

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Since our last report there has been very little change in the monetary situation in the city. The effect of the stringency in the east are making themselves more apparent as time progresses, and some banks are putting on the pressure and refusing funds for business they would gladly have handled six months ago. In fact they have in quite a number of cases caused no little inconvenience to men in business by such action, which is doubtless due to our managers being placed on short rations in order to have funds to meet eastern necessities. Certainly there is no local reason for this shortening up. Houses whose lines are still intact complain bitterly about the discount rate being raised to eight per cent, while seven is the rate in the east, while the nonsensical argument of money being worth more here than in the east advanced by bankers only add irritation to the cause of complaint. Commercial finances are therefore in a very unsatisfactory state for which this city and country is in no way to blame. There has been a little more inquiry for farm loans, but very little beyond inquiry has yet been developed. There are however signs that the demand will soon increase. Interest payments have been coming in with encouraging freedom. The interest rate is firm at 8 per cent, and nothing but first-class business is wanted by company's agents.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Throughout the wholesale trade of the city the feeling during the week was a little better than stated in our last report, although a number of houses spoke as if they expected matters should be better than they were. Of course in some season lines the return of steady sharp weather and the continuation of the snow has reawakened the sorting trade, and made matters comparatively lively. Other season lines not so directly affected by temperature have not improved so much, although no actual complaints are heard. There is a little more of an inclination on the part of buyers to select from spring samples, but still there is difficulty in making such sales, and many travellers now nearing home write in that a supplementary journey in December will be necessary. In lines dependant upon building operations sales are now down to a pretty slim volume, and the season may be considered at a close. A brisk trade in holiday lines still holds out, and aids considerably the tendency to activity. In staple lines of every-day consumption business has been only moderate, but has been very steady. It requires close investigation to get at the bottom of the feeling approaching to dissatisfaction which though not tacitly expressed is hinted at. But it is evidently the result in a great measure of too high expectations. Some wholesalers expected that the bulk of the benefits of an abundant crop would be crowded into the last two and a half months of this year, whereas they are likely to be distributed over the next nine months. The very fact that farmers have from the crop resources to spare after meeting all financial demands makes them leisurely about threshing and marketing, and hence the slowness of returns from the harvest.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

The sorting trade has livened up considerably

during the past week, and cash returns have also increased. Up to the close of this month the sorting trade will exceed that of last year, and some is expected in December. Orders from spring samples are also on the increase.

## CLOTHING.

The return of cold weather brought out quite a sorting demand, and the trade are now in the last little ripple of the season. Sales from spring patterns are increasing, but are still a little uphill work to make. Collections are reported satisfactory.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Business in this line is reported as moving with some activity. From outside the demand for staple lines is steadily good. Fancy lines are moving, but not so freely as could be wished. During the first two weeks of December there should be more of the latter wanted.

## CANNED GOODS.

Everything moves steadily in these goods, with a fair volume of business being done. Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.25 to \$3.45; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$8.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

This branch is once more down to its steady movement, with no complaints noted. No changes and prices are: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, 65 to 75c; bromide of 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, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.25 to \$2.50; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00; sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## DRY GOODS.

In this branch there has been a renewal of activity in sorts, caused by the return of cold weather. Collections are also reported as slightly improved. Travellers are sending in better returns in orders from spring patterns, but this trade has not reached its full volume as yet. Signs are apparent that the next week or so will finish up the sorting trade, which shows only a moderate increase upon that of last year.

## FURNITURE.

There has been no marked change since our last report, and if anything the feeling is quieter. Most country dealers have their regular stocks filled, and demands from this time forward are expected to be only for specialties until the close of the year's business.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Business has been moderate during the week, but without any marked feature. No new varieties have come into the market, and unless of apples receipts have been light. Some fresh consignments of late Florida oranges and lemons are expected in a few days, which are the only ones now looked for. Prices are steady, and

unless the firmer feeling which cold weather, made in apples no change is indicated. Prices are: Apples, \$3.75 to \$4.00; lemons, \$7.50 per box; oranges, \$8.00; California pears, \$5.00 Malaga grapes, \$8.50 per keg. No other varieties are quoted.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Second arrivals of Valencia raisins are no here yet, and the few fruits on hand are offered at \$2.75. Other prices are in no way changed. Malagas London layers are quoted at \$4.00 Black Crown at \$5.25; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 18c per lb.; Spanish onions, \$7.50 per crate. Peanuts, raw, are worth 15c; peanuts, roasted, 17 to 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c.

## GROCERIES.

Some houses would be inclined to express dissatisfaction with the state of business, and are prevented from so doing by the evident prospect of early improvement, the delay in which is the only cause of complaint. Better cash returns would bring general satisfaction as the volume of sales if not unusually heavy is steady, and buyers all speak hopefully. No change in prices of note are reported, and quotations stand: Sugars, yellow 6½c to 7½c for bright; granulated, 8½c to 8¾c; lumps 9½ to 9¾c, and all feeling stiff. Coffees—Rios, 24 to 28c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan New season's 23 to 40c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 55c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 57c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

In heavy goods, and especially in lines necessary for building work, sales are down to a very low ebb, and the season is virtually over. In shelf lines business has been quite active. Collections are reported good. Closed navigation and advanced freight rates have not affected prices yet. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d and larger, \$4 to \$4.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$3.90; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 32c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## HIDES.

No change reported, and a moderate business being done. Prices are steady and are still as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4½c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There is no improvement reported as yet in these lines, except in collections. Sales have been few and light. Prices remain steady, being as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon