

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is no change to report in monetary affairs since our last issue, unless it is that a week of bright hot weather has made a more hopeful feeling in financial as well as other circles, and the fears of frost damaging grain to any material extent are now about gone. At the banks a slender volume of trade discounts keeps coming to hand, and are handled at 8 per cent with 7 for first-class. Banks are preparing for a big business in crop handling, and it is expected that call for funds for that purpose will be made inside of another week. At present the end of the duldest time for years is approaching. In mortgage loans the rush of the season is still a few weeks ahead, but companies' agents are now satisfied that this winter will bring a good lively demand for farm loans. The interest rate on such loans is nominal at 8 per cent, and there are no calls for city loans where a lower rate can be had.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There was a decided change in the feeling in trade circles last week, as compared with the situation during the two previous weeks. This was due entirely to the very satisfactory change in the weather. With the passing away of the cold, damp spell, and the return of bright, warm weather, which was so much desired for the maturing of the crop, a feeling of relief soon spread throughout the city, and in no direction was the influence more quickly and keenly noticeable than in wholesale trade circles. The change to favorable weather conditions was the more appreciated, when reliable information commenced to come in that the reports of crop damage during the cold spell had been greatly exaggerated, and it was made known that the great bulk of the crop was still in excellent condition. At present new business remains quiet in most branches, and it is expected that now harvesting has commenced, a few dull weeks will be before the trade of the city, both in wholesale and retail lines. However, business men will be quite contented to have a quiet season, should the harvest outlook continue as favorable as it was during last week.

## DRUGS.

Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$4.75; 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, \$8 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## DRY GOODS.

There is little variation in the dry goods trade at present, and as to new business the situation is very quiet. The same feature prevails in clothing lines. The situation was more hopeful last week in view of the gratifying change in the weather, and dealers felt more at ease in shipping out fall stocks.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Watermelons are plentiful, and some easier in price. California fruits keep in good supply, and at low prices. Little if any eastern fruit offering. Apples are in good supply and easier in price. Oranges scarce. No Ontario apples yet to hand. Lemons are not plentiful. Native black currants are now offering. Quotations are as follows: Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8; apples, per barrel, as to quality, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bananas, \$3 to \$4 per bunch; tomatoes, ½ bushel boxes, \$2.00; do bushel baskets \$5; watermelons, \$4.80 per doz; California fruit:—Peaches, \$2 per box; pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; plums, \$2.00 per box; blueberries, 4 to 5c per pound; Native black currants 90c to \$1 per pail; California grapes, ½ crates, \$3.50; Concord grapes, 8 lb. baskets, \$1.25; Rhodi oranges, \$3.00 to \$3.50 box; Southern onions, \$3.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes: cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$13.00; in ½ barrels, \$6 50.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged as follows: California evaporated peaches, 20 to 35c; do. plums, 20c; do. raspberries, 33c; do. pitted cherries, 25c; do. blackberries, 16c; do. apricots, 23c. Other prices are: Dates, golden, 8c per lb, in 50 lb boxes; Valencia raisins, \$3.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per box; Mulages, London layers, \$3 50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb; Walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; cocoanuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

## GROCERIES.

Rio coffees are strong. A Toronto report says: "Good grades will be hard to get for the next couple of weeks. Two shipments of coffee were received here to-day and small lots were sold at 15c for common, 16½c for medium and 17c for good. This stock arrived on almost a bare market." Sugars are unchanged, but continue to rule strong at the refineries. Foreign advices also report a tendency to higher prices. Prices are: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 7¾ as to color, granulated, firm at 9c; lumps, to 9½c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$10; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## FURS.

A few lots continued to drop in, but the bulk of last winter's hunt is now considered to have been received. Those lots arriving now are from the more distant points. It has now become apparent that last winter's catch of furs was very short of an average, for instance, one trader who usually brings \$10,000 or \$12,000 worth every summer, only had about \$3,000

this season. The short supply of furs this summer is said to have been caused by the disinclination of the Indians to work last winter, owing to the plentiful supply of venison on hand. The Indians do not care to exert themselves so long as they are well provided with provisions, and during the early part of last winter there was a more than usually plentiful supply of venison. The snow is said to have been deep in the early part of the winter, and this made it easy for the Indians to take the deer. Another feature of the fur trade this season is, that the furs taken last winter are not up to the average in quality. It is noticed that a great many of the furs were caught late in the season, and are consequently not of prime quality. This is accounted for from the same reason as given for the short catch, namely, that the Indians being well supplied with "grub" in the early part of last winter, they did not go out to hunt until late in the season. The market here has not been keenly contested of late, and has been rather one-sided. Some buyers have not been bidding at all of late. The Hudson's Bay Co. seemed generally to be considerably above the views of other purchasers, and the company has consequently taken the greater bulk of the offerings for some time back. It is said that on some medium sized lots, the company's bids has exceeded other tenders by 50 per cent and over. One large lot of furs valued at over \$20,000 is reported at Edmonton, and likely to reach this market soon. Prices are generally easy, with the exception of bear, which holds up well.

## THE MARKETS.

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## WHEAT.

The weather during last week was all that could be desired for maturing the crops. The cold, damp, spell of weather has passed away, and up to Saturday night the country had enjoyed a full week of hot, dry weather. This has had the effect of bringing on the crops very rapidly, and reports were coming in from all parts of the country of the commencement of harvesting operations. Some wheat cutting was done in nearly all sections of the country last week, whilst in a few districts, harvesting was general. By to-day, with continued favorable weather, harvesting will be general pretty much all over the country, though there are here and there fields of late sown grain which are yet rather backward. Reliable reports have been received from all sections of the country as to the effects of the late cold spell, from which it appears that the telegrams sent abroad as to the damage done, were greatly exaggerated. Several of the largest wheat districts have escaped without any damage whatever, and in the few districts where some damage was done, as far as can be learned it has been light, only a spot here and there having been touched. Altogether the very favorable weather which prevailed all of last week has vastly improved the outlook over what it was at the time of our last report. Another week such as last will be worth millions to the country.

## FLOUR.

Flour has taken a couple of jumps in price