

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is nothing to note in the money market beyond what has been already said. A good deal of paper falls due to-morrow, being the 4th of March. After the unsatisfactory showing of the 4th of February, dealers are not very hopeful of the result of the settling day this week.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Wholesale trade continues very dull. With last week about the coldest week of the winter, it was not to be expected that business would show much signs of picking up. Prices have been steady in about all lines. In textile lines there is no new business doing, and with the unsatisfactory financial outlook, dealers are rather indisposed to push matters. The situation in woolen goods is not considered as strong as it was, notwithstanding the high prices of wool. The quantity of woolen goods which will be carried over to next winter in all parts of Canada is thought to be very large. This has a depressing influence upon trade, and the woolen mills have not received the orders which they should have by this date. Orders for next fall and winter are said to be coming into the mills very slowly, and on this account expected advances in prices may not materialize. There is a strong feeling in rubber goods. A meeting of Canadian and United States rubber manufacturers was held in New York last week, when it is understood an agreement was arrived at to advance the price of rubber boots and shoes, etc., 10 per cent. Light crop of rubber is given as the cause, an advance in rubber being expected. Hardware trade is locally very dull and prices are nominally unchanged. Sugars continue strong, and advances from the east report active markets. In canned goods it may be noted that a meeting of the Canadian Packers Association was held at Toronto last week. It was decided not to advance prices further at present. The association will protest against any increase in the duty upon fruit which they may require for canning, such as peaches. The fur trade is looking forward to the coming March sales at London. These are the most important sales of the year, and will regulate prices for the balance of the season. In the meantime prices are irregular.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

A shipment of fresh salmon, smelts and crabs was received from British Columbia, the smelts selling at the same price as eastern smelts. Frog legs were among the luxuries included in receipts from the east, and these sold at \$1 per dozen. A further large shipment of fresh fish is on the way from the east. Pickerel are scarce and worth as much as whitefish, though not obtainable in wholesale quantities. In Lake Winnipeg fresh fish the following varieties are obtainable, and jobbing at the prices noted: Whitefish, 5c per pound, jackfish, 3c. Fresh salt water fish are quoted: Salmon, 18c; cod, 8c; haddock, 10c per pound; herrings, 30c per dozen; mackerel, \$1.80 per dozen; smelts, 12½c per pound; tommy cods, 8c per pound; lobsters, 2c per pound; crabs, \$1 per dozen. Fresh brook trout, 25c per pound. Smoked finnan haddies, 7½c per pound; smoked Yarmouth haddies, \$1.50 per box; smoked goldies, 4c per dozen; salt whitefish, in 100 pound lots, 5c per pound. Oysters: \$2 per gallon for standards and \$2 for selects. Can oysters

are quoted at 35c for standard, 40c for selects, and 45c for extras.

GREEN FRUITS AND NUTS.

Some California oranges are arriving. The market is also supplied with Floridas of good quality, and some Messina oranges in large boxes have arrived. Apples are firm and stocks are said to be on the light side. Owing to the slow state of trade, however, dealers have not advanced prices. Apples are higher in eastern and United States markets, and stocks could not be replaced to sell at the prices now quoted. Choice apples are held at \$3.50 to \$4 per barrel by the car lot, at Minneapolis. No choice cranberries are obtainable, and such poor stock as is in the market is selling at irregular prices. Southern onions were out of the market, but importations were on the way, with the expectation that prices will be higher when they arrive. Prices are: Lemons, Messinas, 360 count, \$6; 300 count, \$6.75 per box; Florida oranges, \$5.50 to \$5.75; California seedling oranges, \$5 per box; California navel seedless oranges, \$6 box; Valencia oranges, large cases, \$8.50 case; southern apples, \$4.00 to \$4.25, choice eastern Canada apples, \$4.50 per barrel; California pears, \$4.00 per box; Almeria grapes, \$11.00 to \$12.50 per large keg for choice; Spanish onions, \$1 to \$1.25 crate; comb honey 22c per pound. Nuts—S. S. Taragona almonds, 20c per lb; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; Sicilian, filberts, extra large, 16c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, per hundred \$9.00; hickory nuts 10c per pound.

GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKETS.

WINNIPEG.

