

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Nothing of an unusual nature has transpired in monetary circles during the past week, and affairs have gone on in very much the same manner as for weeks back. There has been some call for funds for handling the cereal crop, which has been moving in fair proportion. There has also been about the usual call from straight commercial sources for discounts. From promiscuous sources there has not been any call for money of special importance. First class commercial paper is still quoted at 7 per cent; ordinary 7 to 9; promiscuous and one name 9 to 10 per cent. In real estate mortgage loans there has been a slight increase in the number of calls, a number of inquiries coming from the city, though still the greater call is from the country on farm property. Interests on mortgages is still being met in a fairly satisfactory manner, and in this respect the result is beyond the anticipations of agents. Rates of interest are quoted at the old figure of from 7 to 10 per cent, though better terms could be made on good rent-producing property, for large sums.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

In the wholesale trade of the city during the past week considerable advancement has been made in filling orders previously booked for spring delivery. In several lines this work was going on quite actively, though some dealers are still hindered by delays in receipt of goods. In most lines, however, stocks are now about complete, and a few dealers have nearly finished sending out their spring orders. The weather during the past week has been mild and spring-like and most favorable to the early opening of the spring trade. Already its influence has been felt in some branches that are not expected to move before mild weather sets in, and in these there has been some appearance of an early awakening. Country merchants and traders are expected in the market in large number shortly, the advance guard having arrived during the week to the extent of a half dozen or so. Traders from the northern districts, however, do not generally put in an appearance until early in the summer. In staple seasonable lines about the usual trade is going on for the time of year, but the movement in such commodities is rather light, and considered quiet, though there is a slightly perceptible improvement since milder weather set in. In collections the week has been about as usual, some lines being backward while others were good, and the average fairly satisfactory.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

The return of milder weather has again awakened some appearance of life in this branch, the past week having given the impression that spring is near at hand. Inquiries have been coming in quite freely for early spring requirements. Some shipments have also been made of plows, harrows, and such implements as are first needed. A few samples have been forwarded to agents throughout the province and territories, of harvesting machinery, binding twine, etc. The work of collecting is going on steadily and with fairly satisfactory results.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

In this branch early orders previously taken have now been about all filled. Quite a number of additional orders have been received of something of a sorting nature, which has given dealers more to do than during the previous week. There has also been some call for rubber goods, induced by the mild weather. Collections continue fair.

## CLOTHING.

Some dealers report spring orders nearly all sent out, while others are still retarded in the work through delays in receiving consignments of goods now in transit, but are making their spring shipments as fast as goods come in to fill orders. A few country merchants have been in the market during the week, and more are expected. Aside from filling orders previously taken, however, there has been but little movement. Collections fair.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Business still keeps rather quiet, and nothing like a brisk trade has yet set in, though some improvement is noticed which apparently indicates a steady improvement in the demand as the season advances. From this time forward a more active trade will be looked for, should the weather continue favorable. The aggregate of trade transactions for the first two months of 1886, is said to show an improvement over the same time last year. Collections fair.

## DRY GOODS.

Spring importations are now about all in hand and goods have been opened and placed in position for filling orders. Stocks are said to be very full and complete this year, especially in such lines as are in greater demand from the trade of this Northwestern country. In goods especially adapted to the trade of this country, country merchants will find an assortment here as large as they could wish for. Prices have also been put down to the lowest paying profit, and every effort will be made to maintain the supremacy of this market, as the supply depot for the Northwest. During the week the work of filling spring orders has been going on actively and considerable progress has been made in this respect. Quite a number of buyers have also been in the market, selecting their spring and summer stocks. In seasonable goods there has been a fair demand. Collections are hardly up to the average.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

There has been no new feature worthy of note. Trade continues steady and in fair volume. Collections generally good.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

In this branch dealers have got at the work of filling orders for spring delivery in earnest, and a busy week has been experienced. The season for this work has been shortened, on account of delay in receipts of goods, thus rendering it necessary to rush things on the receipt of goods. Some buyers have been in the market during the week, making selections of spring and summer wants. Payments have been fairly well met.

## FISH.

The trade in frozen fish for shipment south has been interfered with on account of mild

weather, and exports have been light. In the city trade has continued good, both in fresh lake and fresh sea fish. There is little call for cured fish of any kind at present. Prices are unchanged as follows: whitefish, 5c; pickerel 4c; jackfish 2c. Salt white, \$4 per bbl; Labrador herrings, \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddocks, 11c per pound. Fresh sea fish are quoted:—haddock 7½c; cod 7c; herrings 6½c; smelts 8c; tommy cods 6c; lobsters 14c.

## FRUITS.

Business has greatly improved since the mild weather set in. Stocks of apples have been considerably reduced and prices are firmer, though some job lots have been cleared out under quotations. Stocks of oranges are low and prices higher. Valencias were out of the market, but some were in transit, though they may arrive in bad condition on account of the length of time on the road. Floridas are out of the market. Cranberries are easier, and dealers are anxious to clear out stock before warm weather at anything over \$7. Quotations are: Messina oranges, \$6.50; Riverside \$7.50 to \$8.00 per box. Apples are in fair supply and are worth about \$4 to \$4.50 per bbl; spies \$5.00. Messina lemons, \$6. to \$6.50 per box; cranberries, 47. to \$8.00; Valencia raisins, \$3.75; London layer raisins, \$4 to \$4.25; black crown, \$5 to \$5.25 walnuts, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 12½c pecans, 16c; peanuts, 15c for roasted and 12½c for raw; figs 18c to 20c. and dates mats 8 to 10c; golden 10c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

## FUEL.

Farmers have been bringing in wood very extensively for sale on the market, and dealers in the city have consequently been obliged to further reduce prices, which have been cut about 25c per cord all round. Large lots could probably be had considerably under quotations. Prices now are as follows: poplar \$3.25; oak \$3.50; tamarac \$4.50. Prices are for car lots, delivered. On track, 50c per cord less than above. Hard coal is worth \$10.25, and soft \$8. Galt coal sells at \$7.50 on track.

## FURNITURE.

There is comparatively nothing doing in this branch, either in the city or for shipment to the country. No improvement is looked for before warmer weather sets in. Dealers complain of high freight rates and say they will be compelled to buy in the States, which they claim to be able to do, at a better profit, even after paying duties, than to pay freight from Eastern Canada.

## GROCERIES.

There have been but few new features in this branch since our last report. Trade has been quiet and steady in all principal commodities, though if anything there has been a better movement in staples. Myrtle navy tobacco is quoted 2c lower. Other prices are unchanged and the feeling generally firm. There will not likely be any change in teas until the action of the Government is known in regard to the much talked of increase of the duties. Quotations: Sugar raw, 6½c, yellow 6½ to 7c; granulated 8½c; lump 9½ to 9c. Coffees, Rio, 13 to 15c; Government Java 32 to 33c, other Javas 22 to 27c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moyune gunpowder 25 to 70c; 1 an-