

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

No improvement has yet been noticed in the direction of greater freedom of the circulating medium. Wholesale dealers still report collections very close, and without any change from the past two months. An improvement, however, is expected in the course of a few weeks, now that the grain movement may be said to have commenced.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There was generally an improved feeling in wholesale circles last week, due to an apparently healthy and gradually increasing volume of business. There was no rush in any particular branch, but a steadily improved movement of commodities of all classes. With the grain markets now on the eve of opening actively, it is thought that trade will soon be stimulated to a brisk stage. The retail trade of the city also showed some improvement in the direction of larger daily sales.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

This branch has remained quiet, since fall orders were sent out. Sorting trade is slowly commencing, but it is yet too early to look for much in this direction.

CLOTHING.

Fall orders have been about all sent out, and already some travellers have again taken to the road for sorting and pick-up orders in special lines. It is yet too early to expect much business of the latter nature, as in some instances retailers have hardly had time to open their fall stocks. However, a fairly large number of orders for the season are said to be coming in.

DRY GOODS.

In this branch, as in clothing, fall orders have been pretty well cleaned out, and work will soon commence on sorting business, in which direction there is every hope of a large trade this fall and winter. It is yet too early to look for a very active sorting movement, as stocks have not yet been drawn upon to any extent. Still a fair business is doing even now, of this nature.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Business continues steadily, with prices unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; opium, \$6 to \$6.50; morphia, \$2.50 to \$3; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; 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 30c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$5.25; American blue-vitrol, 6 to 9c.

FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Apples have continued easier, and prices are again quoted lower, with stocks of good quality plentiful. California fruits sold lower last week, on account of the arrival of a car lot of those varieties. Prices, however, are expected to advance to old figures, as the usual mode of shipping, in smaller quantities, will not admit of selling at present prices. Bananas are about out of the market, and it is not likely that many more will be brought in this season. A

few home-grown tomatoes may be had, but not in any quantity. There has been considerable cutting in Ontario plums, pears and grapes, but the lower prices have usually been for damaged lots. Spotted and otherwise damaged crab apples have also sold as low as \$2.50 per bbl, but sound fruit are worth quotations below. Watermelons are about out of the market, though a few might be had. Prices are: Rodi oranges \$9 per box, 200 count; Messina lemons, \$7.00 to \$8.00 per box; bananas, \$3 to \$5 per bunch; cucumbers, 20c per doz.; new apples, \$3.25 to \$4 per barrel; Ontario peaches, \$2.25 per basket, 18 lbs.; California peaches, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; California plums, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per box; Canada plums, Lombards, damsons and greengages, according to quality, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per basket; California pears, \$4.25 to \$5.00 per box; Southern Concord grapes, 85c. per basket of 8 lbs.; Ontario grapes, Concord and champion, 8 to 10c per pound; Delaware and Niagara grapes, 12 to 14c; California muscat grapes, \$2.75 to \$3.00 per crate of 20 lbs.; California Tokay grapes, \$3.50 per crate of 20 lbs.; crab apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel; Ontario pears, \$8 to \$10 per barrel or \$1.00 to \$1.50 per basket; southern onions, \$3.00 per 100 pounds; Egyptian onions, \$7 per case of 100 lbs.; apple cider, \$7 per keg of 15 gallons; cabbages, 30c to 60c per dozen; cauliflower, 60c to \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 35c per dozen bunches; peas, 75c to \$1 per bushel; beans, 50c to 75c per bushel; radishes, onions, carrots and beets, 20c per dozen bunches; corn, 5 to 8c per dozen ears; turnips, 25c bush; vegetable marrow squash, 50 to 75c per dozen; native onions, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bush; beets, 40c per bush; green tomatoes, 75c. to \$1 bush; citrons, 3c pound.

FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

The California raisin pack this year is expected to reach one million boxes. Last year the total was 750,000 boxes. Offerings of new crop raisins are being made from the Pacific coast. Sellers there offered to make prompt shipments when the crop available at \$1.55 f.o.b. for two-crown loose and \$1.65 for London, which quotations are figure as equivalent to \$1.85 and \$1.95, respectively, laid down at New York, where the stock of old goods is passing out freely, and the principal holders consider the situation as warranting a further advance. No new fruits or nuts have arrived here yet, but are expected in the course of a month. Quotations here are as follows: Figs, Turkey, in boxes, 10 to 11c, new Elme, figs, in layers, 15c per lb., or \$2 per dozen in 1 lb. boxes; golden dates 10c; Valencia raisins, \$2.25; London layers, \$3.50; evaporated apples, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 8 to 8½c; new Turkey prunes, 6½ to 7c. Nuts are quoted: Peanuts, roasted, 17 to 18c; peanuts, raw, 15c; walnuts 18c; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c; Texas pecans, 17c; cocoanut, \$12.50 per 100; maple syrup, \$15 per dozen cans of 1 gallon; maple sugar, 13c per pound, in cakes, new.

FISH

Oysters are now arriving in cans and quoted at 70 to 75c per can for selects. Fresh fish are quoted. B.C. salmon, 12c; Lake Superior trout, 7½c; Lake Winnipeg white, 6½c.

GROCERIES.

Sugar is strong at London and New York,

and domestic refiners have advanced prices. Hamlen's London circular says: "At the close there is every appearance of a continued advance. Refine. has been very active and risen much faster than raws. The rise now beginning is the natural result of the consumption of the world having got ahead of the production once more. Total stock in the United States is reduced 12,838 tons for the week, and in all countries the stock is 700,851 tons against 888,517 tons last year, and against last week's figures of 797,724 tons and 997,606 tons. Local prices have been advanced. At Montreal further importations have been made by the anti-combination grocers. Low grade Japan teas are reported to have advanced in outside markets. The supply of Pingsuey is said to be less than last year. Good qualities of Formosa are also scarce. The consumption of coffee has fallen off, due to the substitution of other substances in ground coffees, on account of high prices. "It is estimated that since July 1st the consumption of the world was 903,000 bags, against 1,702,000 bags in 1886. The supply of the world on August 1st was 4,174,000 bags, against 4,026,000 in 1886 and 5,050,000, 1885. On September 1st the world's stock was 4,047,000 bags, against 3,929,000 in 1886 and 3,235,000 in 1885. Quotations here are as follows: Dark yellow sugar, 6½c medium to bright, 6½ to 7½c; granulated, 8c to 8½c; lump sugar, 8½ to 9c. Coffees—Rios, 25 to 29c; 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; Pingsuey 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, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 55c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 57c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 43c.

CANNED GOODS.

Quotations here are still as follows: Salmon, \$7.00; mackerel, \$6.00; lobsters, \$6.50 to \$7; sardines (French), ½ tins, 14c; ¼ tins, 24c; cove oysters, \$5.25; corn, \$3.25; peas \$4, tomatoes \$3.75, baked beans \$2.75 per dozen, corned beef \$3, lunch tongues, 2 lbs. \$6.50 to \$7.00; 1 lb. \$3.25. Fruit in 2 lb. tins, per doz: pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75, strawberries, \$2.50 to \$2.75; plums, \$2.25 to \$2.50, peaches, \$3.75, raspberries, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business remains quiet and prices steady. Quotations are as follows: 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 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