

Quotations are as follows: Sugars, yellows 6½ to 7½c, granulated 8½c, Paris lumps 10½c; coffees, Rio 14 to 16c, Java 23 to 27c, Mochas 31 to 34c; teas, season 1884-5, Moyunc gunpowder 30 to 75c, pan-fired Japans 20 to 50c, basket-fired 20 to 40c, Congous 23 to 80c.

#### HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has been during the week a slightly improved demand in the heavy lines and metals, but shelf goods are much the same as stated in our last report. Although matters are better, and collections although still slow, are rather freer. Prices of goods have not changed, and quotations are as follows: Tin plates, I.C., 14x20, \$5.50 to 6; 20x28, \$11.50 to 12; Canada-plates, \$3.80 to 4; sheet iron, 28G, \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100lb.; iron-pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot-tin, 25 30c per lb; galvanized iron, 28-gauge, 7 to 7½c per lb., according to quality; bar-iron, \$2.50 to 3 per 100 lb; cut nails, \$3.40 to 3.60 per keg.

#### LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

There has been no real activity in this line during the week, but there has been enough doing to prevent dullness. Prices of goods remain the same and quotations are as follows: Spanish sole, 33 to 35c; slaughter sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic, 55c; B Z calf, \$1 to 1.25; French kip, \$1 to 1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 65 to 75c; No. 1 wax upper, 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 36c for plumb stock; English oak sole, 65c.

#### LUMBER.

Some of our dealers have been plucking up heart during the week, and are beginning to think, that with the rebellion drawing to a close, there is yet some hope of the season having a little active spell. At best only a little hectic improvement is looked for, and the demoralized state the trade is in owing to the encumbered position some of the largest concerns are in, leads to the belief, that even that will not be properly taken advantage of and turned to profit.

#### PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Although there has been a little more activity in this trade during the week, there is still great room for improvement. There are now hopes expressed, that the latter portion of the season will develop into steady activity, and with the rebellion once crushed, there is reason to believe that it would. Prices of staple goods are unchanged and are as follows: Linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1 \$1.25 per gal.; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality; machine oils, black 25c; oleine 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, headlight, 27c; water white, 33c. Calcined plaster, \$4 per bbl.; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine, \$7.75; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2, \$6.25.

#### SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There are still no complaints heard from this trade, and although the rush which characterized April's business is gone, a good steady trade is being done, and there are no signs of its falling off. The report in collections is also good.

#### STATIONERY AND PAPER.

This trade has been slightly quiet during the

week, but still the aggregate of sales mounts up considerably, so that there has been no real dullness. Collections are reported moderately good.

#### WINES AND SPIRITS.

The city trade has been rather quiet during the week, but there has been a fairly active demand from the country, making altogether a fair week. Collections are still a little slow. Prices of domestic spirits are unchanged and are: Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.55 to 2.25 per gallon; 65o.p. rectified, in wood, \$2.50; W.F.L. five-year old, \$2.50 per gallon; cases, quarts \$7.50, flasks \$4.50.

## THE MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG.

#### GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

During the past week the movement in wheat, much alike to the previous one, has continued to be very quiet and of a limited character. We hear of no importations into the city and the business done has been very light, while the prices quoted show a decided downward tendency for the time being. Mills for the first part of the week were worked up to their full capacity but the general dullness prevailing at present is shown by one mill being shut down for a short period for repairs. One very fair shipment of flour has been made to the east, but the state of the market would not warrant any large shipments being made. In oats, the feeling is still in an unsettled state, while quotations are shown to be easier. There is a pretty good shipment into the city reported but there are no sales heard of, and little or no demand outside of pressing needs and what has been required for military purposes. In barley there is nothing doing and none in the market. In provisions a fairly active business was done but no improvement is shown on the past week. Meats continue to have quite a fair demand and prices have kept up to their old figures, while butter continues to be unsettled, although a considerable quantity of the better grades was in the market and sold off at a very remunerative price. There is still a demand for the higher grades and of this quality it is expected that large quantities will, within the next few days, be in the hands of traders, when a good business will no doubt be heard of. Altogether the provision trade, though easier, in tone, has kept up to a very fair average with good prospects of an early improvement.

#### WHEAT.

The business of the week has been very quiet and dull. Very few sales heard of, while the millers and dealers quotations following, show a downward movement in prices, these being: No. 1 hard 80c, No. 2 75c, No. 1 regular 70c, No. 2 65c, No. 3 57c, and rejected 41 to 49c.

#### OATS.

The feeling is still unsettled while quotations are easier. There is evidently a tug on prices and the downward movement is gaining. Sales of car lots at 60c are reported, and some sold off at 57c, while other quotations range down to 55 and 53c, duty paid on track.

#### BARLEY.

Still no sales to report. There is none in the market and no demand is heard of.

#### FLOUR.

The western trade is in rather a dull state and the town trade is not much better. One good shipment was made eastward, but the dullness prevalent will not warrant any very large shipments being made just now. Prices are quoted the same as last week: Patents \$2.75, strong bakers' \$2.40, XX.XX \$1.90, superfine \$1.40.

#### BRAN AND SHORTS.

The demand has kept up quite steady, while prices have not fluctuated any during the week. Car lots on track are quoted: bran \$10.25 per ton shorts \$12.25.

#### POTATOES.

There continues to be a fairly active business done in the above, though the demand is rather quiet. Car lots of good quality are quoted at from 50 to 55c.

#### EGGS.

The supply this week has been quite heavy, but there is very little demand. The indications are that there will be a surplus left on the hands of traders and that prices will stiffen up. Sales at 14c are reported and quotations range from 13 to 14c. Shipments to British Columbia have commenced.

#### CHEESE.

As yet there has been none received in the market and there is very little doing. The new Manitoba expected this week not having arrived; quotations are 12½ to 13c.

#### BUTTER.

A very fair business was done in the better grades during the week, sales of which are reported at 22c. There is no demand for the lower grades, of which there still continues to be a glut in the market. Quotations are much the same as last week, being: gilt edge 21 to 22c, prime 18 to 21c, and medium from 12 to 14c.

#### BACON.

The demand continues fairly active and prices though easier are quoted the same as last week being: dry salt 9½ to 10c, rolls 13 to 14c.

#### HAMS.

There is no change to report, prices being from 13½ to 14c and there is as yet no demand for green.

#### MESS PORK.

Continues to be fairly active and there is no change in prices, which are quoted from \$18.50 to \$19.

#### MESS BEEF.

There is no improvement in the above to report this week and prices remain the same as in our last issue, quotations being from \$16.50 to \$17.

#### LARD.

Has been very quiet during the week, none known to have changed hands. Pails of 20 lbs are still quoted at \$2.50.

#### DRESSED HOGS.

Receipts continue to be very small and no transactions heard of. Quotations are: \$5 to \$5.50.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

Wheat has been up and down the past week, closing at the lowest point touched since the European war scare began. The bears are in the majority on 'change, and some of them are free with predictions of a 10c decline in wheat during the coming fortnight. They talk freely about the splendid prospects and fine condition of the growing crop in the Minneapolis belt, and make no allowances for weather