

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In monetary circles the past week has not been marked by any occurrence of more than ordinary importance, and matters have gone on in very much the same way as has been characteristic of the past two months. The 4th of the month passed over without any special feature, and the week brought forth about the usual call for commercial discounts, at the old rates, with the bulk of business transacted at 8 per cent. In real estate loans the week has been rather slower than usual. City properties seem to be quieter again, and very little call comes from the country.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The magnificent growing weather for the crops which prevailed all last week was not without its effect upon our wholesale merchants, and although few had a very good report to give of business, yet nearly all were in better spirits and considered "the outlook favorable." In regard to the actual demands upon our jobbers during the past week, it was evident that the movement of nearly all staple commodities had been light. The week had brought forth but a light call for goods, and not in excess of the previous week. Indeed it was difficult to discover in any staple branch much sign of present activity, and only in a few miscellaneous lines could business be considered fairly good. In collections the general feeling seems to be that matters are not improving, and some dealers are obliged extend considerable accommodation to their customers.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

In this line there has not been much activity displayed since the wind-up of the trade in spring implements. A few breaking plows are still selling, but harvesting machinery is quiet yet, farmers evidently not caring to invest until very close to the time when such articles will be brought into use. This is more apparent, as dealers are not putting forth much effort to book orders in advance.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Trade continues quiet in this branch and only occasional small lots are going out, principally to country points, with the city trade even slower. Collections about as usual.

CLOTHING

The immediate demand remains slow and the sorting trade for the season has not yet assumed much proportion. Dealers are still hopeful of a fairly large fall trade, though they do not expect much from the summer sorting trade. Collections are poor.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Dealers report a steady and fairly good call for goods, confined principally to staple wares in crockery and stoneware. Some very handsome designs in glassware are now shown as the latest thing in the line. Collections fairly satisfactory.

DRY GOODS.

There has been no change in the condition of the dry goods trade since our last report. The past week continued very quiet in every particular, and the sorting trade usually doing at this season is of very light proportion. From

the city only the smallest lots are occasionally taken, and from the country the demand is not much better. Dealers are not very cheerful, for although a good fall trade may be done, yet that will not avail so far as their stocks of summer goods are concerned, a considerable portion of which will be carried over unless the sorting demand greatly improves very soon. Stocks are now large in such lines as are usually called for at this season. Some dealers are of the opinion that country merchants divided up their orders and bought too heavily last spring, which they were induced to do by the large influx of additional travellers from the east. Collections have not improved of late and quite a number of calls for accommodation have been asked for.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Trade continues about as usual and prices are still unchanged as follows. Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; American camphor, 33 to 40c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 65 to 70c; 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, 25 to 35c; alum, \$2.75 to \$3; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.25; sulphur, roll, \$3.75 to \$4; American blue vitrol, 6 to 7c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

Trade in this branch has continued quiet and the movement has been in about the same proportion as for the past few weeks. Collections have been fairly good for the season.

FISH.

The market has been well supplied with Lake Winnipeg whitefish, which are quoted at 7 to 8c. Columbia River salmon have arrived by express and are quoted at 22½c. Lake Superior trout have been in fair supply at 8½ to 9c. A number of varieties of Red river fish are also offered, among them pickerel at 3½c. Fresh sea fish in good supply at quotations. Prices are as follows: Sa' white, \$4 per bbl; Labrador herrings \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddock, 9½ to 10c per lb, fresh sea fish are quoted: cod 10c, haddock 10c, halibut 17c, shad 16c, flounders 15c, lobsters 17c, oysters, selects, 65c per can; standards, 55c.

FRUITS.

Nothing now can be had in the way of choice apples, stocks of good sound fruit having been exhausted. A few damaged lots could probably be found at irregular prices, and some russets could be had at about \$4.50 per barrel. Oranges were also nearly out of the market last week, and stocks were only kept from running entirely out by the arrival of express lots of Sarentos, which sold up 50c per box. Full supplies of Mediterranean oranges will be on hand this week, which are expected to sell at from \$8 to \$9 per box. Lemons have been marked up 50c per box. Strawberries sold at from \$5 to \$6.50 per crate of 24 boxes, according to their condition on arrival here. Southern Minnesota berries were in the market last

week. Other small fruits and green stuff were in the market at irregular prices, and received occasionally by express. Quotations are as follows: Sarento oranges, \$7.50 to \$8.00. bananas, \$4.00 to \$6.00 per bunch. Messina lemons, \$8.50; Valencia raisins, \$3.75; London layer raisins, \$4.00 to \$4.25; black crown \$5.00 to \$5.25 walnuts, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 16c; peanuts, 17c for roasted and 15c for raw; figs 18c to 20c; dates mats 8 to 10c; golden 11c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

FUEL.

Prices for coal and wood are unchanged as follows: poplar \$3.25; to \$3.35; oak \$5.00 to \$5.50; tamarac \$4 to \$4.50. Prices are for lots, on track. Hard coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50, and American steam coal, \$6.85 on track. Blacksmiths' coal, \$12.00 per ton. Gal't coal sells at \$6.50 on track.

FURNITURE.

Some dealers report a slight improvement in the call from the country, but all agree that business is slow in fact just about as quiet as it could be, so far as the wholesale trade is concerned. Collections are also backward.

GROCERIES.

Trade has continued to move in moderate volume and prices have held steady at quotations as follows: yellow 7½ to 7¾c; granulated 8¾c; lump 9¾c; Coffee, Rio, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 22c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 40c; pan-fried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Suey young hyson 20 to 30c; Moyune young hyson 25 to 50c; Season's congnous, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.30 to \$2.50; sugar, cane, \$2 to \$2.20; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

HIDES.

Prices rule steady and unchanged as follows: Steers. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Dealers report a steady and fairly good trade doing, both in shelf and heavy hardware. Builders' hardware has been in best demand, with a good movement in harvesting tools, etc. Collections have been rather backward. Quotations are: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tared felt, \$2.60 to 2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

A very good trade has been done in this branch for the week, and one traveller who returned during the week reported a successful trip. Quotations are: Spanish sole, 30 to 32c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No. 1, wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 65c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock; American oak sole, 55 to 60.