

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

Trade has been steady and fairly brisk, though this is a quiet time of year in a number of branches. Dealers are hopeful over the crop outlook, but there is considerable disposition to hold off for a nearer realization of hopes, before launching out heavily. Fuller particulars of the tariff charges will be found under the heads of groceries, liquors and drugs, which branches are principally affected by these changes.

DRUGS.

The changes in the tariff will affect the drug trade indirectly to a considerable extent. The increase of 20 cents per gallon in the excise tax on distilled spirits, is equal to 33 cents per gallon on alcohol, which is reckoned at 65 over proof. This will increase the cost of all extracts and tinctures from about 3 to 5 cents per pound. Dealers have raised the price of alcohol 35c per gallon. Quinine is easier here, though later advices report the drug stiffening. Camphor remains high. Jobbing prices are:—Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c; German quinine, 45 to 50c; morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.60; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide potassium, 55 to 65c; English camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 85 to 90c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; bleaching powder, per keg, \$6 to \$8; bicarb soda, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sal soda, \$2.50 to \$3; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$4.50; copperas, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5; sulphur roll, \$4.50 to \$5; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c. Insect powder, pure, 40c; alcohol, \$1.25 per gallon.

DRIED FRUITS.

Valencia raisins are easier, and quoted down 10 to 15c per box. California evaporated fruits are easier and 2 to 5c lower all around, in expectation of a large new crop soon to come on the market. The California crop is reported to be very large, and new fruits will be lower. Nothing is offering yet, but new apricots will be on the market before long. Evaporated apples are very scarce in this market, and correspondingly firm. Prices range lower. Prices are quotable here as follows: California London layer raisins, \$3.50 per box; quarter boxes, \$1; Valencia raisins, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Valencia layers, \$2.70; currants, 7½c; figs, cooking, in bags, 6½c; inboxes, 7c; choice do., 13c, do in 10 lb. boxes, 14 to 15c; fancy Eleme figs in layers, 16 to 17c; dried apples, 11½c; evaporated apples, 16c; Golden dates, 7½c per pound; choice new golden dates, 10c per pound; California evaporated fruit—Apricots, 20 to 22c; peeled peaches, 28c; pitted plums, 20c; raspberries, 30c; prunes, 9c to 12½c, the higher figure being for choice of fine varieties. Malaga raisins—London layers, \$3.50; black baskets, \$4.50; Tahitis, \$5.

FISH.

The market was rather bare of supplies part of the week. Whitefish were 1c higher at 5c per pound. Fresh trout are quoted at 9c, and fresh R. C. salmon at 14c. River fish have been plentiful this season, and sell at \$1.75 per hundred for mixed lots of various kinds.

GREEN FRUITS.

Oranges are in good supply, in California varieties, but mostly of the better qualities. Messina oranges are out. Strawberries were about six last week. Practically none reached this market fit for reshipment, and some lots were hardly saleable at all. A great many orders were in for strawberries, which could not be

filled. Minnesota berries are in very bad shape on account of the excessive rains experienced there. Georgia melons are now coming forward freely in car lots. Pineapples were not in sufficient supply for country shipment. California peaches, plums and apricots are now arriving, and the quotations of these fruits given, will likely be soon reduced. Some early southern apples are in, with the quality as usual for first arrivals. Cherries are now coming from Oregon, Californias being about out of season. Prices are: Oranges, California Mediterranean sweets, \$5 to \$5.50. California paper rind St. Michael oranges, \$6 to \$6.50. Messina lemons, \$6.50 to \$7. Bananas are quoted \$3.25 to \$4 per bunch. Pineapple, \$3.50 doz. Cherries, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 10 lb box. California soft fruits in 20 lb boxes, peaches, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; plums, \$3.25 to \$4; apricots, \$3.50 to \$3.75. Southern apples, \$1 per box; watermelons, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per dozen. Tomatoes, \$3 per crate of 24 pounds. Comb honey, \$2 a pound; maplesugar, new, 10 to 12c per lb; new maple syrup \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon, as to quality.

GROCERIES.

The talk of the week is the tariff changes, though these came just as expected. It has been considered a certainty for some time that raw sugar would go on the free list this session of parliament, and such has now occurred. Sugars will therefore be comparatively 1½ to 2c cheaper, hereafter, in Canada, the greater reduction being on finest grades. The duty on raw sugars was of course purely a revenue tax. Home refiners will still be protected on refined sugars. The supply of sugars in this market is very limited, and not equal to more than consumption for a couple of weeks, and unless supplies come in soon, there will be a famine. Prices will not be lowered here to correspond with the reduced duty, until new stocks arrive in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, granulated will be quoted at 7½c, and yellow, 6 to 6½c. Syrups and molasses will also be cheaper, on account of the tariff changes. The difference will be about 1c per pound on syrup, though full particulars are not to hand. The increase of 5c per pound in both the excise tax and customs duties on tobaccos will make all tobaccos just that amount dearer. This does not affect cigars, as no change has been made on raw leaf or in the cigar excise tax, so far as can be learned at present. Cigarettes will probably be slightly affected. The change in the duty on salt is too slight to materially affect jobbing prices.

