

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET

There was quite a stir at the banks during the early part of last week as is usually the case about the 4th of the month. A considerable amount of paper fell due and was tolerably well met, probably an average of 70 per cent. being taken up. Aside from the regular commercial business, there was a steady demand from grain circles. Money has been plentiful and readily obtained at from 7 per cent. for first-class to 9 per cent. for small promiscuous advances. In the mortgage loan line, payments of interest on farm properties have commenced to come in freely, though there is not a great deal of new business doing. Some loans are being made on city properties, at from 7 to 10 per cent.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE

The cold weather which set in toward the close of last week, came too late to have any perceptible influence on the wholesale trade. If the coolness continues, as it in all probability will do, its influence on the dry goods and clothing branches will soon be made apparent. In the city in retail trade in these lines there was quite a little livening up on Friday, but the wholesale branches remained quiet. The provision and grocery branches were steady, both in regard to demand and prices. Lumber, hardware and building lines give evidence of settling down to the winters quiet.

BOOTS AND SHOES

There is no change to note in this branch. Everything continues quiet and the sorting trade has not yet put in an appearance.

CLOTHING

Little may be said of this branch in addition to what has been already noted in the general introduction. Dealers are anxious for a continuation of the cool weather which set in on Friday, to start up the sorting trade. Of course it will take a considerable spell of such weather to move the trade, as stocks held by retailers have not yet been drawn upon to any extent.

DRY GOODS

Dealers are looking for a brisk sorting movement in a short time, now that winter weather cannot hold off much longer. In the meantime trade continues quiet in every department, and without change in special features.

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 to \$4.50; morphine, \$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.

FURS

A movement may soon be expected in the fur trade. Prices have not yet been regularly fixed but present indications point to the following range of values: Beaver, per lb, \$2.50 to \$4.00; bear, per skin, \$5.00 to \$20.00;

bear, cub, per skin, \$1.00 to \$6.00; 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 \$6.00; lynx, per skin, \$1.00 to \$3.00; racoon, per skin, 40 to 60c; skunk, p skin, 40-60-80; muskrat, per skin, 1 to 5c.

FISH AND GAME

Game has commenced to come in more freely. Fish 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; selects, 55c per can; bulk oysters, \$2.35 to \$2.65 per gal. Cured fish are quoted; Labrador herrings, \$1.30 per pail; mackerel, \$1.30 kit; finnan haddies, 12½c per pound; codfish, 6c per pound; bloaters, \$3.00 per box; salt white, 10c per pound.

FRUITS

Jamaica oranges are easier. First consignments of Floridas were received last week. California grapes about out of the market. California pears quoted lower. A consignment of Ontario pears have arrived and are held at \$1.50 per basket of 20 lbs. Florida oranges \$8 to \$8.50; Jamaica oranges, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per box. Winter apples, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per bbl, for good stock. Lemons, \$8.00 to \$8.50 per box; California pears, \$5.00 barrel; Malaga grapes, \$8 to \$8.50 per keg; Ontario grapes 10 to 12½c; Cranberries, \$11 to \$12 per bbl; Citron, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen; Figs, 50lb sacks, 12½c; Golden dates, 12c; peanuts, roasted, 18c; raw, 15c; walnuts, 15 to 20c; almonds 15 to 20c; filberts 13 to 15c. Dried fruits are quoted as follows: Valencia raisins \$3.15 to \$2.25; London layers \$3.75 to \$3.90; black crown \$5 to \$5.25; black baskets, ½ boxes, \$1.30. Apple cider is worth \$10 a barrel; sweet potatoes, \$8.25 per barrel.

FUEL

Quotations are as follows: Best tamarac wood, \$1.75, with some poor selling at \$4.25; sound poplar, \$3.50; poor, \$3.25. Prices for car lots on track. Coal on track sells at \$9.75 for anthracite, \$10.75 for smithy, and \$7.25 for American soft.

GROCERIES

About the usual steady trade doing and with the quotations unaltered, which are as follows: Canned tomatoes, 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; Coffees, Rios, 12 to 13½c; Government Java, 23c, 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 Sney 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

Some lots have been coming in from the far west. Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 6c; bulls, 5c; cal, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tal low 3½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND METALS

There is no change to report in the local markets. Prices for iron and metals continue firm at first hands, and it is expected that spring stocks will show a considerable advance in prices. Quotations are as follows, Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.35 to \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$5.50 to \$5.75; I. C. tin plates, double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.50 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3 to \$4.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 50 to 55 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 26 to 30c per lb., according to quality; bar iron \$2.50 to \$3 per 100 lb; shot, 6½ to 7c a lb; tarred felt, \$2.60 to \$2.85 per 100 lbs; barbed wire 7 to 7½c.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS

Trade continues steady and in fair volume and prices are unchanged and as follows: Spanish sole, 28 to 32c; slaughtered sole, 33 to 35c; French calf, first choice, \$1.35 to \$1.50; Canada Calf 90 to \$1.00; French kip \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; slaughter kip, 55 to 75c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 33 to 35c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffalo, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovar, 25 to 27c; pebble, 21 to 23c; colored linings 12c.

LUMBER

There has been a fair call for the the season, and some lots have been going to the country in addition to the demand from the city. However, there were not wanting indications that the trade for the season is nearly over, and last week appeared to be the winding up of active business for the next few months.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS

There has been a livening up in this line, and the past week has shown a fairly active trade, but this is looked upon as of short-lived duration, and merely the last effort of the season. Quotations are as follows: Turpentine 75c; harness oil, \$1.10; Neatsfoot oil, \$1.50; linseed oil, raw 68c per gal., boiled 71c; seal oil steam refined, \$1.10; castor, 1½c per lb; lard No. 1, \$1.25 per gal; olive, \$1.00 to \$2.00, according to quality; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 26c; headlight, 28c; water white, 30c. American oils, Eocene, 36c; water white, 33c; sunlight, 30c; Eldorado, machine, 56c. Calcined plaster, \$3.75 per bbl; Portland cement, \$4.75; white lead, genuine, \$7.00; No. 1 \$6.50; No. 2 \$6.00; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

WINES AND SPIRITS

A moderate business continues to be done, with prices steady as follows: Gooderham & Worts five year old, \$2.40; 7 year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debonche & Co., \$4.75; Martell, \$6.50; Hennessy, \$6.50; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$4.00 to \$4.50; DeKuyper red gir, \$11 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martell and Hennessy's brandy, \$13.50 per case of 12 bottles.

WOOL

There is now only an odd lot occasionally coming in. Prices have not been altered and are as follows: Leicester and Cotswold, washed, 14c to 16c; cotted and broken, washed, 12c; unwashed 8c to 11c; unwashed and tags off, 10 to 12c; Montana sheep, unwashed, 11 to 12c.