

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been very little life in monetary matters in the city during the past week. There has been nothing to call for funds in any new field, and but for the fact that the volume of regular trade paper is pretty well increased by renewals at present, banks would have somewhat of a plethora of resources. Cash returns from the country promise to be slender for a few weeks more, so that there is not much likelihood of a cessation of these renewals before June comes to a close. The splendid crop weather has cleared away any anxiety there might have been with a less favorable prospect, and banking business moves along with a confident smoothness. In real estate mortgage loans new business is still scarce, but by the end of this week the pressure of spring seeding and planting will be over, and a renewed demand for farm loans is expected. There has been nothing to cause any change either in discount or interest rates, which stand as quoted in last issue.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The report from the wholesale trade of the city for the past week is somewhat mixed in tone, some branches being encouraging and others anything but bright. Still on the whole it shows an improvement compared with the previous weeks of the month. In staple lines of every day consumption there has been no improvement, and business moves along at a very slow pace. Even in lines of food commodities retailer and consumer appear to have combined to get along with as little as possible, and the former keep buying in a hand to mouth fashion. In lines connected with contracting and building the report is not much better, and only a little increased sales of a few lines of goods heard of. Wholesalers in these branches are feeling disappointed at the slowness to start, which business shows this season. In some lines of season goods there has been a little more movement, and a decidedly better feeling now prevails. Milder weather has developed a little sorting up for immediate wants, and with the improvement in crop prospects some country retailers are more inclined to do a little carrying of their farmer customers. Still there is not the slightest symptom of reckless buying as yet, nor is there likely to be any during the summer. The most discouraging symptom is the scarcity of money, and the meagreness of cash returns from the country, and even the hopeful feeling over the good crop prospect does not prevent the complaint upon this head from being pretty general.

DRUGS.

There is no change of any kind to report in this branch. Prices are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, 42.50 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; English camphor, 50 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.

A few mild days brought out a straggling demand for sorts for immediate wants, but the volume of such sales has not assumed any very

encouraging proportions, although it must increase if this week brings really warm weather. A few country retailers have made additions to their fall purchases since the recent rains, and one was heard of who came to the city and doubled his entire order for fall and winter goods so great has been the improvement in his district recently in the crop prospect. From no one was there any report of improvement in collections, which is the worst feature at present.

DRIED FRUITS.

There is still an upward tendency in all dried fruits, and if prices have not advanced in this city it is due to the fact, that wholesalers are working on old stocks, as several lines are now quoted at lower figures than they could now be imported for. Prices are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. 2 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, 14½c; choice new Elme figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elme 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.

FISH.

The variety of fresh fish is about the same as quoted last week, while that of dried goods has become more limited. Receipts of salmon have been rather irregular, while Finnan haddock are now out of the market. Prices are: Salmon, 15c a pound; cod, 8c; jackfish, 1c; pickered 3c; Lake Superior trout, 10c; smoked gold-eyes, 40c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per 100 kg.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

There has been scarcely any change in the variety on the market, but stocks of Mediterranean fruit have been increased considerably by additional consignments during the week. The movement during the week has been fair. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Messina lemons, 360 size, \$5.50 to \$6.00 a box for fancy; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50; 300 size, fancy, \$5.50 to \$6.00; choice, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Messina oranges, in half boxes, fancy, 100 to 110 size, \$3.00 to \$3.25; choice Sorrento oranges, in boxes, 200 to 220, \$5.50 to \$5.75. California oranges, fancy seedlings, 128 size, \$4.00 to \$4.25; 150 size, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 176 size \$4.50 to \$4.74; navels, 128 to 176 size, \$5.25 to \$5.50; bloods, 200 to 300 sizes, \$6.50 to \$7.00. A few barrels of apples are held at \$7.50, the quality being high. Bananas are quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bunch. Pine apples, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per dozen. Rhubarb, in 50 lb. boxes, \$2.50. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per pound; Grenoble walnuts, 19c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 15c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoanuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound; pecans, large polished, per lb. 17c.

GROCERIES.

Business still keeps very quiet in this staple branch, and there is not much effort being made to increase it either by wholesalers or prompt buying retailers, and until there is a very material improvement in collections the volume of sales will be kept restricted. Prices of staple goods are unchanged. Sugars are steady while coffees are still away up and held quite

firm. Even the little ease off in United States markets which took place two weeks ago did not continue. Prices are: Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7c, as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffees, green.—Rios, from 22 to 23c; Java, 25 to 27c; Old Government, 27 to 30c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 33 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. & B. tobacco, 56c per pound; lilly, 7s, 52c; diamond solace, 12s, 48c; 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; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 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.

Wholesalers are still complaining that the business of the season is slow to open out, and matters are moving very quietly as yet. Advances in lead, tin and zinc are reported in outside markets, but not of sufficient importance to move quotations here. Quotations are as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade 1; C. tin plates double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 11.20c; 1½ inch, 14½c; 2 inch, 18½c; 2 inch, 28c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7½ to 8½c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs; shot, 6½ to 6¼ per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

No change to report. Prices are: 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.

Like all other branches dependent upon building and contracting, the movement of this week has been light and sales slow. Prices hold steady, the quotations at the different mills on the Lake of the Woods being 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 12in surface; 50c per M on each foot over the above lengths to 24ft long; \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24ft 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; Colls, rough, \$10, dressed, \$11; 1st common, stock, 12in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do. 8 and