

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

The 4th of the month coming on Monday brought the usual little extra stir at the banks. Considerable paper fell due on that date, and considering that very little money has yet gone into circulation for grain, payments were surprisingly well met. Scarcely any paper was allowed to go to protest, and an average portion of about 70 per cent. was met promptly. The balance was covered by wholesalers and generally considered good in the immediate future. The showing is a very good one for this time of the year, and gives indication of a sound financial standing throughout the country. This latter feature is also indicated from the fact that money is more readily obtainable, and is even seeking investment at concessions. For first-class security large loans can now be made at reasonable rates. Commercial discounts are negotiated at from 7 per cent for best securities to 9 for ordinary. In real estate mortgage loans rates of interest rule about the same, or from 7 per cent for city to 8 to 9 per cent for farm properties.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

In city wholesale circles during the past week there has been a very steady and fairly active trade in nearly every branch. In a number of lines the most active season for sending out fall stocks is now over, and in dry goods, clothing, ect., the past week would see old orders about all cleaned out. However, new orders even in these lines continue to come to hand freely and the season will show a marked improvement over last year in about every department of wholesale trade. One feature of the past year has been shown in the generally steady season trade, which is in marked contrast with the spasmodic movements of former years. This indicates that trade affairs have come to a more regular basis, and will hereafter be done more on the principle of ordering stocks at seasonable times, with sorting orders interspersed between. In lines of every day consumption the business done during the week was of a very satisfactory nature all around, whilst some dealers have had all they could do. In fact from all quarters come reports of a steadily increasing volume of trade. One of the most hopeful features of the past week has been in the nature of improvement in payments. A considerable amount of paper fell due on the 4th inst., a large portion of which was met. One house had over 90 per cent of paper met on that date, whilst the average portion met would be about 70 per cent. This is a remarkably good showing, when it is considered that grain has scarcely commenced to move yet; and as one wholesale merchant remarked, "It is wonderful where the money is coming from."

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

There is very little doing in this branch, the sales of plows even having now nearly ceased for the season. The next few months will be just about as quiet as possible, and collections will be the only thing receiving attention. In this latter respect a commencement has been made, though up to date but little has been done.

BOOTS AND SHOES

Repeat orders continue to come in freely in

this branch, and there are also a few late orders coming to hand from country dealers who had delayed purchasing their fall stocks as long as possible. These have combined to keep dealers fairly active during the week. Paper falling due on the 4th was exceptionally well met, and collections show a steady improvement.

CLOTHING

Orders partaking of a sorting nature have been coming in steadily and to such an extent as to cover a fair aggregate volume of business, and travellers are now on the road finishing up the season's work in fall goods. A steady drop trade is now expected for the balance of the season. Collections have improved somewhat and are turning out fully as good as could have been expected.

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE

Dealers in this branch had a very brisk trade during the fair week, and orders taken during that time were not all filled until toward the close of last week. The run was principally for fancy lines, such as are not usually carried by travellers, and selected from stocks to suit the tastes of purchasers. A fair number of new orders have also been received during the week. Collections fairly good.

DRY GOODS

After the heavy rush during the fair week, there has been a temporary quietness in receiving orders, a good deal of the business coming in in a bunch at that time which would otherwise have been spread over two or three weeks. However a fair number of orders have been received for seasonable goods, and the work of filling these together with back orders, has kept dealers fairly busy. The close of last week would see most of the old orders cleaned out and leave wholesalers ready for the sorting trade. So far the fall trade shows a very good volume, and a decided increase over last year. Collections continue a little slow, but improving.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS

In this branch trade continues steady and fairly active. Quotations are as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 60 to 65c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; 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, 30 to 35c; alum, \$3 to \$3.75; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.50; sulphur, roll, \$4 to \$4.25; American blue vitrol, 6 to 8c.

FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES

Trade in this line remains in a healthy condition, and although no great rush has been experienced, yet a steady and fairly active movement is regularly going on. Collections have been met in a manner that shows well for the season.

FURS

There is nothing special to note, and the season has not yet opened for actual buying to any extent. We repeat quotations as a forecast of probable opening prices: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20.00; bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$8.00; otter, per skin, \$5.00 to \$10.00; mink, per skin, 30 to

90c; martin, per skin, 60c to \$2.00; fisher, per skin, \$1.00 to \$8.00; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$3.00; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, per skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 5c.

FISH AND GAME

The supply of game is still scarce. Fish are in plentiful supply for both fresh and salt water varieties. Oysters are now offered in bulk or cans. Quotations are: Lake Winnipeg white, 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; pickerel, 3c; salmon, 18c; cod, 10c; Haddock, 10c; Halibut, 17c; Flounders, 15c. Oysters, standard, 45c per can; select, 55c per can; bulk oysters, \$2.35 to \$2.65 per gal.

FRUITS

Prices are very much the same as last given. Ontario fall apples in good supply at previous quotations. No winter apples yet offered. The first new season oranges are in the market, also Malaga grapes. Prices are as follows: Jamaica oranges, in barrels, \$14 per barrel. Apples, \$3.25 to \$3.75 per bbl, with perhaps \$4 for some very choice. California pears, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; Lemons, \$10.50 to \$11. Bananas, \$2 to \$4 a bunch. California, Muskat and Tokay grapes, \$6 to \$7 per crate of 40 lbs; Malaga grapes, \$8.50 per keg; Ontario grapes 10 to 15c; California peaches \$3.50 a box; Figs, 50lb sacks, 12½c; Golden dates, 10c; peanuts, roasted, 17c; peanuts, raw, at 15c; walnuts, at 15 to 18c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$3.25; London layers \$3.90 to \$4; black crown \$5 to \$5.25. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel; sweet potatoes, \$8.25 per barrel.

FUEL

No change to report as yet. Quotations are to some extent nominal as follows: tamarac on track in round lots \$3.25 to \$3.50; poplar \$2.25 to \$2.75. Anthracite coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50; bituminous \$6.85; and Lethbridge at \$8.50 on track.

FURNITURE

Orders have been coming in steadily, though rather slowly, from the country, and generally for not very large amounts. Collections quiet.

GROCERIES

Sugars hold steady in price here. Teas firm. Provisions somewhat easier. Canned goods continue firm and some have advanced. Trade holds steady and fairly active, and collections about satisfactory. Prices are unchanged as follows: Canned tomatoes, 25c higher at \$3.50; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.50; peas, \$3.75; yellow sugar 6½ to 7c; granulated 7½ to 8c; lump sugar, 9 to 9½c; Coffee, Rios, 12 to 13½c; Government Java, 28c, other Javas, 22c; Mochas, 31 to 34c. New season's teas are now quoted as follows: Japan season 1886-7, 25 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; Ping Suey young hyson, 25 to 35c; Moyune young hyson, 25 to 50c; Season's congous, 1885-6, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn \$2.00 to \$2.35; sugar, cane, \$1.85 to \$2.00; T. & B. tobacco, \$10.

HIDES

Quotations are unchanged and are as follows: Steers, Winnipeg ins, section No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No.