

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

Renovals are reported of frequent occurrence, paper now falling due being generally disposed of in that way, with perhaps a part payment. This of course is not at all satisfactory to wholesale dealers, but it has to be submitted to in many instances. With the glowing crop prospects ahead, there is a disposition to be as lenient as possible with deserving cases. The scarcity of the circulating medium is recognized, and it is conceded that until the crop commences to move there must be a shortage in circulation. Banks and loan companies were doing a quiet and steady business, without special features of importance.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

The wholesale trade was influenced by about the same leading feature as at the time of our last report, namely dullness. With but one or two exceptions all branches of trade were in the same comatose state. Very little activity was evidenced in any line, with perhaps the exception of fruits, which were active in anticipation of a brisk holiday business. The city retail trade seems to be almost as quiet as the wholesale branches.

DRY GOODS

A few orders for very small amounts are occasionally received, but the aggregate of these would foot up only to a small amount for a total week's business. Travelers are now out with lines of fall samples, but even yet it is found that there is a disposition to refrain from placing orders for future delivery. The saying of many a slip between the cup and the lip seems to exercise many merchants, and although prospects are good, yet they desire to hold back until crops are beyond any possibility of damage. This feeling of caution has been shown to a greater extent this season than in any past year, and altogether it is a wise course of action, as it is usually better to be on the safe side than to take unnecessary risks.

FURS

The fur market is still to unsettled to give reliable quotations. Many northern merchants will lose by the decline in prices. For instance a lot was sold here last week at less than \$2,000 which cost the trader \$2,700. The bids for the lot ranged from \$1,700 to the price accepted. The high prices of last year, caused traders to expect a good business this year, but they have been disappointed. Fur traders will be more careful in the future from the experience of this year.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Apples are in abundant supply in barrels. Oranges were all but out of the market last week. Lemons are firm at quotations, with a possibility of higher prices this week. Blueberries are now coming in freely, and prices going down. They are expected to drop to about half the price at which they were selling last week. Tomatoes are lower; also cucumbers, etc. Prices are as follows: lood oranges, Malta, \$8.00 to \$8.50. Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8.50 per box; bananas, \$4 to \$5 per bunch; apricots, \$3.50 per box; tomatoes, \$1.50 for one-third bushel box; cucumbers, 60c; watermelons, \$7 to \$9 per dozen. New apples, \$3.00 to \$6.50 per barrel; California peaches,

\$4.00 per box; California plums, \$4.00 per box. California pears, \$7.50 per box; blue berries, 8 to 10c per pound. Bermuda onions, \$3.75 per box of 50 lbs.; southern onions, \$4 per 100 weight; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 5c lb; lettuce, radishes, onions, beets and turnips, 20c per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 2c per lb.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Quotations remain as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme figs, in layers, 10c per lb.; boxes, 15c per lb., or \$2. per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; Golden dates, 9 to 10c; Valencia raisins \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 15c; dried apples, 7½ to 8c; new Turkey prunes, 7½ to 9c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted 17 to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; cocoanuts, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gal.; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

FISH

Fresh British Columbea salmon is now arriving freely and quoted at 12 to 12½c per pound.

GROCERIES

Sugars are firm, with ½c advance all around at refineries. Teas are quiet and will not likely change before the new crop arrives, which will now be soon. Coffee is somewhat firmer again. Syrups and molasses are strong at outside markets. A Montreal report says: Syrups are strong at 32 to 40c; all the stock of Barbadoes molasses in the city has been bought up, and none can be secured now at less than 30 to 31c. Prices here remain as follows: yellow sugar 6½c to 7c; granulated 7½c; lump sugar, 8½c to 9c; Coffees, Rios, 22 to 23c. Government Java, 33 to 35c, other Javas, 25 to 30c; Mochas, 31 to 35c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 20 to 45c; Congous, 1886-7, 20 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 50c. Old range Moyune gunpowder, 25 to 70c; panfried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired, 25 to 40c; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar, cane, \$2.10 to \$2.35; T. and B. tobacco, 50c per pound.

CANNED GOODS

Prices generally are steady as follows, per dozen: Salmon, \$1.70, mackerel, \$1.50 lobsters \$1.87, sardines (French) ½ tins, \$1.70, ¼ tins \$2.90, 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.

HARDWARE AND METALS

Prices for Canada and tin plates have advanced at Montreal, and an advance here is expected in sympathy. The firmer tendency is general and is expected to continue, under the recent advance in duties. Prices are: Cut 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 7c

per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 7 to 7½c.

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-ole, 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, 65 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 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.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

are now as follows: Turpentine, 80c in five-gallon cans, or 75c in barrels; harness oil, \$1.25; neatfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw, 72c per gallon; boiled, 75c 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

WINES AND SPIRITS

Quotations are now as follows: Gooderham & Wort's five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet DeBouche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, \$15.00 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL

Prices are: Cotswold and Leicester, washed and in merchantable condition, 12 to 15c; do. unwashed, 8 to 10c, according to condition and quality. Pure Southdown and Shropshire, washed and in good condition, 15 to 18c; do. unwashed, 10 to 12c. Montana and Oregon fine wools, unwashed, 13 to 15c, when in good condition.

THE MARKETS

WINNIPEG

WHEAT

There was an easier feeling, with a disposition to lower prices, but the movement is so small that it was not thought worth while changing quotations. The only thing doing is an occasional car received at the mills.

FLOUR

The city mills are working away, but prices obtainable for exports are not very encouraging. Prices to the local trade are as follows: Patents, \$2.25; strong bakers', \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.30 to \$1.35; superfine, \$1.10.

MILLSTUFFS

Unchanged, at \$3.60 for bran and \$10.00 for shorts. Chop feed, \$25 to \$30 per ton.