

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

In monetary circles the situation remains practically the same as at the time of our last report. The feeling is still somewhat stringent, and generally quiet. A report was published in the daily press during the week purporting to have come from the east, to the effect that the banks and loan companies intended curtailing their operations in Manitoba and the Territories, and that instructions of such a nature would shortly be issued to local managers, the policy being attributed to the unsettled state of the country. Inquiry has revealed that the report is only true in a sense. Loan companies have for some time back been displaying caution, but only in the direction of refusing to accept doubtful risks. All really good risks are taken at current rates of interest and there is no likelihood of a change in this respect. On the other hand, however, companies have been less free to deviate from their established rules in accepting anything but good securities. Again any movement in the direction of curtailing business on the part of money lenders, has not originated from the "unsettled state of the country," but owing to local legislation inimical to the loan companies, and in favor of debtors as against creditors. The bill to relieve embarrassed municipalities has also been looked upon by the loan companies as a measure likely to encourage carelessness in municipal affairs, and as such has been regarded as inimical to the companies. The modified form in which the bill has been passed, however, has shorn it of some of its most objectionable features. Interest rates on loans on real property securities are steady at 8 per cent. for both farm and city properties, though in the case of a choice Main street city property, a loan may be negotiated as low as 7 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

In most branches of wholesale trade business is at a low ebb. The midsummer dullness has now fully set in, and those branches usually affected in this way at this season, have the full benefit of the "low spell." Only a few trifling orders are occasionally received to break the monotony of entire stagnation. In branches depending on building there are more signs of activity, but these are about the only exceptions to the general rule.

## BOOTS AND SHOES

The report of this branch was omitted last week, and the same thing could have been done this week to advantage, as there is absolutely nothing to report. There is scarcely anything doing in sorting business for present requirements, and fall orders are only showing up "fairly."

## CLOTHING

This branch is about as quiet as any lines of business. Fall orders are pretty well in hand, and there is nothing but a little sorting trade to look after, which just now is very light. The few packages going out are of the cigar-box nature, which will about denote their bulk.

## CROCKERY

Among the dull branches may be classed the crockery and glassware trade. In this line matters are slow, and without any features of importance.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

Prices as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 70c to 75c; opium, \$4 to \$4.50; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bionide 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; soda ash, \$3 to \$3.25; chlorate potash, 25c to 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

## DRY GOODS

This branch is influenced by about the same leading feature as at the time of our last report, namely dullness. The few light orders coming in are barely sufficient to relieve the monotony of complete stagnation. The next thing in order will be to prepare samples for fall trade.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

This branch is somewhat of an exception to the rule, business having been fairly good. Several new varieties are in the market. Prices as follows: Messina oranges, 200 count, \$6.00 to \$6.50 per box; Sorrento oranges fine, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per box; Messina lemons, \$5.50 to \$6.50 box; bananas, \$4 to \$6 per bunch; pine-apples, \$5 dozen; apricots, \$4 per box; strawberries, \$6.50 per case of 24 quarts; tomatoes, \$3.50 for one-third bushel box; cucumbers, \$1.50 doz.; Bermuda onions, \$4.00 per box of 50 lbs.; southern onion, 5½c lb.; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$10 per barrel, or \$7.50 a keg; cabbages, 6c lb.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations remain as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 15 to 18c per lb, in one lb. to ten lb. boxes; Golden dates, 9c to 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 7½c to 9c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts, 20c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; Texas pecans, 18c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$1.30 per gallon, in 5 gallon tins, or \$1.25 in 15 gallon kegs; maple sugar 10 to 14c per pound, according to quality.

## FURS

Prices are: Beaver, per pound, \$2.50 to \$4.00; per skin, \$2 to \$8; bear, \$5.00 to \$25; bear, cub per skin, \$1.00 to \$7.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to 75c; marten, per skin, 60c to \$2.00 fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; lynx, per skin, \$100 to \$2.75; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 8c; fox, red, 25c to \$1.40; fox, cross, \$1 to \$10; wolf, timber, \$1.00 to \$3.00; wolf, prairie, 75c to \$1.50.

## FISH

Prices for cured are: boneless fish, 6½c; boneless cod 8½c; prepared herrings, 7½c; mackerel, 15-lb kits, No. 1, \$2.50; other qualities, \$1.75 upwards; smoked herrings, per box, 25c.

## GROCERIES

Coffees hold strong at advances; sugars firm; tea steady. Quotations as follows: yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c; Coffees, Rios, 22 to 23c; Govern-

ment Java, 33 to 35c, other Javas, 25 to 30c; Mochas, 31 to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1896-7, 20 to 45c; Congous, 1896-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; purified Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Sear's con-gous, 1895-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound.

## HARDWARE AND METALS

Trade is moving only in moderate volume, but with better prospects ahead in expectation of an early commencement in railway construction and more activity in general building. Quotations are as follows: C. nails, 10d and larger, \$3.75 to \$4.00; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11.00 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.50 to \$5.00, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 28 to 30c per lb., according to quality; 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, 7 to 7½c.

## PAINTS, OILS, AND COLORS

The movement holds fairly good, and prices generally firm as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 68c per gallon; boiled, 71c 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, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 35c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 29c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

## CANNED GOODS

The usual movement is going on in these goods, at steady prices. Prices as follows, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50, lobsters \$1.87, sardines (French) ½ tins, \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.00, cove oysters, \$3; corn, \$1.65, peas \$2.00, tomatoes \$2.00, baked beans \$2.75, corned beef \$3 to \$3.25, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$7.00; 1 lb, \$3.50. Fruit in 2 lb. tins are quoted: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.60 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75.

## HIDES

Prices unchanged. Quotations are: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5c; bulls, 4c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 8c; No. 2, 6c; sheep pelts, 30 to 65c; tallow, 3½ to 4c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Prices are: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughter-sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 30 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## WINES AND SPIRITS

Quotations are now as follows: Gooderham