

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The first week in another month has not brought any marked change in collections. Dealers were hoping that with the early wheat movement this year, which has now been going on steadily for some time, the present month would bring some change. So far, however, they seem to be disappointed in the result, and the complaint is still of slow collections, in wholesale branches. At the banks there has been considerable business done with grain men, at about 8 per cent., though season arrangements are claimed to have been made on a basis of 7 per cent. in some instances.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The sudden cold dip in the weather at the commencement of last week caused a brisk run of business in textile lines. The city retail trade experienced a few very busy days, but the cold spell did not hold out long enough to suit dealers. The most of the week was fine and fairly warm, though frosty at night. However, dealers are likely to get all the cold weather they wish for before long. The strong feature in the hardware trade continues, and prices are steadily appreciating in this branch. British markets have experienced another rapid upward movement in pig iron. Glass is very strong. Sugars are still weak in tone.

CANNED GOODS.

Bradstreet's has the following on the Pacific coast, salmon pack:—"Up to October 15 the total arrivals of Alaska salmon at San Francisco were 463,819 cases, and the probabilities were that the total arrivals will exceed 500,000 cases. Much of that which came down was unlabeled. The plan is undoubtedly to label all the red fish, Columbia river salmon and the second quality as Alaska salmon. The British Columbia pack, principally from the Fraser and Skeena rivers, is the largest on record. It will be about 250,000 cases. The Columbia river pack is smaller than last year. About 350,000 cases is near the total, or about half of what was packed in the best days. The total salmon pack is thus as follows:—Alaska (over) 500,000 cases; Columbia river, 350,000 cases; Fraser river and British Columbia, 250,000 cases; Sacramento river and all outside sources, 100,000 cases; total cases, 1,200,000. This is slightly larger than last year's total, when about 1,100,000 cases were put up. The Alaska canners are already talking and planning for the coming season. Many new canneries will be located at desirable points, and the capacity of other canneries will be increased. It is hardly likely that any increase may be expected from British Columbia, and packers are very dubious over the Columbia river situation. The steady diminution in the pack there is alarming them more and more. It is hardly reasonable to look for anything more from the Sacramento river and other outside canneries, so that practically all increase in the Pacific coast pack, if any, must be looked for from the Alaskan inlets and streams."

A statement was recently published in an English paper to the effect that the Fraser river pack would not be up to the standard in quality, owing to haste in packing, etc. This

report is said to have been circulated by Columbia river canners, with a view to assisting the sale of their own fish by crying down the British Columbia pack. Robert Ward & Co., of Victoria, have replied to this attack on the British Columbia fish as follows:—"To say that the catch on the Fraser river was sudden is entirely incorrect. The fact is the run set in early, and kept up beyond the ordinary time looked for, which enabled the canners to pack fish of uniformly fresh and prime quality, and to discard anything lacking that standard necessary for prime packing. As the proof of the pudding is generally to be found in the eating, so it will be found with the outturn of the Fraser river salmon when it shall have had the opportunity of reaching the English markets."

DRIED FRUITS.

The Toronto *Ampire* writing of dried apples says:—"The demand is rather disappointing. New are dull. A few small lots have sold to dealers here at 5½c. Retail lots of new and old are going at 6 to 6½c. Evaporated are offering at 10c for new, but dealers are working off old at 8c. by the single case, though lots are obtainable at 6½c." Quotations here are:—Valencia raisins, \$2.50 box; new currants, 6½c pound; dried apples 7c to 7½c per pound, evaporated apples, 9c. Figs in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; choice new season figs 18c lb; Fancy Elmer layer figs, 28 lb boxes, 25c lb; figs in 1 lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; Golden dates, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 9c; California evaporated fruit—apricots, per lb., 18c; fancy peeled peaches, per lb., 24c; pitted plums, 12½c. French prunes, 12½c per lb; Nectarines 18c.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices for oysters still hold up. Present quotations are: \$2.50 per gallon for standards and \$2.75 for selects, for good stock. Cans are quoted at 55c for standard, 60c for selects, and 65c for extras. Fresh Lake Winnipeg white fish hold at 8c. and trout at 9c. per pound. Finnen haddies are offering at 11c. per pound. Yarmouth bloaters smoked, per box of 100 fish, \$3.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples are still getting stronger. For good southern fruit \$4 per barrel is now about the lowest prices, while choice varieties of eastern apples, such as northern spies, sell as high as \$5 per barrel. Additional shipments of concord grapes have arrived. Cranberries are easier:—Almeria grapes are reported as much as \$1.25 per keg higher in their home markets. Quotations are as follows: Lemons, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per box; Jamaica oranges \$6.50 do., per bbl., \$12; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice to fancy eastern apples, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel; California pears, \$4.50 per box; Catawba grapes, 80 to 90c basket of 10 lbs.; Concord grapes, 85c. basket of 10 lbs.; Almeria grapes, \$3 to \$3.50 per keg; choice Cape Cod cranberries, \$10.25 to \$10.50 per barrel; onions—Southern, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; Spanish onions, \$1.35 cato; Cider, per gal., 35c; comb honey, in 14 lb. boxes, 25c per pound.

GROCERIES.

Sugars continue weak in eastern markets, with lower quotations in some instances. Quo-

tions here are as follows:—Sugars, yellow, 6½ to 7½c, as to quality; granulated, 9c; lumps, 10½. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Tea, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian tea, 3c to 60c; young hyson, 24 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Indes d. thick Solace, 6s, 49c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. McAlpine Tobacco Co's plug tobacco: Old Crow, 47c; Woodcock, 52c; Beaver, 63c; Jubilee, 60c; Anchor, 59c; cut tobacco: Silver Ash, 65c; Cut Cavendish, 70c; Senator 80c; Standard Kentucky, light, 85c; do dark, 80c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Firmness is still the characteristic of the hardware trade. A cable from Glasgow last week said:—"The pig iron market is quiet. The price of warrants rose to day from 57s 1d to 58s 9d, cash. The advance is due to large buying from Connal's stores, from which 1,040 tons were taken on Saturday." Advances from eastern markets were all strong, and speak of a continued upward tendency in prices. In this market iron pipe is very strong at the recent advance, and a further appreciation in values is looked for. Canada plates are quoted higher, and bar iron is quoted up 10c per 100 pounds. Advances will also be noted in galvanized iron, ingot and bar tin. Quotations here are: Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$11.50 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$4. to \$4.15; sheet iron, \$4.00 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces. 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch, 13½c; 2 inch, 17c; 2 inch, 26c per foot; ingot tin, 32c per lb.; bar tin, 33c per pound; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 28 gauge, 8½ to 9c lb; bar iron, \$3.60 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

HIDES AND SKINS.

Prices are about the same as last quotations in spite of the very weak situation in eastern markets. Toronto prices have been reduced ½c and green hides are now quoted in that market at 2½, 3½ and 4½c for No. 3, No. 2 and No. 1 respectively. Winnipeg prices are now about as high as Toronto. Dry hides were quoted at 5 to 5½c at Toronto. In this market quotations are about the same, though country hides are not wanted except at about ¾c under quotations. Prices here are as follows. Hides, Winnipeg inspected No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; No. 3, 2½c per lb. Calif, 7 to 13 lb. skins are quoted at 5c. for No. 1 and 4c. for No. 2. Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheep and lambskins are worth 50 to 60c. each for fresh killed skins. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c. rendered 4½ to 5c.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Glass holds firm at the recent advance in local prices. The following will show the strength of the situation in glass. "At a meeting of the Pittsburg Window Glass Manufacturers' Association, at Pittsburg last week, it was decided to advance the price of glass 5 per