

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

## DRUGS.

Bluestone is easy and orders for delivery next spring, when the demand is large here, are being taken at considerably lower prices than ruled this year. Jobbing prices are: — Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 40 to 45c; morphia, \$2.10 to \$2.25; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; blue vitrol, 67 to 7c. Insect powder, pure, 38c; alcohol, \$4.65 per gallon.

## GREEN FRUITS.

Stocks of fall apples have been considerably reduced, but they were still fairly large and prices held about the same. After another week a stiffening in prices is expected, for choice fruit, as the earlier varieties and poor keeping qualities, which depress the market, will be getting cleared out. Winter apples will be offering during the next week. Crabs are finally done for the season. Ontario pears, of good quality, are offering freely in barrels and kegs. Ontario grapes are plentiful. California grapes are firmer for choice fruit, though damaged stock has sold low. Old lemons are about used up, and new lemons are now offering, at higher prices than old stock. Minnesota tomatoes are out of the market. Bananas are scarcer for choice fruit. Some Ontario quinces are offering. Quotations are: California fruits — Peaches, 20 pound boxes, \$1.50; pears, 40 lb. boxes, \$3.00 to \$3.50; grapes, 20 lb boxes, \$1.75 to \$3.25, as to quality and variety, the higher price for choice tokays. Ontario fruits quoted: Pears, 40 to 90c; apples, 25 to 35c; tomatoes, 50 to 85c, all per 20 lb basket; Ontario grapes, 20 lb. baskets, 5 to 8c per lb; do in ten pound baskets, 50c to 80c each according to quality and variety; Ontario barrel apples, \$2.00 to \$3.00 as to quality. Ontario pears, in barrels, \$6.25 to \$7 per barrel; pears per keg, \$2.50 to \$3.25. Quinces, 75c per basket. Miscellaneous fruits: — Lemons, new, 7.50 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$3.50 bunch.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars are easier. Prices were reduced 4c in eastern markets, making eastern jobbing prices at 4 1/4 to 5c for granulated, and 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c for low grade to bright yellows. The general condition of sugars, however, was considered strong. Willett & Gray, New York, in their last weekly sugar statistical say: "Reports from the continent regarding the beet root crop encouraged holders to expect still an improvement before free receipts can be had of new crop sugars. Refiners found the demand for their product stimulated by the foreign advices, and were therefore obliged to come into the market for a supply of raws. The continuation of favorable circumstances caused an active business at 1 1/16 advance."

## PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Linseed oil is selling a little easier. No local oil is offering yet, and it will be some weeks before a supply of home made oil will be ready, the Winnipeg mills having been unable

to obtain any new flax seed yet, and supplies of last crop were exhausted long ago, since which time oil has all been shipped in from the east. Quotations are as follows: — Turpentine, in barrels 72c per gallon; linseed oil, raw 71c; boiled, 74c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$3 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 34c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads — Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6.50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; a Alastive, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages; Window Glass, first break, \$2.

## WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

## WINNIPEG.

## WHEAT

Wheat was lower in United States markets on Monday. The United States government crop report was a weakening factor, the final report indicating a wheat crop of 596,000, 000 bushels, which was larger than the official report was expected to show. Those who have been figuring big on the crop, are now borne out by the official report. Liverpool cabled 1/2 to 1 1/4d per cental lower. The visible supply increased 1,533,000 bushels, making the total 29,428,073, as compared with 17,738,867 a year ago. This is according to the Chicago report, which takes in stocks at principal points in Canada and the States, east of the Rocky mountains. Receipts at Duluth were 855 cars and Minneapolis 724 cars. Wheat was stronger on Tuesday. Liverpool was quoted 1/2 to 3/4d higher. Wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 2,528,000 for the week, according to the statement made on Tuesday. Duluth received 293 cars and Minneapolis 384 cars. United States markets were easier on Wednesday, reports of rain and snow in Dakota failing to keep up prices. Bradstreet's report of supplies, east and west of the Rockies, showed an increase of 4,271,000 bushels, which was the main cause of weakness. Receipts at Duluth were 286 cars, and Minneapolis 463 cars. On Thursday cables were mostly quiet, but there was not much change in prices. Minneapolis received 560 cars and Duluth 354 cars. On Friday United States markets were lower, on more favorable weather and larger receipts in the northwest states. Considerable alarm was felt during the week for wheat in Dakota, owing to storms of rain and snow. The custom there is to thresh from the stock. Water was said to be standing in the fields, and it was claimed that all wheat in stock in northern Minnesota and Dakota was badly damaged, and that there was also damaged from bad stacking.