WHEAT

Wheat held fairly steady last week in leading markets. There was a little more disposition toward a range in prices and slight fractional gains were made on some days. The visible supply statement on Monday last showed a decrease of 433,289 bushels for the week, making the total visible now 29,619,941 bushels, or about three million bushels less than a year ago. Cables showed a stronger tendency.

Locally there is practically nothing doing in wheat. A few loads are being delivered at some country markets, for which prices range from 65 to 70c per bushel for good samples. There is so little wheat moving, however, that prices are about nominal. In eastern Canada markets, there is an occasional car of Manitoba wheat handled. No. 1 hard is quoted at \$103 to 104 at Toronto, and about \$105 at Montreal.

FLOUR

Steady and unchanged. Quotations are as follows per 100 pounds to the local trade: Patents, \$2.60; strong bakers, \$2.35 second; bakers, \$1.90; XXXX, \$1.25; superfine, \$1.15; Graham flour, 2.35; middlings, \$2.60 per 100 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS AND FEED.

Bran is quoted at \$13 and shorts at \$14 per ton. Ground feed is unchanged at \$20 per ton for ground corn and oats, at which price small lots are selling to the trade.

MEALS, POT BARLEY, ETC.

Quiet and unchanged. Prices are now quoted as follows: Standard, \$2.30; granulated, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.; rolled oats, \$2.50 per sack of 90 lbs. Rolled oats are also obtained in 80 lb sacks at \$2.40. Cornmeal is held at \$1.65 per 100 lbs.; pot barley, \$2.75, and pearl barley, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

OATS

Cars on track are held at about 42c per bushel for good feed oats, with smaller lots from store selling at about 45c to dealers. Choice seed oats are held considerably higher, which has the effect of inducing many farmers to buy feed qualities to clean up for seed.

BUTTER.

There is nothing new that can be said of this commodity. The market is dull, and about 16c per pound is the best price obtainable for good dairy, even for small lots of from one package up. For round lots about 12c is the highest offer heard of for shipment.

CHEESE.

Steady and slow at 14c per pound in jobbing lots.

EGGS.

Easier, and fresh offering at about 22c per dozen.

LARD.

Lard is unchanged and is still held in 20 lb. pails at \$2 per pail. Three pound tins 40c each.

CURED MEATS.

Though some little cutting has been done in prices, yet 8½c is the recognized price for long clear. Prices are as follows: Long clear dry salt bacon, 8½c; spiced rolls, 10 to 10½c; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c, the higher price for boned; smoked hams, 12½c per pound; bologna sausage, 7c per pound; fresh pork sausage, 8c per pound; pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per kit of about 20 pounds; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 9c per packet.

DRESSED MEATS.

Beef is quiet and scarcely any offering. Butchers are well stocked with frozen beef. Sides appear to be worth about 5 to 5½c for good to choice, with a firmer tendency, but little change likely to take place in prices until the frozen meat is pretty well cleaned out. Mutton is firmer, and held at about 8 to 8½c per pound. Hogs are also firmer, and quotable at 5½ to 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Poultry continues scarce. Chickens are in best demand, and would bring 10c for choice. Turkeys would be taken at 14c, and ducks and geese at 12c. Jobbing prices are from 1 to 2c per pound higher than these quotations, but hardly any obtainable.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are selling from store at 80c per bushel, and some were offering on track last week at 75c per bushel. Quotations are as follows: Carrots, \$1.20; parsnips \$1.50 per bushel, beets, \$1.20 per bushel, turnips 60c per bushel, onions 3c per pound, cabbage \$2.25 per hundred pounds; celery 40c to 60c per dozen; Spanish onions, \$1.00 per crate; southern red, do, \$3 per 100 pounds.

HAY.

Quite a number of car lots of hay, brought in from the south, have been offering on track, at from \$12 to \$13 per ton, \$12 being the usual price from first hands, and turning over at \$12.50 to \$13.

Hudson's Bay Railway.

Prospects are looking brighter for the Hudson's Bay railway. At Ottawa last week the Manitoba members waited on Sir John Macdonald and presented a petition signed by 130 members of the House of Commons, asking the government to aid in constructing the Hudson Bay railway. This petition is signed by members from every province in the Dominion. Leading men on both sides of the House are among the signers. Sir John promised to lay the whole question before his colleagues in council at the earliest possible date. Another telegram says that only two members of the Commons are opposed to granting aid to the road.