

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Slowness in monetary circles has been a leading feature of the past week. Wholesale dealers complain that remittances from the country are rather slower of late. Returns are not coming in as freely as is expected at this time of year. The complaint urged by country creditors for this is, that farmers are not marketing their wheat, and consequently the amount of cash coming in is smaller than usual. At the banks there was no new feature to note. The call for funds from the grain interest is growing less, and now amounts to but a trifle in the aggregate. Discount rates are unchanged at last quotations.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Quietness has continued in city wholesale circles, and matters remain very much as they were at the time of our last report. Indeed, nothing else is expected at this time of year. Stocking-taking has been undisturbed by any special features. The change in the weather last week to something more like winter than we have had so far this season, seemed to liven matters up a little in the city, so far as the outside appearance was concerned, but the effect of the change upon wholesale trade was light. In fruits the colder weather had a quieting influence, as it rendered shipping more hazardous. It was expected that the change to more wintry weather would also bring some increased demand for provisions, from lumber camps, etc.

DRUGS.

Prices are steady, 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, 50 to 55c; 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, \$2.50 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 AND CLOTHING.

Business in these branches of course remains very quiet, practically nothing doing. An important feature in textile lines is the general tendency to higher prices. Several classes of goods have improved in price recently, and still further advances are repeatedly occurring. The outlook is for generally higher prices in nearly all textiles, owing to the increased cost of raw materials. Dyed goods, especially, will feel the advance, on account of the increased cost of dye stuffs. Silesias and linings generally have advanced from 10 to 12 per cent.

FURS.

No new feature to note. The following quotations will indicate the value of furs, the range in prices covering the different grades:—Quotations here are: Black bear, \$2.00 to \$18.00; black bear cubs and yearlings, \$1.00 to \$9.00; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$16.00; brown bear cubs and yearlings, 50c to \$7.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$2.00 to \$9.00; beaver, clean and dry, per lb., \$2.00 to \$3.75; silver fox, as to size and beauty, \$20. to \$75. cross fox per skin, \$2.00 to \$8.00; red fox per

skin, 25c to \$1.50; grey fox, 25c to 80c; timber wolf, \$1.50 to \$3.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1.00; wolverine, \$1.00 to \$6.00; Lynx, 50c to \$3.50; wild cat, 25c to 60c; marten, dark, 50c to \$2.50; marten, brown and pale, 25c to \$1.75; skunk, as to stripe, 15c to 90c; raccoon, 25c to 75c; mink, as to color, 10c to 50c; badger, 10c to 75c; muskrat, full, 3c to 10c.

FRUITS.

The cold weather put quite a check upon the fruit trade last week. There was nothing new in the market to note, oranges and apples being the principal sorts in demand. Prices are:—Apples, \$3.50, for choice to fancy stock; Montreal fameuse, \$4.25 per barrel. British Columbia winter pears are offered in large boxes at \$4 to \$4.25 per box. Messina lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$6.50, Florida oranges, choice, \$6 to \$7.00; russets, \$5.50 to \$6.00. Malaga grapes in 50 to 65 pound kegs are quoted at \$8 to \$10.00; Cranberries are quoted: bell and cherry, \$10.00; bell and bugle, \$11.50. Southern onions, \$2.50 per 100 pounds; Spanish onions, \$1.75 per crate of about 50 pounds; cider, rectified, in barrels, 35c per gallon.

FRUITS—DRIED.

Prices are steady:—Valencia raisins \$2.25 to \$2.25; Larger Valentias, \$2.75 to \$3.00; London layers \$4.75; Black Basket, ¼ boxes, \$1.75; Black Crown, \$6.25. New currants 7½c; evaporated apples, 9½c; peaches, 30c; apricots, 22½c; peeled peaches, 24 to 29c; unpeeled peaches, 17 to 19c; prunellas, 19c; dried apples, 6½ to 7c. Elmo figs, in 10 to 20 lb. boxes, 15 to 18c per lb; one pound boxes, \$1.75 per dozen; Fancy golden dates in 50lb. boxes, 9c 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; Cocoanuts, \$10 per 100.

FISH.

The weather was more favorable last week for handling fresh fish, and lots could be bought with safety. Oysters are unchanged in price. In fresh fish. Lake Winnipeg white are quoted at 7½ to 8c; pickerel, 5c; pike, 2½ to 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; boneless cod in crates of small boxes, 8½c per pound; in boxes of from 25 to 40 pounds, 7½c per lb; Labrador herrings, \$10 per barrel, and \$5.25 in half barrels; smoked finnan haddies, 11 cents per pound; smoked red herrings, 30 cents per box; Yarmouth bloaters, boxes of 100, \$3.25; St. John bloaters, \$2.00; fresh smelts, 11c per lb. Oysters 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.

FUEL.

The arrival of snow last week, combined with colder weather, improved the prospect for fuel dealers. Galt mine coal was reduced 50c per ton in retail lots, making the price now \$8 per ton delivered in the city. Pennsylvania anthracite unchanged at \$10 per ton retail delivered in the city. The snow will enable dealers to get their wood out of the woods, and will let a good many out who expected they would not be able to get the wood to the railway track this winter. Prices for wood were easier in large lots, and car lots on track have been offered at a cut. There is not much sale for wood

in car lots here, as city dealers mostly have considerable quantities in the woods, which they are bringing in, and they do not care to purchase lots shipped in to this market. Tamarac was offered on track here at \$4 per cord, in car lots, and may be quoted at the range of from \$4 to \$4.50. Poplar was offered at \$2.40 on track here, but some quote as high as \$2.10 to \$3. Retail delivered in the city tamarac is worth about \$5, and poplar \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cord for full cords. Receipts of wood from Minnesota have not been so free. Minnesota oak and maple retail at \$7 per cord delivered, with some prospect of prices being higher.

GROCERIES.

The local situation is quiet and steady. Sugars are unchanged. Foreign advices report black teas steady and green teas very firm and advancing. Local prices are as follows: Sugars—yellows 7 to 7½; granulated 9c; lumps 9½ to 9¾. Coffees—Rio, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congou, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 46½c; 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; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Dull and prices unchanged as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Prices unchanged as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c. Frozen hides, 3c all round. Calfskins are quoted at 4 to 5c, but few are offering, and most are classed at kip, which are worth 2c. Sheepskins 25 to 50c as to quality. Tallow, 2½c for rough, and 5½c for rendered.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; 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; R Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; baffle, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

LUMBER.

The outlook has improved some since the report of last week, the change to more wintry weather being hailed with delight by those having logs in the woods. Up to the time of writing the snow fall has been light, but it will probably be sufficient to facilitate the move-