

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There does not appear to have been any great change in the monetary situation, other than the gradual relaxation of the financial closeness which has been perceptible for a few weeks back. This easier feeling, however, is still perhaps one more of hope than reality. There has really been little to cause any marked freedom in money circulation. As to the wheat movement, the blockade is about as complete as ever, and instead of money being put in circulation from this source, there must be a vast sum locked up in wheat, upon which there is little chance to realize before the opening of navigation. The amount of money locked up in this way has drawn heavily upon the banks, and, of course, has the effect of decreasing funds available for miscellaneous commercial discounts. Rates, therefore, remain firm at 8 per cent. In real estate mortgage loan business, a very quiet feeling is apparent. Agents look forward to the future with hope, in view of the negotiations for the removal of monopoly and expect that real property will be given thereby a more stable value. At present, however, there is not much new business doing.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In wholesale trade circles matters moved slowly and steadily along. The unseasonably cold weather of last week had a dampening effect upon the movement toward spring activity which had commenced to be apparent. However, cold weather cannot hold out long now. In branches which are expected to show an active movement toward spring, there has been visible signs of improvement. In hardware, paints, oils and colors, lumber and building material, and agricultural implements, there is more or less activity, and in some of these branches a good trade for the season is doing. In agricultural implements especially the season is opening very favorably. Other branches of trade are steady and with moderate movement. Collections are not satisfactory in many instances, though some dealers find returns very good.

CANNED GOODS.

Prices were as follows: 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) \$3.50; pears, \$3.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

DRY GOODS.

There is still but a light demand for goods for present requirements, the cold wave of last week, having acted as a set-back to the disposition to purchase spring goods. Some late orders are coming in from dealers whose cautiousness had delayed their completing purchases of spring stock at an earlier date. Spring shipments are still going out. In clothing, the only movement is in shipping out the balance of spring orders, there being scarcely any call for present requirements.

DRUGS.

Business keeps on fairly active, and with prices steady. Quotations were as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German

quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; 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, \$8 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, 7½ to 9½c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

The principle interest in green fruits is centred in apples. There are fairly large stocks in the city, but very few come up in quantity to reach prices quoted, stocks being often damaged. It is said the bulk of sales are made at from \$3 to \$4 per barrel, of course such prices are only for damaged lots. All good, sound fruit will bring quotations below. A shipment of Bermuda onions and tomatoes was received during the week. Quotations are as follows: Apples, fancy, \$6 to \$7 per barrel, common varieties, \$5 to \$6. Messina oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6.50 to \$7; Fancy Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$7.50 to \$8.00; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina lemons, \$6 to \$6.50.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

FURS.

A cable from London gives a rather gloomy report of the Hudson's Bay Co's. fur sales for March. Prices show a very serious decline on the prices obtained in March of last year. In fisher there was falling off of 6 per cent; marten 25 per cent; silver fox 30 per cent; cross fox 20 per cent; red fox 5 per cent; white fox 35 per cent; lynx 20 per cent; skunk 12 per cent; mink 25 per cent; black bear 25 per cent; brown 10 per cent; a later cablegram says: the Hudson's Bay fur sales were even more unsatisfactory than reported. Prices have fallen in several cases 25, 30 and 60 per cent. The shares of the company have also fallen.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices are somewhat unsettled for fresh fish, as the season draws near a close. Prices are: White fish, 6 to 8c, Cod and Haddock, 8c; Oysters, select, \$2.10; Standards, \$1.90 gal.

OROCENIES.

Prices are as follows: Sugars, Dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffee—Rios, from 24 to 28c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan Newseason'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, 50c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quiet and prices steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$2.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices, ingots tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quantity; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES.

A good many hair-slipped and damaged hides are coming in now. This is caused by the hides being allowed to freeze and thaw. Parties having frozen hides on hand at this time of year, should thaw them out and salt at once or ship to market immediately. Prices now are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; bulls, 2½c; calf, fino haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3c all around; tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady 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 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Spring business in this branch has started up well, and during last week was quite active, orders coming mostly from the country. City business quiet. Prices were: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.25; 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.

Prices are: 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, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

JOHN STEVENS has sold out his flour and feed business at Deloraine Man. to Wright of Plum Creek.