

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In money circles business during the past week does not show much if any material change from the preceding one, the only activity noticeable being in the circulation of money occasioned by return of troops and further payments for transport services, outside of that there is only the usual routine of business being done and that is but light, this being a very dull time of the year. The demand for discounts is also comparatively light at the same rates, namely: First class commercial paper 8 per cent., ordinary 9 to 10, promiscuous and one name 10 to 12. The loan companies have been doing a very good business considering the time of year, principally with farmers who have to take up their pre-emption as they fall due, and interest returns are stated to be coming in very freely. Of course the majority of this class are now busily looking after their harvesting, and not much business of this nature is likely to be done until the crops are assured, and the loan agents are satisfied with their prospects and also feel that the late rebellion has done them a very considerable amount of good, rates of interest are the same viz., 8 to 10 per cent. In the city there is nothing doing, business not being pushed to any great extent at present.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

We may now consider the fall trade in full swing in wholesale circles, and there is general activity in almost every branch. Of course in season goods lines activity has in some cases reached actual rush, and some houses are more or less pressed to overtake work. From all over the province, and for at least one hundred and fifty miles west of it the crop reports are of the most encouraging character, and during the past week the belief that all was safe for this season has slowly forced itself upon every one. This has given a sudden impetus to the sending out of fall goods, and orders taken during the past two months are now being shipped as rapidly as they can be got out. There is therefore no lack of activity in season goods, and such lines are no doubt more rushed than others. In goods of every day consumption there are few signs of actual rush, but there has been during the week general activity all around, and matters are in full sympathy with other lines. Even lines dependant upon building and contracting have taken quite a stir up of late. The work of branch railway construction throughout the province has helped this, and the fact that contracts for quite a number of new buildings in the city have been let, has had quite a livening effect also, and gives promise of continued activity until snow flies. There are one or two lines in which signs of coming quietness are always apparent towards the end of August, and these signs are visible this year, although not as plainly as in former years. With these exceptions the reports from every branch of the wholesale trade are of a very encouraging character so far as sales are concerned. The report from collections although not so brilliant as that from sales, gives no cause for dissatisfaction. Harvest operations having commenced, there is but a limited circulation of

money in the country, but as obligations falling due have been light, there have been almost no irregularities, and there is still a free return of cash from far western points lately affected by the rebellion. Altogether, therefore, the collection report is a satisfactory one.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Business has been quite lively during the past week, but towards its close was beginning to show signs of the coming slackness of harvest time. There was quite a heavy demand for birding twine and material at the last moment which still continues. There has also been some calls for threshers and stable plows, and should the harvest weather continue favorable for two weeks more, the demand for the former will be quite lively. As might be expected, collections are rather at a standstill, but returns of cash have been much heavier than could be expected at this time. Altogether matters look very promising in this line.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

In this branch there is not much change noticed from last week, the business transacted having continued to be very fair. In the city matters just now are rather quiet, the retail dealers having got in all their stocks for the fall season, while the principal trading doing appears to be in filling country orders, taken from samples for both fall and winter goods, for future delivery. There is nothing at all being done in orders for immediate consumption, but on the whole the volume of sales turned over are stated to be about a very fair average. Collections are reported to have been very fair and satisfactory.

CLOTHING.

New orders from the country have been coming in quite freely during the week, and seemingly the crop prospect has given retailers encouragement to make further purchases, and city buyers have also been making demands. The work of sending out fall orders has been going on all week, and has made matters quite active. There are no complaints heard about collections.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

In this trade business during the last week is reported as having been quite steady and good. The principal trading being done in staple lines, some fair orders of these having been filled, while an occasional sorting order turns up now and again. There are bright prospects of an active demand continuing, especially from the country, but this of course depends to a large extent on the turn out of this year's crops. Collections are reported as having been very good and satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

In this branch of trade business during the past week has continued to be fairly good, the aggregate of sales turned over during that period, being considered as about a very fair average, with prospects of a good demand continuing.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

In this branch business during the past week is reported to have been very fair, a pretty active demand having kept up from the country from which orders are being received, taken by the travellers now out on the road from samples

for fall goods, a trade which is now being worked up and fully under way, with good prospects of an active trading being done. In the city matters still remain in a very quiet and inactive state. Collections are reported to have been very fair from the country.

DRY GOODS.

In this staple branch all has been activity during the week, and the receipts of orders from the country have been quite encouraging. The season has been slow in starting, but now that the safety of the crop seems certain there is more or less of a rush to get stocks filled up, and activity may be expected to continue during the coming month of September. There is altogether a feeling throughout this trade, which is in marked contrast to the depressed tone which pervaded it last spring, and all are satisfied that the corner is now fairly turned. The report from collections is equally as satisfactory as that on sales.

FISH.

The trade in fresh fish during the past week is reported to have been on the whole very good and quite satisfactory, though the supply is at present rather limited, but this has not in any way affected prices, which are at about the same figures as last week. The river fish supply has been slack, while for trout and whitefish there was a much better demand. There are good prospects of an active business continuing, if the weather keeps up, and good catches are made. As yet no shipping lots have been sent out, the trading being purely local. In salt fish, there is still a demand from the country, but this is not of any very great extent. Prices have not changed any, quotations being as follows:—Smoked white fish, 8c, per lb. Scotch herring, 35c per 7-lb. box; Labrador herring, \$1.50 per case of 100 fish; salt-fish—Labrador herring, per half bbl., \$6; round herring, \$1.25; salmon, \$10; shad, \$10; whitefish \$4.50.

FRUIT.

During the past week the business done in green fruits has been very good, the aggregate of sales made being considered up to a very fair average. The receipts of varieties, such as grapes, plums, pears and blueberries, continue being received very freely, and find ready sales, but reliable prices cannot be given for them, owing to their perishable nature. The supply of lemons has been a little heavier during the week, and owing to this and cooler weather, prices have suffered a considerable decline, these being now selling off at \$10 per box. Oranges with a fair supply are being sold off at from \$8.50 to \$9 per box, and new apples with heavy sales reported, are still easier in price, being now selling at \$4.50 for cooking, and \$5 for eating apples, the supply of which is good and able to meet all demands. Water melons are entirely out.

FUEL.

In this line the business of the past week does not show much if any material improvement on the preceding one. As yet the demand is of a limited nature, the amount of fuel used at this time of the year not being so heavy as it will naturally be later on, and anything that is called for, is for immediate necessities. The