverside St. Michaels, paper rinds, \$6.25 to \$6.50; fancy Riverside sweets, \$6; fancy Durate seedlings, 150 to 250 size, \$5.25 to \$5.50; the same 128 size, \$4.25, and 96 size, \$3.50; Messinas 200 and 220 size, \$5.50 to \$5.75. Lemons: Fancy Messinas, \$6.50 to \$7.00 per box; choice Messinas, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box; Bananas, per bunch, \$3.00 to \$3.75. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Greenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicilian filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts per hundred \$9; hickory nuts 10c per pound; pecans, large polished, per lb 17c.

GROCERIES.

The report as to business doing is rather mixed in this staple branch. Some report sales light and others fairly good. The variation is doubtless due to the feelings with different houses, and their inclination to carry customers, as all could sell plenty of goods if they were not anxious about the length of credit wanted by customers. Prices of staple goods are scarcely changed. Prices are: Sugars, yellow, 6 1/2 to 7c as to quality; granulated, 7 1/2 to 8c; lumps, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffee, green, Rios, from 24 to 25c, Java, 27 to 28c, Old Government, 29 to 32c, Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas, Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W., caddies, 47 1/2c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 53c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c, Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee,

60c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted. Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

In these goods business is almost at a standstill, a great quietness having prevailed during the week. Spanish sole has advanced a little, but other goods are unchanged. Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 28c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; 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; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 der dozen.

HARDWARE.

Business is reported fairly active in this branch, both in shelf goods and heavies. In the latter the demand is greater than wholesalers care to supply, while cash returns are so slow. But even in this respect there has been an improvement during the week. There has been no changes in prices of staple lines reported. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade 1; C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1 1/2 inch, 14 1/2c; 1 3/4 inch, 19 1/2c; 2 inch, 28c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs; shot, 6 1/2 to 6 1/4 per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6 1/2 nett.

LUMBER.

This trade is now reaching its best, and mills have all liberal orders in front of them. There is still no word of any change in the price list. The quotations at the different mills on the Lake of the Woods are: Dimension: 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do. 10, 18 and 20 ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19, 2nd common, stock, 12in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap: 10in, \$16; 8in, \$15.50; 8 and 10in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring: 1st, 6in, \$29; 2nd, 6in, \$23; 3rd, 6in, \$21; 4th, 6in, \$18; 1st, 5in, \$29; 2nd, 5in, \$23; 3rd, 5in, \$20; 4th, 5in, \$17; 1st, 4in, \$29; 2nd, 4in, \$23; 3rd, 4in, \$19; 4th, 4in, \$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 sid-