HARDWARE.

Trade is steady and on the quiet side in this branch. Prices are without change, and quoted as follows:—Cut nails, 10d and upwards, \$3.10 wire nails \$4.50; I. C. tin plates, \$6.25 to \$6.50 as to grade; I. C. tin plates double, \$12.50 to \$13.60; Canada plates, \$4.25; sheet iron, \$4 to \$5.50 according to grade; iron pipe, net prices, 1 inch, 10½c; 1½ inch 13½c; 1½ inch, 16½c; 2 inch, 25½c per foot; iugot tin, 30c per lb.; bar tin, 32c per lb.; sheet zinc, 8c per lb.; galvanized iron, 23 gauge, 7 to 8½c per lb.; bar iron, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6c per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 5½ to 6c net; sisal rope, 12c per pound; manilla rope, 16c per lb.

LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS AND FINDINGS.

Leather is still dull and depressed in the United States, and with the downward tend-

ency in hides, prices are unsettled generally. Quotation here are: Spanish sole 26 to 30c slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; Canadian calf, 75c to \$1; France calf, \$1.25 to \$1.50; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B. Z. kip, 85c; Bourdon kip, 70c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No. 1 wax upper, 40 to 45c; grain upper, 50c; harness leather, 26 to 30c for plump stock. English oak butts, 60c; buffalo, 17 to 21c a foot; cordovan, 17 to 21c; pobble, 21c; colored linings, 12c; shoe uppers, from \$1.25 to \$2.75.

LIQUORS.

Particulars are not to hand as to the full changes that will be made in the custom duties on liquors. On domestic spirits the excise tax has been increased 20 cents per proof gallon. This is equal to 15c per gallon increase on rye whiskey, which is supposed to be 25 per cent. under proof. The increase on pure alcohol, which is 65 over proof, will therefore be 33c per gallon. All other domestic spirits will be in proportion. Thus 50 over proof would mean an increased cost of 30 cents per gallon. On imported liquors we cannot state the exact difference in the cost until full particulars of the tariff changes come from Ottawa. The duty on malt has been increased 1 cent per pound, which is equal to 3c per gallon on beer. Imported ales, beers and porters will be taxed in the same proportion, namely, an additional 3c per gallon.

NUTS.

Taragona Almonds, per lb. 18 to 19c; Walnuts, per lb 15 to 18c; Sicily Filberts, per lb 13 to 14c; Peanuts, White Virginias, green, per lb 14 to 15c; Peanuts, do roasted, per lb 16 to 17c; Pecans, large, polished, per lb 19 to 20c; Brazils, 14 to 15c; Coconuts, per hundred, \$9.50 to \$10.00.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Business continues very good. Quotations are steady as follows: Turpentine, in barrels, 72c per gallon; lused oil in barrels, raw 76c; boiled, 79c; benzine and gasoline, 50c; oxide paints, in barrels, 90c per gallon; coal tar \$8 per barrel; Portland cement, \$4.75 per barrel. Michigan plaster, \$3.25 to \$3.50 a barrel; putty, in bladders, 3½c a pound, bulk, in bbls., 3c; whitening, in barrels, \$1.40 a cwt. White leads—Pure, Association guarantee, \$7; do., No. 1, \$6.50; do., No. 2, \$6; other brands of white leads, \$5 to \$5.50; calomine, in cases of 20 five-pound packages, \$6 per 100 pounds; Alabastine, \$7.25 per case of 20 packages. Window Glass, firstbreak, \$2.

PAPER AND STATIONERY.

Dealers are now busy receiving and opening stocks for fall delivery in fancy goods, toys, cards, books, etc. The leading lines are pretty much the same as last year, plush goods appearing to hold their own in popularity. Travellers will be on the road at once with Christmas cards and some other fancy lines.

The grocery trade, says the *Toronto Empire*, of June 13 has developed considerable activity this week, and it promises to be more active than for some time. Buyers no doubt see that it will be some time before any changes will be made in the tariff that would affect them. Sugars are of course, meeting with the greatest enquiry; low grades are scarce. Future salmon is going slowly. Very few sales have been made. Packers are asking \$1.15 to \$1.20 f.o.b. at the coast, with freights about the same as last year. As only a few of the firms are offering yet buyers are disinclined to place orders until they hear what other sellers have to quote.