

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There has been a decidedly slow and sleepy atmosphere in the banks of the city during the past week, and the really quiet turn in the city financial affairs has fairly set in. There has been practically no discounting done except the business of regular mercantile customers, which during the latter half of the month is very slender. Funds for grain handling have scarcely been called for, and there are no new undertakings to call for any. Altogether the situation is a dull one, and may be summed up in the words of one manager, who stated that any bank in the city could, and would be glad to handle twice its present volume of business, could good business be had to that extent. Although the situation is dull, the feeling is decidedly hopeful, and the splendid condition of the growing crop makes all feel buoyant. The circulation of money in the country is evidently not too free, and cash returns therefrom are rather slow. The rate of discount for good commercial paper is quoted at 8 per cent., with a few favored parties doing business at 7. In real estate mortgage business, the calls for new loans come in steadily, though not in heavy volume, and there are still some interest payments coming in, although they have been few of late. The interest rate is steady at 8 per cent., with no call for loans of a class that would be taken at a lower rate.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There appeared to be a better feeling in wholesale trade circles last week, due mainly to improved crop prospects. The feeling of uneasiness which was so apparent a short time ago, has now given place to one of confidence in the future, and certainly in this respect the situation has undergone a great change. The very warm weather which prevailed for a portion of the week caused a feeling of lethargy, and a general indisposition to do business. The principal feature of the week was the arrival of traders from the north country, with furs, and quite a little business was done with these parties. Otherwise the week was a quiet one, partaking of the nature of midsummer dullness.

CANNED GOODS.

Advices from the Pacific coast are not favorable as to the salmon pack. The pack shows a deficiency of over 50 per cent. as compared with last year, but may improve before the season closes. English buyers have been making heavy purchases on the Columbia, at \$1.57½ to \$1.70, f.o.b. Lobsters are also expected to rule higher. Advices from the Lower provinces regarding the pack are exceedingly unfavorable. The catch has been very poor thus far and as the season by law expires 30th inst., there will undoubtedly be a short pack to chronicle. The California peach crop, will be the heaviest upon record, and the pack it is said the largest in the history of the industry on the Pacific coast. Though some authorities state that apricots will prove short in quantity, others state that the fruit will be of superior quality, and probably of an average yield. Quotations are: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.50 to \$3.75; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7. to \$3.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25;

peaches (California) \$3.50; pears, \$3.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

FRUITS—DRY, AND NUTS.

The coming crop of French prunes is said to be very light, and better prices are expected. Currants and raisins are firm. Quotations are as follows: Dates, golden 10c per lb; in 50 lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.30 to \$2.50 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.40 to 2.50 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.; coconuts, \$1.20 per dozen.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Oranges and lemons have again advanced and are very strong. A big advance is expected, especially in lemons. The hot weather of last week made it very difficult to handle the fruit. The first new apples have arrived in this market, in small boxes. A car load of melons, of good quality, is also to hand. Strawberries have been scarce, and irregular in price, as it has been difficult to get the fruit here in good condition, some British Columbia berries arrived in good shape. Native rhubarb is now in good supply. Quotations were as follows: Rhodi oranges, 200 to 220 count, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Riverside oranges, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Messina, ½ boxes, \$4.25; Messina lemons, \$7.50 to \$8; New apples, \$1.25 per ½ bushel box; bananas, \$3.50 to \$5 per bunch; pineapples, \$2.75 to \$4.50 per doz.; rhubarb, 2 to 3c per pound; cucumbers, 80c per doz; tomatoes, ½ bushel boxes, \$2.50; watermelons, \$9.00 per dozen; new cabbage, 5½c per pound or \$6.00 per crate; Bermuda onions, \$4.50 per box of 50 lbs.; Southern onions, \$3.00 per barrel or \$5.50 per 100 pounds. Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl 32 gallons, \$14.00; in ½ barrels, \$7.50.

FURS.

Fur business has been active, a good many lots having arrived, and fairly good prices have been obtained. Fox continue easier. Buyers were awaiting advices from the London June sales. In the following range of prices it will be understood that only a No. 1 prime skin will bring the highest figure, and that the bottom prices are for the lowest grade of unprime skins. There are usually about six grades from the lowest to the best qualities. This will account for the wide range of quotations, as follows:—Beaver, \$1 to \$6 per skin; badger, 25c to \$1.50; black bear, \$2 to \$16; cubs do, 50c to \$4.00; brown bear of cinnamon, \$1 to \$15; cubs do, 50c to \$3; grizzly bear, \$3 to \$35; cubs do, \$1 to \$12; white bear, \$3 to \$50; cubs do, \$2 to \$15; lynx, 25c to \$3.00; cubs do, 5c to 40c; wild cat, 25 to 75c; timber wolf, 25c to \$3; large prairie do, 25c to \$1.30; small prairie do or coyote, 25c to \$1; wolverine, 50c to \$4; panther 10c to \$2.50; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 25c to \$1.35; kit fox, 25c to 60c; silver, grey, or black fox, \$4 to \$50 according to color and quality, cross fox, 50c to \$5; blue fox, 50c to \$4.50; white fox, 25c to \$1.50; martin, 25c to \$1.25, mink, 15 to 60c, muskrat, midwinter, 6 to 10c, fall, 3 to 5c, spring, 3 to 12c, culls and kits, 1 to 2c, otter, \$1 to \$8, do cubs, 25 to 75,

raccoon, 25 to 80c, skunk, 15 to 50c. Skins may be so badly damaged or out of season that even the lowest price stated can not be obtained.

GROCERIES.

Sugars have held firm but have not advanced, though prices are strong east. Wholesalers advanced prices at Toronto on Monday 1-16c, in sympathy with advance at refineries. Granulated and other white sugars were advanced 1-16c Thursday at the refineries. New early picked Japan teas are now offering in some markets, and prices are said to be lower than last year, with the quality good. Large lots are now on the way from Japan. China teas are not a good crop, and a considerable shortage is talked of. India and Ceylon teas continue to increase in favor, as against China teas. Coffee are reported easier from outside markets. Quotations are: Sugars, dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 8½ to 8¾c; lumps, 9½ to 9¾c. Coffee—Rios, from 18 to 22c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 3½ to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 26c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 20 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.40 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HIDES.

Quotations here are as follows: Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; bulls, 2c; calf, fine haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 60c. Tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 2c per pound.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quotations are unchanged and as follows Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12. to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$3.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 35 to 37c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c

LUMBER.

Advices from the Lake of the Woods report that a large quantity of logs have been carried down the Rainy river by the high water, and are now scattered about the lake. This will entail a great deal of loss of time and expense picking up the logs. Following are the list prices, f. o. b. at Rat Portage, Keewatin and Norman:—Dimension—2x4 to 8x8, 12 to 16 ft long, \$14; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$15; 2x10 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do, 10 and 20 ft long, \$16. Fifty cents per M advance on each foot over the above length up to 24 feet long. One dollar per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inches surface. Surfacing, 50c per M; Surfacing and siding, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$15.50, dressed, \$16.50; 2nd common rough \$14, dressed, \$15; Culls, rough, \$10