

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Matters in financial circles in the city have been quieter since the 4th of the month, and the keen interest which was taken in the situation previous to the date named has now largely subsided. A few straggling payments and a few payments on account of paper due on the 4th were still coming in, but not to such an extent as to greatly change the condition, as stated last week. Wholesale dealers complain a good deal of slowness in collections, and evidently there is considerable room for improvement, though, in a few branches where accounts are numerous, but usually for small amounts there is not much reason for grumbling. One point frequently noted is, that collections in the city are more backward than in the country, though this may be attributed to the fact that the winter season is quieter in the city comparatively than in the country, while the opposite is to some extent the case in the spring and summer.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There is yet very little change in the situation, and signs of renewed activity are slow in manifesting themselves. Shipments of spring stocks, however, are going on fairly actively in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, etc. In other branches of an every day demand, business is quiet almost to absolute dullness, and there are no features of importance, worthy of note. Prices in nearly all branches are steady, and little better than nominal in many lines.

## DRUGS.

Business is steady and prices unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 45 to 50c; English camphor, 55 to 60c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 75 to 80c; 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, 30 to 35c; 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, 8 to 10c.

## FRUITS—DRIED.

No changes to note in the following quotations: — Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.35; Larger Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, 1/4 boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7 1/2c; evaporated apples, 9 1/2c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22 1/2c; peeled peaches, 22 to 23c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6 1/2 to 7c. Elemo figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy Tunis dates on stem, 20c per pound; fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 11c per pound; ordinary dates, 7c per lb; walnuts, 18c per lb; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb; Cocanuts, \$10 per 100.

## FRUITS—GREEN.

Really choice apples sell readily at quotations, but there is a great deal of poor stock in the market, which is selling for what it will bring. Stocks of good fruit do not appear to be large. Apples, \$3.50 for fancy stock, with fair

ordinary held at about \$3 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6.00 per box. Florida fancy blood oranges, \$7 per box. Messina oranges, \$5 to \$5.50 per box. California Riverside oranges, \$6.00 per box. California Washington Naval oranges, \$7.00 per box. Bananas, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bunch. Malaga grapes in 60 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$9 to \$11 as to size of keg; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$9 to 9.50; bell and bugle, \$9.50 to \$10. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

## FISH.

About the same varieties are in the market. Lake Winnipeg white are in good supply, and sell on the market as low as 5c, but in jobbing lots are quoted at 7c. Pickerel are worth about 4 to 5c; pike, 2 1/2 to 3c; Lake Superior trout are quoted at 8c. Fresh salt water fish are on sale as follows:—Cod, 8c; haddock, 8c; tommy cods, 5c; smelts, 9c per pound; herrings, \$2.25 per 100 fish. Cured fish are quoted:—Boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8 1/2c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7 1/2c per lb; Labrador herrings, No. 1, \$9.50 per barrel; No. 2, \$3.50; No. 1, \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 9 1/2 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; St. John bladders, \$1.60. Oysters unchanged in price and quoted in bulk at \$1.80 a gallon for Standard and \$2 for Select. Cans are held at 50c to 55c for the same brands.

## FURS—RAW.

Competition continues very keen for lots of furs offered, the list of buyers in the market being quite a formidable one. The following quotations will indicate the range of values for the different furs. Black bear, \$14 to \$22, black bear cubs and yearlings, \$3 to \$12; brown bear, \$6.00 to \$14.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, \$2.00 to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$4.00 to \$6.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$10.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.50 to \$3.50; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75; cross fox per skin, \$3.50 to \$8.00; red fox per skin, \$1.00 to \$1.55; timber wolf, \$1.00 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 50c to \$1.25; wolverine, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Lynx, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wild cat, 25c to 75c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.70; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 95c; raccoon, 50c to 95c mink, as to color, 50c to 95c; badger, 20c to 80c; muskrat, tail, 3c to 12 1/2c.

## GROCERIES.

This staple line continues rather dull, even for the season. Teas are reported to be strong in outside markets, and some heavy transactions are reported in New York. Sugars were easier and prices were lower in eastern markets last week. Coffee firm. Quotations here are:—Sugars—yellows 6 1/2 to 7 1/2c; granulated 8 1/2c; lumps 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Coffees—Rios, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Moches, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congo 19, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 28 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46 1/2c; P. of W. caddies, 47c; 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, \$40; Torrior, \$30 per 1000.

## HIDES AND TALLOW.

Very few hides are coming in. Prices continue very low. From 2 to 2 1/2c is now offered here for frozen hides. By grade, prices are nominal as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 3 1/2c; No. 2, 2 1/2c; No. 3, 2c. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are clear at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, at 2 1/2c for rough, and 5c for rendered.

## GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

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## WHEAT.

The feature in wheat last week, from a general point of view, was the speculative "boom" in prices at Chicago, the true inwardness of which it is difficult to surmise. Some outside markets were influenced to some extent, especially Duluth, by the Chicago bulge, but important eastern markets did not follow the Chicago bulge. Prices at Chicago made a gain of 3c on Monday, and a further net gain of 3 1/2c at the close on Tuesday for cash, May and July advancing in greater proportion. Prices fell away 1 1/2 to 2c by the close on Wednesday. However, and declined further about 1 to 1 1/2c on Thursday, recovering 1/2 to 1c on Friday. Duluth reached its highest point on Saturday, when it was about 7c higher than the highest point of the previous week. The situation was fairly strong in wheat, but there did not seem to be any reason for a bull movement in western markets, any more than there has been for many weeks. The visible supply decreased 684,000 bushels for the week ended Feb. 11, making the total 34,190,128 bushels, against 40,257,128 bushels a year ago, and 61,769,520 bushels two years ago. The really strong point in the western situation is the increasing demand from millers for wheat, and the apparent scarcity of good milling wheat.

The local situation in Manitoba was quite bullish last week, and prices were worked up considerably. Indeed, it seemed that something of the Chicago bull spirit had taken hold here. Prices showed a material advance at country markets, the \$1 point having again been reached in prices to farmers at some provincial points. The range in prices was all the way from 85c to \$1, according to the different markets, the average being about 90c for best samples, meaning anything from about a No. 2 to No. 1 hard. This shows an advance of about 5c for the week in the average price. Some of the top prices paid were more imaginary than real, the deliveries being so light at some points that outside prices did not count for much. Buyers are occasionally dropping out of the markets, owing to light receipts, and at many points it hardly pays to keep buyers on. The big advance in prices here is difficult to account for, as the eastern markets continue very dull, and do not show much strength. Prices at Montreal were nominally a cent or two higher, but trading on the advance was reported to be very light.