

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Remittances from the country are still very backward, and renewals are almost more plentiful than dollars. In the city the circulating medium is also scarce. However, with the harvest time now drawing very close, the feeling is hopeful, and once the grain commences to move, it is expected that money will be plentiful to meet all back liabilities, as well as to provide for some time in the future. The feeling seemed to be of greater confidence, and to that extent the loan market may be said to be easier. Rates, however, were steady at old figures.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

There seemed to be somewhat of a better feeling in wholesale circles last week, partly owing to an increased demand and partly to the fact that an abundant harvest is now all but assured. The two or three reports received to the effect that some grain had already been cut, has had the effect of forcibly presenting to the view of dealers the golden harvest waiting for the reaper. The reluctance which country retailers have all along shown to discounting the future, by purchasing in advance of absolute requirements, is at last commencing to give away, and this will account for some of the improvement in business. It did not appear, however, that the active movement had greatly increased, though several branches were visibly improved. The hopeful feeling was rather one of more implicit confidence in the best expectations regarding the harvest being realized, and this once assured, a good fall business will be safely counted upon.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

In this branch the situation continues interesting. About everything in the line of rakes and mowers has been cleaned out, and as for binders there is a very large shortage. One firm is short 100 binders, and still the orders are coming in. It is likely that a number of farmers who delayed ordering until late in the season, will be obliged to wait another year for a binder. In some instances, perhaps, this will prove an advantage to the farmer himself, for as a rule in Manitoba, there has been too much of a disposition to go in for agricultural implements much more steeply than the acreage of land cultivated would warrant.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Several changes in quotations will be noted in the following list: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65c to 75c; opium, \$5.50 to \$6; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; 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, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

DRY GOODS.

Fall goods have now commenced to come to hand to some extent. Travelers are on the road with full lines of samples, and are meeting with fair success. Sorting trade continues

light for both city and country. Renewals are largely asked for.

CLOTHING.

Travelers are going over the ground for the second time, and are picking up a good many orders which dealers would not place earlier in the season. Prospects are considered good for a fall trade fully up to previous years. Collections are very slow.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Oranges were very scarce last week and there was only one variety in the market, at big prices. Blueberries are plentiful and getting cheaper, but are not expected to go much lower so long as stocks are of good quality. Washed, 8 to 10c, according to condition and Tomatoes were out of the market. Prices are as follows: Rodi oranges, \$9.00 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$4 to \$5 per bunch; apricots, \$3.50 per box; cucumbers, 60c; watermelons, \$7 to \$9 per dozen; new apples, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per barrel; California peaches, \$4.00 per box; California plums, \$4 per box; California pears, \$7.50 per box; blueberries, 8c per lb.; Bermuda onions, \$3.75 per box of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$4 per 100 weight; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 4c lb; lettuce, radishes, onions, beets and turnips, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations remain as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; Golden dates, 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 6½ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17c to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; coconuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

GROCERIES.

Sugars are ¼c to ½c higher at the refineries, and stocks are said to be closely sold out. Granulated is very firm, and worth 6½c at the refineries. The burning of the St. Lawrence refinery is supposed to have had some influence on prices, though previous to this stocks were low. Advices from Shanghai state that purchases of Pingsuey tea are being made only on a limited scale, and prices are quoted about ¼c lower. Shuntams of first crop can be bought at 12c. c., f. and i. The second crop of Congou is expected to be much smaller than last season. The exports of black from Shanghai premises to be less than last season. In coffees, a bull movement has set in at New York. On Wednesday prices advanced rapidly, and there was much excitement on the coffee exchange. The highest point reached before the break was a little over 20 cents. The panic carried it down to 14. On Wednesday 19.45 was reached for green Rio, and many think the quotations will go higher than before the panic. Quotations here are: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c; medium to bright, 6½c to 6½c; granulated, 7½c and likely to advance; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c. Coffees, Rios, 22c to 23c; Government Java, 33c to 35c; other Javas, 25c to 30c; Mochas, 31c to 35c. New season's teas are now

quoted as follows: Japan, season 1896-7, 20c to 45c; Congous, 1896-7, 20c to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; painted 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, 1895-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 5½c per pound.

CANNED GOODS.

Prices generally are steady as follows, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50 lobsters \$1.87, sardines (French) ½ tins, \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.90, cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.65, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.76, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb. \$3.70. 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.

FISH.

Fresh British Columbia salmon is now arriving freely and quoted at 12 to 12½c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has yet been no change in quotations, but prices hold firm. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$5.75 to \$4.00; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

HIDES.

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine-haired rearing veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter-ole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter-ole, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Linseed oil, boiled and raw, has taken a further advance of 3 cents. Other prices unchanged as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 75c per gallon; boiled, 78c 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; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 35c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 28c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Business is reported as somewhat improved. Prices do not give indication of change. Quotations are: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules