

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs in the city have been running smoothly during the past week, with no marked feature in connection. Banks find there is a steady call for funds for mercantile business, but with funds from grain handling let free, there is no scarcity of resources to meet all regular demands, although the aggregate of funds now in use for mercantile discounts is unusually heavy for this time of the year. The discount rates still range from 7 to 8 per cent. for good to gilt edge trade paper. In real estate mortgage loans business is slower than it was a month ago, and the steady call for farm loans has eased off considerably until seeding is over. The loans on city property are few and are principally renewals. The rate of interest stands steady at 8 per cent. on farm loans, but much lower rates could be had for first-class city loans.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The wholesale trade of Winnipeg has been in rather a slow state during the past week. There has been about the usual volume of sales in lines of every day consumption, although the tendency has been to hold back in this respect, and to shorten credits as much as possible. In lines dependant on building and contracting the sales have also been of a normal volume; and accompanied by a better feeling. In season lines however business has been far from active. Weather has been altogether too cool to make any demand for spring sorts, while orders for fall samples have scarcely started to come in as yet, and there seems to be a desire on the part of both buyers and sellers to hold off fall purchases as much as possible. This feeling while hard upon the numbers of eastern men now out with fall and winter samples, is a healthy sign, which should bear good fruit before another spring comes around. The loudest complaint heard is in connection with collections. While there seems to be a little money in circulation in the city, there is great scarcity in the country, and the returns therefrom are anything but liberal and encouraging.

DRUGS.

Prices here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 4.25c to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75. English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 35 to 40c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.75 to \$4.50; 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; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

DRY GOODS.

None of the local houses have done much in pushing fall samples as yet, and the majority of them only start their men out for fall work this week. There has been very little call for sorts, as the weather has not been such as to create such calls. How fall samples will be received, remains to be seen, although a slow feeling is clearly foreshadowed. Retailers all over the province are holding stocks down to the lowest possible level, and are determined not to buy fall goods until a clearer prospect of the crop can be arrived at. On the other hand wholesalers have been receiving such poor cash returns, that they feel inclined to hold credits as short as possible.

FISH.

Oysters are now out of the market, while the variety of fresh sea fish is getting narrower. Salmon are quoted 15c, cod, 8c, and haddock, 10c per pound. Whitefish are quoted at 8c; jackfish, 1c, pickerel 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c. finnen haddies, 12½c per pound. Smoked white fish, 10c per pound; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 pound keg.

DRIED FRUITS.

There is very little change in the situation since our last report, and the same firm feeling continues although there have been no advances as were predicted by some people. Prices are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. ½ boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.70 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.00 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 7 to 7½c per lb., evaporated apples, 13½c; choice new Elemo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elemo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 21 to 23c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 14c; raspberries, 35c; French prunes, 10c per lb.; nectarines, 18 to 20c.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

There is scarcely a change to note, and the variety of goods on the market has not changed. This week Mediterranean fruit will be here and and that will cause considerable change. Prices here are: Lemons, Messina, 360 count, \$6.00; 300 count, \$6.50 per box. California seedling oranges, \$4.50 to \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75 per box; California blood oranges, \$7 to \$7.50 a box; Apples, \$7 per barrel for good stock Bananas \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bunch. Comb honey 22c per pound. Maple sirup, gallon cans, \$1.25c each; maple sugar, 14 to 15c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Tarazona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 18c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GROCERIES.

The feeling is quiet in this staple branch, and there is no disposition on the part of wholesalers to force sales. On the contrary they are holding everything short by the head, and will not increase the volume of credit, which is now inflated. There are no changes in prices to quote. Sugars are if anything easier, while coffees maintain their high figures and firm tone. Prices here are:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8; lumps, 9½ to 9½c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government, 27 to 30c; Mocha, 32 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & R. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 45c; P. of W., butts 47c, P. of W., caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunnette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Ancho, 59c; cut tobacco. Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 55; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$50 per 1000. Mauricio, \$42.50; Soudan Whips, \$40.00; Turkish Caps, \$32.50; Commercial

Traveller, \$25. Lion "L" brand mixed pickles, in kegs, are quoted: Three gallons, \$2.50; do five gallons, \$3.50; do 10 gallon kegs, \$6.50.

HARDWARE.

This branch is still quiet, but is considerably disturbed over the uncertainty about freight rates from the east. With that trouble added to the general change and adjustment caused by the opening of navigation on the lakes, and the fact of a weak and declining iron and steel market in Europe, there is great scope for care and caution on the part of the wholesalers. Prices are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1½ inch, 14½c; 1½ inch, 18½c; 2 inch, 28c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb., galvanized iron, 23 gauge, 8 to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs; shot, 6½ to 6½ per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 24 to 28c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85; Bourdon kip, 70c, slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 29c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffe, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75. Horse collars—Short straw, \$22 der dozen; long straw, \$33 per dozen; long straw bodies, \$22; Boston team (thong), \$27 per dozen.

LUMBER.

In [this branch there has been some movement during the week, but the full volume of the season's trade has not been reached. Prices at the different mills in the Keewatin district are as follows:—Dimension: 2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do. 10, 18 and 20 ft long, \$15; \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24 ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 ft long; surfacing, 50c per M; surfacing and sizing, \$1 per M. Boards: 1st common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common, rough, \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$21; do. 8 and 10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17; do. 8 and 10 in, rough, \$15, dressed, \$16; 10 ft long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap: 10 in, \$16; 6 in, \$15.50; 8 and 10 in flooring and siding at \$1 per advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring. 1st, 6 in, \$29; 2nd, 6 in, \$25; 3rd, 6 in, \$21; 4th, 6 in, \$18; 1st, 5 in, \$29; 2nd, 5 in, \$25; 3rd, 5 in, \$20; 4th, 5 in, \$17; 1st, 4 in, \$29; 2nd, 4 in, \$25; 3rd, 4 in, \$19; 4th, 4 in, \$16; \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides; \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding: No. 1, 1st siding, ½ in x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd siding, ½ in x 6 in, \$17. Finishing (1½, 1½ and 2 in): 1st and 2nd clear, \$45; 3rd clear, \$40; selects, \$30; chop, \$25; 1 inch, 1st and 2nd clear, \$40; 3rd clear, \$32; No. 1 stock, \$35; No. 2 do. \$30; No. 3 do. \$25. Mouldings: window stops, per 100 ft: linal, \$1; parting strips, do, 60c; ½ round and core, do., 75c. Casing: 4 in O G, per 100 ft linal, \$1.75; 5 in O G, do, \$2.25; 6 in O G, do, \$2.50; 8 in O G, base, do, \$3.50; 10 in O G, base, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2. Shingles: No. 1, \$3; No. 2, \$2.50; No. 3, \$1.50; No. 4, \$1.