

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The outlook is still one of waiting. The grain movement has not assumed sufficient volume to put much money in circulation and the bad weather will cause further delay. Money is about as close as ever, and present indications do not point to any change, the conditions being unfavorable for a lively movement of grain for some little time.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Last week was very discouraging to those who have been looking for a brisk business, following a lively movement of grain. The very unfavorable weather put a damper on business. With an almost incessant drizzle for the past ten days, business in the country was practically stopped. The grain delivery which was only commencing to be large, has been stopped, and as country roads must be in very bad shape, the movement must be small for some time. Besides, it is now so late in the season that farmers will have to hurry their plowing, and until frost puts a stop to this work a large grain movement cannot be looked for. In the meantime cash will be scarce. The bad weather has been felt most in branches such as lumber and building supplies, as it has stopped outdoor work, and will delay considerable contemplated work till next spring. Receipts of country produce have also been very light, on account of the wet weather.

DRIED FRUITS.

The first direct steamer has arrived at Montreal with valencies, and a sharp demand for the fruit set in, at good prices, with future prospects firm. Sales to jobbers from the cargo were at about 6 to 6½c. Dried and evaporated apples are firm. Prices are: California London layer raisins, \$3.00 per box, do. ¼ boxes, \$1.00; Valencia raisins, \$2.75 to \$2.80 per box; Valencia layer raisins, \$3.25 per box; currants, 7c per lb.; dried apples, 8 to 3½c per lb., evaporated apples, 14½c; choice new Elmo figs in 10 lb. boxes, 16c per lb.; choice figs, 13c per lb.; fancy Elmo layer figs, 20 lb boxes, 18c per lb.; figs in 1 lb cartoons, per doz., \$1.75; golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, 9c per lb.; California evaporated fruit—apricots, 22 to 24c per lb.; peeled peaches, 27 to 30c per lb.; pitted plums, 13c; raspberries, 35c; prunes, 8 to 11c per lb. as to quality, the higher quotation for choice of best varieties; nectarines, 21 to 23c.

GREEN FRUITS.

Fall varieties of apples are getting short, but the market is well supplied with winter stock. Anything good is held firm at \$5.00 per barrel for winter fruit, with a probable early advance. Fall fruit may be obtained a little lower. Oregon pears are firmer. Ontario fruit, except apples, are getting short. Grapes are still obtainable. California peaches are scarce. Quotations are: Apples \$4 to \$5 a barrel; Louisiana oranges, \$8.50 a box. Jamaica oranges \$8.50 per box. Lemons, Messina \$9.00 to \$10 per box. Bananas, scarce and firm at \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bunch for choice. Ontario tomatoes, in 20 lb baskets, 75 per basket. California peaches, \$2.50 per box; California pears, \$4 per box; Oregon pears, in 40 lb boxes, \$4.25 per box; Ontario pears, 75c to 80c per 20 lb baskets; California grapes, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per crate as to variety; Ontario grapes are quoted at 4 to 6c per pound, as to

variety and quality. Crab apples, \$6 per barrel. Wisconsin cranberries, \$10 to \$10.50 per barrel.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

The variety of fresh fish is still limited. First arrivals of finnen haddly are expected to-day. White fish are in large supply, at 6c per pound. Pickerel is worth about 4c. Lake Superior trout 8c per pound. British Columbia halibut is obtainable at 15c. Salmon was out of the market, and normal at 15c. Oysters are worth \$2.50 per gallon. Smoked whitefish is held at 10c lb.

GROCERIES.

Teas are reported quieter, recent active buying having apparently supplied present wants. Prices are well maintained. In sugars there is nothing new to note. Considerable strength is reported in canned goods from the east, fruits and vegetables being especially strong, with holders claiming that prices must advance, as they say the pack is short. Canned salmon has an improved feeling. Prices are: Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7 as to quality; granulated, 7½ to 8; lumps \$7 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; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 46c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 69c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Savendish, 70c; Senator, 80c; 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; Soudau 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, \$8.50.

HARDWARE.

The situation in hardware is firm, but quotations are unchanged on the spot. There has been some nervousness and irregular prices in a speculative way in British markets, due to the financial stringency, but cash values have been steadier. Iron and tin plates are strong, and there have been advances east. Prices here are:—Cut nails 10d, and upwards, \$3.25; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.75 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4 to \$4.15; sheet iron, \$4.25 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, \$13½c; 1½ inch, \$16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; ingot tin, 30c per lb; bar tin, 31c per pound; sheet zinc, 7½ and 8c per lb; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 7½ to 8½c lb; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6 to 6½c per lb.; tarred felt \$2.30 to \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½ nett.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The unfavorable weather interferes seriously with business, and will shorten the fall trade. Leads are strong and have advanced outside, but are unchanged here. Quotations here are as follows: Turpentine in barrels, 76c per gallon; in 5 gallon cans, 81c gallon; linseed oil in barrels, raw 80; boiled 83c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; pure oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$6 a barrel; Portland cement,

\$4.90 a barrel; Michigan plaster, \$3.25 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk in barrels, 3c; whitening in barrels, \$1.50 a cwt; Crown pure white lead, \$7.25; Royal Charter, \$6.75; Railroad, \$6.25; Elephant pure white lead, \$7.25; Elephant No. 1. do., \$8.25; Bulls head do., \$3.75; Calsomine, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, first break, \$2.10.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

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WHEAT

The general situation in wheat has been irregular. The drop of 2c per bushel at Chicago on Saturday, October 11, was followed by a recovery on Monday and Tuesday, but another drop of about 1c was experienced on Wednesday. On Friday there was a sharp upward movement again at Chicago, prices on that day closing about 1½c higher. The visible supply on Monday showed an increase of 650,000 bushels. The amount on ocean passage decreased 2,168,000 bushels, making the available supply 37,933,867 bushels, against 36,123,395 bushels for the corresponding date last year, and 55,860,245 bushels two years ago. British markets were 3 to 9d higher per quarter on Monday than a week ago, on foreign wheats. This advance in the face of the very heavy imports, shows a very strong undertone. Deliveries of home-grown wheat in British markets have been very heavy, and receipts from abroad remarkably large. Shipments from Russia and the Danubian provinces of Europe are showing up large, though there was a decline in the movement from these ports last week. Cables on Tuesday were again ½ to 1d higher. Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis were something over 400 cars per day, while Duluth was getting between 200 and 300 cars per day. Manitoba No. 2 hard sold at Toronto last week at about \$1.11 to \$1.12, to arrive.

The local situation in wheat has been marked by practically a complete cessation of all business. The continued wet weather during the first six days of the week, effectually put a stop to the grain movement, just as it was beginning to assume some proportion. No threshing could be done last week, and on some days of the previous week nothing could be done on account of the wet. Grain has therefore been practically at a standstill. To-day, (Saturday, Oct. 18), has come out clear for the first time in ten days. Country roads must be in bad shape, so that deliveries will be light, even with favorable weather for the immediate future. It is also so late in the season that farmers will be obliged to push their fall plowing, and a brisk grain movement cannot be expected until it freezes up. In some sections very little threshing has been done yet. Besides stopping the threshing and delivery of wheat, the wet is likely to have caused further injury to badly stacked grain. In some instances grain was still standing in shock. When the dry weather set in some farmers thought it had come to stay, and they left their grain in shock intending to thresh it without stacking and in the meantime they went on with their plowing. A week or ten days of almost constant rain, mixed with snow, will not improve grain in shock. Prices were easier during the week, though largely nominal. About 80c was the highest quotation reported from any country market, for best