In Manitoba the movement is still rather slow, though at some points considerable wheat was coming in, but nothing like a generally active movement has started yet, the unfavorable weather having delayed threshing, and help is also scarce. In the Winnipeg district there was no rain to speak of during the week, but there were some cloudy, misty days at the commencement of the week, which dampened the surface and were almost equal to a light rain.

The weather was mostly fine in this district and there has been no snow yet in the Winnipeg district and eastern Manitoba, though there were snows during the week through Dakota, which extended over the boundary into southern Manitoba. Previous to this week there was snow west and north, which delayed stacking and threshing. Prices in Manitoba markets have ruled about the same as a week ago. About 77 to 78c per bushel has been about the average price paid to farmers, in Manitoba country markets, for best samples, supposed to be equal to No. 1 hard, but a good deal of wheat not any better than No. 2 has probably been taken at these prices. At some points up to 80c per bushel was paid for best samples, and 85c was heard of as having been paid, but 80c may be considered as the highest point reached at any market. On the Winnipeg exchange there was practically no business doing. The idea of values appeared to be about 96 to 97c for No. 1 hard, at Port Arthur.

## FLOUR.

There was a slight decline on patent and bakers just after our last report was closed, prices being given 5c lower for these grades. Local jobbing quotations in small lots are as follows, per 100 pounds for standard qualities: Patents, \$2.50; strong bakers', \$2.30; Second bakers', \$2.00 to \$2.20; XXXX, \$1.50; superfine \$1.30.

## MILKSTUFFS.

The easier feeling developed into a decline of \$1 per ton the first of the week, on both bran and shorts, which are now quoted at \$12 for bran and \$14 for shorts.

## FEED.

Ground feed holds unchanged at last quotations, choice being held mostly at \$20 per ton, with inferior offered a little lower.

## MEALS, OIL CAKE, ETC.

Oatmeal easier. Prices are: — Oil cake, in bags \$21.00 a ton; oil cake meal, in ton lots, sacked, \$20, in bulk \$25; Oatmeal, standard \$2.50; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; rolled oats, \$2.60 per sack of 30 pounds; cornmeal is held at \$1.95 to \$2 per 100 lbs. Pot barley, \$2.75 per 100 pounds. Pearl barley, \$3.00; fine, do., in 50 pounds sacks, \$3 per sack.

## OATS.

There has not been much increase in local deliveries of oats, and prices have held fairly steady at 25 to 28c per bushel for loads on the market, all being wanted for local use. About 25c is the lowest valuation for cars on track here, shipped from country points on local freight rates, for the Winnipeg market, but there is no business doing to speak of, and car prices on Winnipeg freights are nominal. At some country points the quantity marketing is not in excess of local requirements and at such points prices are too high for shipment, but where taken for shipment, prices at country points range from 17 to 20c. Some business has been done for shipment to far western points. Eastern markets continue easy, and it looks as though values will have to rule low here.

## BARLEY.

Barley is the most unsaleable of any commodity. A limited quantity of feed grain would be taken for local use at about the same value per bushel as oats, but the local demand is limited. About 30c is the best that is being paid for malting samples. The outlook for holders of barley is not encouraging. Prices are very low in eastern markets and also in the States.

## FLAX SEED.

There is nothing doing locally in flax, but prices are likely to rule low. The crop is very large in the United States, and instead of importing, that country is exporting flax seed this year, and prices are very much lower than a year ago. In former years buyers from the