

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Although considerable volume of funds has been called for from the banks for grain handling, very little of it has yet gone into general circulation, much less than probably would have gone had the past week been one of good bright weather in which threshing could have gone on uninterruptedly. As a natural consequence the volume of cash in circulation is still limited, while the general trade paper coming to discount has been very light in volume as it usually is near the close of a month. This week, however, quite a share of the sales of fall goods will be represented in the paper going to discount, so that banks look upon this slow season as being at an end. There has been no marked feature of any kind in connection with the trade financial affairs, and discount rates are steady and unchanged, 7 per cent being the rate for top notch and 8 for regular. Mortgage loan business is still moving very little, and the business being done is of the most scattered nature. The regular fall and winter demand for farm loans has only commenced, and scarcely that, while city calls are still few and far between. The interest rate on farm loans is still quoted at 8 per cent.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been but little change in the state of the city wholesale trade since our last report, but what change there has been has tended towards a more active feeling. It is very probable that this would have been more marked but for the wet and backward weather during the greater portion of the week, which has effectually stopped threshing and stacking all over the country for a time. Houses in season goods lines still continue to ship out orders taken during the summer, but are nearing the end of that work. A few supplementary or sort orders have been received, but that trade will not fairly start up until an October frost stirs it up. In goods of every day consumption there is a steady volume of business being done, but all buying is done on a hand to mouth principle, and scarcely a retailer thinks of yet stocking up for future wants. Of course there are one or two branches in which there has been considerable activity, but these are in ones of minor importance, and owe their activity to special circumstances. The worst report heard is about cash returns, which are very slender indeed, but with a few days of bright weather grain would move more freely, and the scarcity of money would begin to disappear.

## BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER GOODS.

In this branch business has been quiet, and even the shipping out of fall orders is about over. No sorting trade has as yet sprung up, and wholesalers are looking forward to the fixing up of samples from which to hook spring orders. In harness lines only has there been any fair share of sales, and the feeling in these even has been a little quiet.

## DRY GOODS.

The feeling has become even quieter since our last report, as the rush of sending out fall goods has subsided to a great extent. No sorting orders are to hand yet, and the only sales worthy of notice are in fur goods and such like, after which buyers are now beginning to look.

Collections are reported as about the lowest ebb.

## DRUGS.

There seems to be no change in this branch of business. The report is one of satisfaction without any reason for exultation. Prices seem to keep almost stationary and are as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.25 to \$2.75; iodide of potassium, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bromide of 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, \$3 to \$10; bicarb soda, \$4.50 to \$5; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5; copperas, to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Now Valencia raisins are in the market and quoted at \$3 for first consignments. New currants are also to be had at 8½c a pound. Other articles are quoted as follows: Evaporated apples 13c a pound; apricots \$25c; pitted plums 22c; cherries 23c; raspberries 35c; golden dates 8c; Malages, 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.

In this branch there has been a fair business done, and a better one might have been done, but for the wet unpleasant weather. The changes in prices of goods have been trifling and no new varieties outside of grapes have been on the market. Quotations are: Lemons, \$7 to \$7.50 a box; California pears, \$4.25 to \$4.50; California tokay grapes—in crates of 10 lbs; Concord's in 10 and 20 lb. baskets, 8 to 10c a pound, according to quality; Black Rogers, 8 to 10c, and Red Rogers, 10 to 12c; Delaware's, 10 to 12c, all in 10 and 20 lb. baskets. Apples are easier and range from \$3 to \$3.50, the latter for fancy only. Tomatoes in bushel baskets are worth \$2 to \$2.50; Southern onions, \$2.75 per cwt; Valencia onions \$1.75 to \$2.00; Maple syrup, ½ gal. tins, \$7.75 dozen, quart tins, \$4.50 dozen; Maple sugar, 13c pound, small cakes; cider, rectified, per bbl '2 gallons, \$13.00; in ½ barrels, \$6.50.

## GROCERIES.

In this staple branch there has been a moderate volume of sales, nearly all to supply the immediate wants of customers, but there has been no marked activity, or rush of any kind. Collections are reported as very slow. Prices of goods are unchanged and as follows: Sugars, yellows, 7½ to 8½c; granulated, 9½c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees—Rio, from 21 to 24c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 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; Prier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace,

6s, 48c. Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Business has changed very little, only there has been a little better movement in heavy lines. Shelf goods have been in fair demand. There is very little, if any, improvement in collections. Prices are unchanged and as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.50; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$6; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$12.00; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$4.; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 40 to 45 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 30 to 35c 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.

## HIDES.

Receipts are on the increase, but the demand keeps prices firm. Quotations stand steady as follows: No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; bulls, 3c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 30c.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There has been some improvement in this branch so far as sales are concerned, but collections are slow as ever. Prices of goods are unchanged and as follows. Spanish sole, 26 to 30c; slaughter sole, 26 to 30c; French calf, first choice, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 76c, slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 27 to 31c for plump stock. American oak butts, 50 to 55c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## LUMBER.

There has been no change in the state of this trade. Business is still lively, and if anything getting a little more so as the season nears a close. Millers and dealers begin to smile when they speak of the season's business as a whole, and it is the first one they have smiled over for some years. Prices hold steady as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, 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 sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17; dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—13 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$15; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less