

payments from contractors, but, taking the report of collections all round it is a rather encouraging one. Prices of staple goods have not changed, and quotations are as follows: Tin plate 14x20, \$6.75 to 7.25 a box; 20x28, \$13 to 13.50; Canada plates \$4.50 to 4.60; sheet iron, 28G, \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 28 to 31c per lb.; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 7½ to 8½c, according to quality; bar iron, \$2.95 to 3.15 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.60 to 3.80.

LUMBER.

Business in this line holds in the same steady state. The demand holds good, although not over active, and the season as it progresses gives much better results than was anticipated at its opening. There is at present a hope of prices being raised soon to a paying basis. United States manufacturers talk about combining for the raising of prices, and should the movement take any definite shape, it will soon be followed by an advance here. It is still impossible to give quotations that would fairly represent the sales of the past week.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Business is still very quiet in this line, and last week has been a very dull one. August is expected to open with a much more active feeling and a better prospect. Collections still hold moderately good. There have been no changes in prices. Quotations of staple goods are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 55c; B Z calf \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip 85c to 90c; slaughter kip 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper 55c; grain upper 55c; harness leather 34c to 36c for plump stock; English oak sole 65c.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been a slight improvement in this trade during the week but the aggregate of sales have not been heavy. Until harvest is commenced, or at least ready to cut, no marked improvement is looked for. Collections are reported fair. There is no change to report in values of staple goods and quotations are as follows: Harness leather, 33 to 36c per lb; collar splits, 27 to 33c; sheep skins, \$7.50 to 11.50 per doz, according to quality.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

There is very little activity to report in this trade, and the past week has been much like the preceding one. There is considerable demand for goods, but a week's aggregate sales foots up to rather less than what might be looked for as an average. With the opening of August considerable improvement is looked for, and expected to last until early winter. The window glass famine was relieved by the arrival of one car during the week, but that commodity is still very scarce, and not likely to be otherwise, as the stock on this continent is very slim. There have been no changes in prices of staple goods, but quotations in several cases have been shaded a little. Quotations are as follows. Linseed oil raw, 71c per gal; boiled, 74c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1, \$1.30 per

gal; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine qualities 65c to \$1. Coal oils, Headlight 32c; water white 37c. Calcined plaster, \$4.50 per bbl; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$8.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, broken, first break, are quoted at \$2.75.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

The report of the week from this trade is not very encouraging. Business has been very quiet, and the aggregate of sales very light. There is little hope of improvement until the fall trade sets in, and demands from country dealers begin to come to hand. The city trade has been remarkably quiet. Collections are reported fair to good.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Wholesalers in this line give a rather hopeful report for the past week, and express a hope that the continued dullness of the past season is now over. The volume of sales are not yet very heavy, but they are more encouraging and collections have held up wonderfully good. There have been no changes in prices. Quotations of goods are as follows: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$9; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booths, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scot h whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Carol-la May, in wood, \$2.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeroy, quarts, \$34; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Mumm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$4.00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. P. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year-old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$8.50.

THE MARKETS.

WINNIPEG

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Receipts of wheat during the week have been almost nil, for the simple reason that there is none to come in; oats have been in fair supply and the demand continues active; provisions are in good demand with values ending upwards.

WHEAT.

There is little coming in, scarcely enough to establish quotations, but if No. 1 hard could be had it would bring good prices, but we cannot look for receipts of this grade, as millers control the bulk of the stock in the province; No. 1 hard is worth 92 to 95c.

OATS.

are moving lively and values are strong and somewhat higher; car lots are in good demand at 33 to 35c on track; contractors east and west on the C.P.R. are the heaviest consumers; prices vary according to sample from 30 to 36c.

BARLEY.

There is no trade in this cereal; none offered and none wanted only for feed purposes; it is worth from 25 to 30c.

FLOUR.

The local demand still continues active; eastern shipments have fallen off somewhat from last week, owing to the stagnation that exists in trade centres east, but from present appearances millers can find a market for all their surplus stock at home; quotations are unchanged: patents, \$3.10; strong bakers', \$2.70; and superfine, \$2.20.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

are still in active demand; millers find no difficulty in disposing of all they can make; prices are: bran \$8 and shorts \$7 per ton on track.

POTATOES.

Old potatoes are about out of the market. The supply of new ones from the south have increased largely this week, and prices are on the down grade; choice stock are worth \$5.50 per barrel.

EGGS.

The country receipts have increased considerably during the past week, consequently the famine is over to a great extent; they are still scarce and the demand continues active; prices are down to 22c for round lots of fresh stock.

BUTTER.

The market is still glutted with an abundance of stocks, chiefly of an inferior quality; choice creamery is not over plentiful, and is held at firm prices; the plethoric condition of the market will soon be relieved as receipts are falling off; quotations are 25c for choice creamery; medium 18 to 20c, and inferior from 14 to 17c.

CHEESE.

Trade in this article is still light; values are as a rule fairly steady; the bottom evidently has been reached; quotations are, for prime new in round lots, 13 to 14c.

BACON.

Trade in this product during the week has been active, much more so than dealers had anticipated; values are unchanged; dry salt has changed hands at 12½c; in round lots smoked is quoted at 12½ to 12¾c; spiced rolls 14½ to 15c; and English breakfast, 15 to 16c.

MESS PORK.

The enquiry for mess pork during the week has increased materially, due no doubt to the rapid rise in values in outside trade centres; the product can be purchased as cheaply in this city as in the city of Chicago; stocks are firmly held, but not quotably higher; quotations are still: \$22.50 for round lots.

HAMS.

are still scarce, and the demand exceedingly active; quotations are unchanged at 16 to 16½c for round lots.

MESS BEEF.

No change to note; trade is reported fair and prices unchanged at \$18 per barrel.