

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 8.

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

FISH.

The demand for Manitoba fish is good, with only a moderate supply and some kinds are only to be had in limited quantities. Whitefish are very scarce and will be until the lakes open. The close season for pickerel, goldeyes and jackfish commences on the 15th of April, continuing for one month. Salt water fish, such as salmon, halibut, haddock and cod, are in moderate demand. Finnan haddie is held in cold storage in considerable quantity. Smelts are out of the market. For prices see market pages.

GROCERIES.

The advent of spring weather is bringing an increase of trade to the wholesale grocers. There has been a heavier demand for all lines this week from all parts of the country, with no special features to note. Some brokers have recently offered lots of United States sugars in this market at prices below those of the Canadian refineries, but orders given in response to these offers have not yet been filled and the only response to inquiries is that the refiners refused to fill them after they had been solicited, at the price. Very little United States sugar has yet appeared in this market and buyers are not making any effort to secure supplies from there. Molasses is firm. Cables this week from Barbadoes reported an advance there equal to 1c. Teas are very firm everywhere and a strong market is looked for, for some time. Canadian refined sugars advanced 10c at the refineries all around yesterday.

GREEN FRUITS.

There is very little change in the local market this week. California oranges remain unchanged at our quotations of last week, and the feeling continues strong in sympathy with the producing market. Strawberries are now offering here at \$9 per case of 21 quart boxes. Stocks of apples are light. Some spies and Washington apples in boxes may still be had. A car of Washington box apples is now due to arrive here. Maple sugar will be in next week. Prices are: California naval oranges 3.50 to \$1.50; seedlings, \$3. to \$3.50, as to quality, per box; bananas per bunch, large, \$2.50 to \$3; Messina lemons, \$4; California lemons \$4 to \$1.50 a box; apples, spies, \$5.50 to \$6 bbl., other varieties obtainable, \$1 to \$5 as to quality; box apples, \$2 box of 50 pounds; strawberries, \$9 per case; cranberries, unfrozen, \$4 per barrel; coconuts, \$1 a dozen; Sicily filberts, large, 11 to 12c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 14c; new shelled walnuts, 27c; Tarragona almonds, 15 to 16c; peanuts, green, 9 to 10c; roasted, 12c; pecan nuts, 12 to 14c per lb; new shelled walnuts, 21 1-2 to 26c per lb; comb honey, \$2.00 to \$2.15 per dozen sections; strained honey, \$1-2c to 9c per pound; maple sugar, 11c; maple syrup in cans of 1-2 gallon, 60c; in gallon cans, \$1; apple cider, 35c per gallon in barrels and half barrels; California figs, in boxes of ten bricks \$2 per box in 1 pound glove boxes, \$2.40 per dozen; dates 7c

per pound; imported lettuce per dozen, 60c. California cabbage, 7c per lb.; California plantain, 10c per lb.; onions, 3 1-2 to 4c per pound.

LEATHER.

Quotations have been changed slightly on some lines this week, but there are no marked alterations in the market situation. Union oak sole leather is now quoted at 40c per pound. Horseshoe brand of Canada calf is no longer being sold, the Niagara brand taking its place at a range of 50c to 90c per pound. Niagara brand of kip is quoted at 65 to 75c. A line known as Dolgona light has been added to our list and is quoted at 30c per foot. Bag sheepskins are a line which meets with some sale here at a price of \$8 per dozen.

HARDWARE.

No changes have been made in local price lists this week. The feeling is firm and business is steadily improving, notwithstanding the fact that the new season's trade can hardly be said to have commenced yet. Travellers will start out again next week to hustle for summer trade. Collections are the only weak spot in the situation. This and all other lines of wholesale trade find money rather scarce. For prices see market page. Our telegrams this week show several advances in eastern markets, including an advance of 1-2c at Toronto on sisal and manila rope.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The feeling this week in this line is very encouraging. The prospects for city trade are improving every day. Prices for all lines remain firm. See market page. Turpentine and linseed oil are higher this week in the east.

SCRAP MARKET.

A considerable trade is springing up in Winnipeg in scrap stuff and junk. There is at least one dealer, B. Shragge, in the city, giving all his attention to this line. There is a large inquiry this year from Eastern Canada and the United States for old iron, copper, brass, lead, rags, bones, bottles and rubbers, and orders are now in the hands of this dealer for 400 tons of old iron, 25 tons of rubber, 10 tons of scrap metal and 6 carloads of bones. For these commodities the following prices will be paid f. o. b. Winnipeg: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$10 per ton. No. 2, do., \$1 per ton. wrought iron scrap, \$4 per ton; No. 1 stove plate, \$1 per ton; copper bottoms, 8c per pound; new copper wire 9c per pound, red brass, 8c per pound; yellow brass 6c per pound; light brass 4 1-2c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, 2 1-2c per pound; zinc scrap, 1-2c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c to 60c per cwt.; clean, dry bones, 30c per cwt; rubber, boots and shoes free from arctics and rivets, 2 1-2 to 3c per pound.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT — The speculative markets in the States have for the past week been strong and active, but nervous and undecided. They are at present dominated by the influence of crop damage reports, coming from almost every section of the winter wheat belt, and as these increase or decrease in number and strength during the hours the markets are in session so fluctuates the price up or down. The changes are often sharp and advances and declines are made with a rush which frequently covers a range of 2c per bushel within less

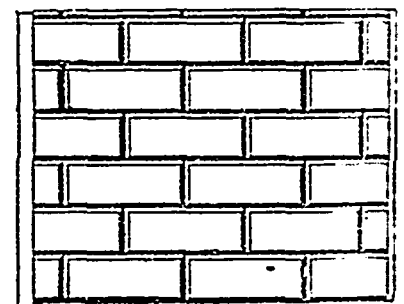
than an hour. Crop damage reports have become daily more emphatic, but in spite of that we have to record a decline of 1 1-2c per bushel on the week. It would be foolishness to attempt to forecast the course of the markets in their present uncertain state. Their action is difficult to guess correctly at any time, but nevertheless so than at present. It is beginning to be allowed by the most conservative authorities that very considerable damage may have been done. At the same time much of the damage reported cannot be confirmed until growing weather supplies the test. The weather has been backward and the season is growing into a late one and until vernal weather stimulates growth or shows that the plant life is puny or extinct a definite estimate of the amount of damage is not possible. Unless extraordinarily serious damage is developed such damage as has occurred may not have much permanent influence on prices of wheat, for the acreage under winter wheat in the States being largely increased (it is over 1,000,000 acres more than last year, and amounts to slightly over 30,000,000 acres under winter wheat alone, besides which there is the spring wheat acreage to consider a few million acres may be killed out and still have crop enough left to give a good aggregate yield. However this may turn out to be later on the present activity in the speculative markets is making little impression on the actual trade in wheat and flour. Doubtless it has the effect of keeping prices up but as yet it stimulates no demand. The trade in actual wheat is necessary all the world over. There is abundance of wheat from last year's harvests to serve through the year till other harvests are ready. The primary movement in the States is daily of large amount, sometimes more than double than on the

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