

ful character, and will doubtless be fully realized.

FISH AND POULTRY

Trade in this line is reported as rather quiet for the past week. There has been no increase in the demand for fresh fish, and the supply of lake trout and white fish is plentiful. Prices of these have made no change since our last report, and are quoted, the former at 11c and the latter at 9c. Smoked salmon and eels are in the market and remain unchanged in prices. There has been no addition during the week to the variety of dried fish. Oysters are in steady demand, and with the cold weather to insure their easy preservation, have been arriving in liberal consignments. In bulk prices are still the same, namely, \$2.50 to \$4 per gallon. In cans quotations are, counts, 75c, selects, 60c, standards, 50c. Dressed turkeys and chickens are becoming more plentiful, but there has been no reduction in prices, and with the drop of the previous week, they have probably found a resting place for some time to come. 25c has been the steady quotation during the week.

FRUIT.

There have been no novelties added to the market in this line during the week, if we except some fine sample boxes of California raisins, which may be expected soon in quantities. There have been very few changes in prices of any fruits, and oranges are now out of the market, there being none in the city. Apples have stiffened up a little, and while prices still range from \$6 to \$7 a barrel, some choice Canadian specimens are quoted at higher figures. The supply on hand is limited, and there is a probability of an early advance. Lemons are quoted at \$6 to \$7 a case, with very little demand for them. Figs in boxes are quoted at 20c per pound and have sold freely. California pears are quoted at the same figures as the previous week. Almeria grapes are still plentiful and have sold at \$10 a barrel. Cranberries are now general over the city, and have sold during the week at \$16 a barrel. Trade in fruits has livened up very much during the past ten days, and wholesale dealers predict a busy time for the balance of the winter.

FURS AND HIDES.

There is still no business of any moment in raw or dressed furs except in a manufactured state. The demand for green hides has not been so active during the week as during the one previous, and prices have eased off a little, 6c to 6½c have been the prices quoted for several days. There has been an active demand for pelts, and prices have held firm. Scarcely any have been sold less than 40c during the week, and 50c is offered for good Octobers. Dealers expect the demand for hides to liven up again in a few days, and believe the weakness of the past week was only temporary.

FURNITURE.

Some dealers in this line report trade as being steady and good, while others complain of a quietness. One leading house reports heavy orders from western towns, and the prospect of a rushing business for the balance of the season, and at present they have more orders than they can attend to. Notwithstanding one or two

reports of a quiet feeling the trade generally is livening up and promises well for the coming week.

FUEL.

Both in wood and coal there has been a slight advance of prices during the week, but the sudden rise in the price of coal so frequently reported has not taken place, and the actual advance has only been 75c a ton on anthracite, while bituminous has remained the same. With the steady cold weather the demand for all classes of fuel has rapidly increased, and the supply of wood is as yet very limited. The street market has supplied only about 15 to 20 loads a day, while that by rail has not been heavy during the week, although extensive cutting is now going on at different points, and with more snow to make good sleighing, a better supply will be forthcoming. Dry poplar in car lots is quoted at \$9 and tamarac at \$10. Anthracite coal is quoted at \$13.75 a ton on track; bituminous for grate purposes, at \$13.50, and for steam purposes at \$12.25. There is very little prospect of any advance on these prices, although the competition in coal has not been carried on during the past few days with the keenness of former weeks.

GROCERIES.

In this staple line business has been steadily good during the past week. In every branch there is activity, and country orders have been numerous; Edmonton having supplied a good share of the demand. The extreme west has figured prominently in the sales of the week, and quite a few new retailers are reported for opening orders. Collections are improving from all directions, and a prosperous state of business for the balance of the year is generally looked for. Prices have made no material changes. Sugars are quoted: Yellows 11c with an upward tendency; Granulated 12c, showing some weakness; Paris Lumps 12½c; Green Coffees are quoted: Rio 15c to 17c; Government Java 22½c to 25c, with a tendency towards a decline. Dried Apples are quoted at 11c, very scarce and liable to advance.

HARDWARE.

Trade is reported generally quiet in this line for the week, although trade cannot be considered dull. There has been a reasonably good city trade, but orders from the country are not numerous or very heavy. As soon as crops begin to be generally marketed a rush in domestic goods is expected, and the prospect is good for the balance of the winter. The demand for goods for building purposes is gradually falling off with the advance of cold weather. Collections are reported generally good.

LUMBER.

Although building operations are gradually falling off, the demand in this trade is still very active, and dealers have numerous and heavy contracts yet to complete. Mills over the country generally have shut down for the season, and the stock on hand for further demands is liberal but not too heavy. Prices remain the same as the week previous: Sheeting, \$28; common dimension, \$30 to \$32; fencing, \$28 to \$34; stock, \$33 to \$40; flooring, \$35 to \$45; partition, \$45 to \$50; graded clear, \$50 to \$70; shingles, \$4.50 to \$6; lath \$5.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Country trade in this branch of business holds steadily good, while the city trade for the holiday season is beginning to move. From numerous western points orders have been received by mail, and the area of the trade's operations is steadily widening. The present state of business is expected to hold until Christmas.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

This branch of trade is reported as being rather quiet during the week. The city trade has not been very brisk and a falling off in country business has also been noticeable. The trade for Christmas and New Year is expected to stir during the present week, and several weeks of rush are then expected. Collections are reported free.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The snow which has fallen during the last ten days has made hauling good for farmers all over the country, and receipts of grain, especially of wheat, have increased very rapidly within the past week. By rail there has been an average of about ten cars a day of wheat, while the street receipts have been correspondingly heavy. Mills are now running full, and for the first time this season millers are in a position to ship flour in quantities to Eastern markets. Wheat prices have as a natural consequence declined considerably, and the softer qualities have been sold at greatly reduced prices. Oats are being received liberally, but have held firm in price. Only one car of barley has been received during the week, while the street receipts have been light. The quality has been much inferior to what was received earlier in the season, which dealers attribute to want of stacking and other deficiencies in care, which are absolutely necessary to preserve the color of this grain. Not a bushel of buckwheat or flax has been received during the week, although both are wanted at good figures. Rye is almost as scarce, but there is no local demand for it and its want is not felt.

WHEAT.

Early in the week the finest hard Fife brought as high as 85c, but near the close 80c to 82c were the regular figures. Soft grades have sold as low as 72c, and they are very little in demand at the reduced figures. The shipment of wheat to the Eastern markets by several firms will commence now, and lower grades will soon find a more ready market.

OATS.

have sold during the week from 45c to 50c on track, and street receipts have brought as high as 50c. There is no scarcity in the supply, and a weaker feeling was evident during the last few days.

BARLEY.

The highest price paid for this grain during the week was 60c, and the lowest 50c. The quality generally has not been good, and higher figures could be obtained for really bright samples, but it is thought that very little of a good quality is now held in the country.

FLOUR.

The shipping season may now be said to have opened with the millers, and this past week some ten cars of flour have been forwarded from this city to the Eastern merchants. Millers have a plentiful supply of wheat, and with the prospect of good roads there is no likelihood of any falling off in the same. In addition to the car lots for the East, 1000 bags were shipped for Lake Superior points on Friday, which is for