

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Seemingly monetary affairs in the city are not exempt from holiday influences, as the past week has borne ample proof to that effect. The call for funds for grain handling has not in any way increased since our last report, but rather eased off, a fact due as much to the extreme cold weather which has prevailed as to the holiday time. With a return of milder weather, the present state of sleighing, a very marked increase in the demand may be expected. Regular mercantile discounts have eased off a little also, but not more than is customary in the closing week of a month, and the demand will no doubt increase again this week. At the banks funds are stated to be ample for all reasonable trade demands, and no further financial tension is looked for, unless in case of a prolonged railway block, which is by no means out of the calculation, considering the depth of snow now lying throughout the Province and east of it. The 8 per cent minimum rate of interest is still adhered to, and may be considered a fixture until monetary affairs in the east ease up considerably. In real estate mortgage loans a steady volume of farm loans are reported, but not so heavy as might be expected, and certainly much lighter than a month ago was predicted for December. Interest payments keep coming in steadily, and would certainly come much faster with a quicker movement of crop. Companies however, are getting reconciled to waiting, especially as they have scarcely any alternative beyond "Hobson's choice". Interest holds steady at 8 per cent, and a careful discrimination in loans is still kept up.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week being holiday week, very little could be expected from the wholesale trade, in the direction of business activity. The week has shown the usual holiday quiet throughout, and there were no active features in any direction to note. With business very light, prices have remained stationary, and in many lines simply nominal. The quietness was pretty generally distributed over all branches, and none could claim entire exemption from the general rule. With the commencement of the new year, trade may be expected to slowly improve, though in some lines it will be a few weeks, and even months, before there will be much change. Collections were still slow, but it may be that country customers have been saving up for the first week of January, and intend deluging wholesalers with cash during the next few days.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

About the same situation has prevailed. Business very quiet and featureless, and with little change expected in the immediate future.

CANNED GOODS.

Business slow and prices steady at the following quotations: 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, \$8.00.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

A quiet season is now before this branch, and until towards the time for the spring trade to commence, matters will be slow.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Quinine is reported firmer, but prices here hold steady at the following figures: 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, \$9 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, 0 to 5c.

DRY GOODS.

The dry goods and clothing branches, as might be expected, have proved no exception to the general rule. As for business there is little doing, and attention is being given to office work, straightening up warehouses and stock-taking in some instances. Travellers will soon be on the road again, some being already out, and an improvement in business is expected shortly.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Apples remain firm at last quotations, and other fruits generally steady, with cranberries lower in price. Quotations are as follows: Apples, cooking \$3.75 to \$4.25; fancy eating, \$4 to \$4.50; snows, \$5.75 to \$6; oranges, russets, \$6 to \$6.50; bright to fancy, \$6.50 to \$7.50; Malaga grapes, \$8.25 to \$8.50 per keg. California pears, \$4.50 to \$5; cranberries, bell and cherry, \$10 to \$10.50; bell and bugle, \$11; Cape Cod, \$12.50 per bbl; lemons, \$7 to \$7.50.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are steady now that the holiday demand is over. Prices are: Dates, 10c per pound, in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morandi's Valencias, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Black Crown, \$5.25; Elme figs, in different sized boxes, 18c per lb.; Spanish onions, \$7.50 per crate. Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Lake Winnipeg white are scarce in this market, owing to the fact that the catch is being largely exported. Fresh white are quoted at 7½c; fresh cod, 8c; fresh haddock, 9c; finnan haddies, 11c. Oysters, Selects, \$2.10, and standards, \$1.90, per gallon.

GROCERIES.

Sugars keep firm and syrups steady at recent advances. The movement is now slow. Prices are given as follows: Sugars, raw Porto Rico, 6½c to 6¾c; yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 8½c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees—Rios, from 24 to 28c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan New season's 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 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; 55c; Laurel

Bright Navy, 3s, 57c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.

IRONWARE AND METALS.

A feeling of firmness in prices pervades this branch, but little actual change in prices, owing to the quiet nature of business. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates; \$3.75 to \$4; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 35c 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, 6 to 7c. The sales in shelf hardware show a falling off in volume since our last report. Collections are reported fair to good.

HIDES.

Prices are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3c; calf, fine-haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 5c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3½ to 4c all around; tallow, scarcely saleable at any price.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Without features of interest. Prices are 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 kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 24c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 50c; buff, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Absolutely nothing doing outside of lubricating and illuminating oils. Quotations still remain as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal.; olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$1.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.25; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2 \$6.25; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

The holiday trade is now over, but stocks of retailers were drained so low that there has been quite a movement to replenish. Quotations are still unchanged and are given as follows: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.