

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Matters are in about the same state as a week ago. Another week of unfavorable harvest weather has tended to quietness in financial circles, and we are apparently no nearer the brisk season looked forward to than at the time of our last report. Discounts are steady. Loan companies are firm on interest rates on mortgage loans, and some of the best companies refuse to do business at under 8 per cent., even on choice city property, though it is known that loans have been obtained at 7 per cent. on good city property.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade is almost at a standstill owing to the unfavorable weather. Dealers have been waiting for a brightening up in trade as soon as the grain movement commenced, but harvesting has been so delayed by unfavorable weather that the good time seems as far off as ever. Besides the delay caused to harvest the effect of the almost incessant drizzle has been to stop outside work in other lines to a great extent, thus interfering with trade in branches depending on building. This added to the general gloominess prevailing during such weather as we have had lately, has made the past week a rather blue one in business circles generally.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

The steady upward movement in the raw material has at last forced boot and shoe manufacturers to take action in something like a concerted advance in prices. Advices from the east reported that they are now moving in this direction. A telegram from Toronto last week says: "At a largely attended meeting of wholesale boot and shoe dealers of the province held yesterday, it was decided to advance the price of leather boots and shoes. No schedule was drawn up, or combine formed, but each manufacturer will individually make an advance on the basis of five to seven per cent. increase. This will be followed by an additional increase of five per cent. as soon as the spring stock is put on the markets." This is what might be expected from the steady advance in leather and it is a move absolutely necessary under the circumstances.

DRUGS.

An important feature of the drug trade is the sharp advance in cod oil, reported from the east, prices having advanced nearly 5c per gallon. Prices on this oil have been very low for some time, and the advance is due to the use of the oil for mechanical purposes, which has been made possible by the low prices which have prevailed. Quotations here are as follows: Howard's quinine, 60 to 75c; German quinine, 50 to 60c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.50; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; English camphor, 80 to 90c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 65 to 75c; cream of tartar, 25 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, \$1 to \$5; copperas, \$5 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 10 to 12c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The market was well supplied with fresh fish last week with shipments coming in from the east, in addition to local varieties. Quotations are as follows: Cod, 12½c a pound; mackerel, 10c each; haddock, 12½c a pound; lobsters, 25c each; B. C. salmon, 17c a pound, and likely to

be lower; Lake Superior trout, 8c per pound; Lake Winnipeg whitefish, 6c per pound; smoked goldeyes, 30c per dozen; salt whitefish, \$5 per keg of 100 lbs. Oysters are jobbing at \$2.50 per gallon.

GREEN FRUITS.

The unfavorable weather has interfered with business to some extent, but not so much as in other branches. Shipments of Ontario pears, plums, grapes and tomatoes have arrived and sold freely. Apples have been in better supply, but the prospect is for high prices for winter keeping varieties, which have not yet arrived. Quotations in this market are:—Rodi oranges, 200 size, \$9; 300 size, \$10.50 per box; Messina lemons, \$9.50 to \$10.50 per box; bananas, yellow, \$2.50 to \$3.50; Minnesota tomatoes, per bushel basket, \$2.25; Ontario tomatoes, 20 lb baskets, \$1 to \$1.10 per basket; watermelons, \$4.00 to \$5.00 per dozen. California fruits are quoted: Peaches, \$2.50 per box; pears, \$4.50 per box; plums, \$2.50 per box as to variety; southern grapes, eight pound baskets, \$1.25. California grapes, \$2.50 per crate; apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel. Oregon plums, in 20 lb. boxes, were quoted at \$2 to \$2.25; and Oregon pears, 40 lb. boxes, at \$4 to \$4.25; Ontario grapes, Concord, 7c per pound; fancy varieties, Ontario grapes, 10c; Ontario plums, \$1.50 to \$2 per 20 lb. basket; Ontario pears, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per 20 lb basket. In native fruits, a few pails of blueberries have been offered at about 75c per pail on the market. Cranberries are plentiful on the market at 25c per pail. Native black currants are held at \$1.50 per pail, and wild plums at 75c to \$1 per pail on the market.

GROCERIES.

Canadian refiners advanced granulated sugar ½c to 6½c on Sept. 5, owing to advances at New York. Prices were again advanced ½c on granulated and white sugars and also on yellows ½c on Sept. 8. Coffees are strong and advancing. The situation in teas is interesting. Advices from the east report very strong markets in Canada and at New York. Prices have been forced up owing to the high rate of exchange, and the prospect is for further advances. Prices at New York average 1 to 2c higher than in Eastern Canada markets. Japans are costing higher this season all around. The situation is considered firm in most lines of canned goods. Prices here are: Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7½ as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8; lumps 8½ to 9c. Coffees, green,—Rios, from 24 to 25c; Java, 27 to 29c; Old Government, 29 to 32c; Mochas, 33 to 35c. Teas: Japan, 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 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; Brunnette 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, 60c; 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, \$35.00; 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.

TEXTILE LINES.

The principal feature in textiles is the recent collapse in the price of cotton. This had a weakening effect in first hands. British manufacturers, it is reported are endeavoring to maintain prices of manufactured goods, which have not advanced to the full extent in sympathy with the raw product. The drop in cotton amounted to ½ to ¾c. More recent advices report that prices are being maintained in cottons, and that the eastern domestic manufacturers now firmly refuse to shade prices. The fall millinery openings in eastern markets is a recent feature in the trade, and this drew some western buyers east. Locally, retailers have been very backward in ordering fall stocks, and some orders have not yet been placed. Some country dealers have determined to hold their orders until the harvest is practically over. This will make a rush at the close of the season, and jobbers expect a heavy sorting trade this year, in consequence of the backward nature of the fall trade this season. The Toronto *Empire* says of the dry goods trade: "The different manufacturers of tweeds have now placed with the agents samples for next spring. The clothing trade have already made their purchases and samples are now being offered to the jobbing trade. Style, variety and finish of these goods are quite equal to imported goods at 10 per cent higher prices, and the time is fast approaching when the quantity of imported tweeds and worsteds must be largely displaced by goods of our own manufacture. In heavy goods, such as blankets, flannels, knitted underwear and hosiery, our manufacturers seem to have surpassed themselves this season. We have been shown goods in each of these lines quite equal to anything ever imported."

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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WHEAT

The course of wheat was rather uphill again last week, though the first day of the week was lower. On Monday closing prices at Chicago were the lowest for some weeks, December option closing less than one cent above the \$ mark. Closing prices on Monday were about 9c per bushel under the highest prices reached on this crop, which was on Saturday August 23. On Tuesday prices gained ¾c at Chicago, and nearly a cent on Wednesday. On Thursday there was a big bulge owing to snow news from the Northwest, and prices advanced between 3 and 4c. The top was not held, and prices fell away over ½c. on Friday.

Minneapolis was two to four cents higher on Thursday than a week ago. The movement of new wheat at that point is less than at the same date last year. Receipts of new wheat at Minneapolis were averaging between 200 and 300 cars daily. Liverpool cables were ½ to 1d lower on Monday, but were generally stronger on other days.

Locally there is still nothing doing to speak of, the wet weather having further delayed stacking and threshing. At one country market a few thousand bushels of wheat were brought in for storage. This was wheat threshed from the stook by farmers in the immediate vicinity of the town. Some of this grain was reported to be damp, and if this is the case it would be better still in the stook.