

the supply is now plentiful. Smoked salmon and eels are sold at 30c. A good business is being done in fresh fish, but the demand for smoked is falling off.

## FRUIT.

The variety on hand in this line has been exceedingly limited during the week. Grapes have disappeared, and other delicate fruits are not on the market. California pears have sold at \$6 a bushel, apples at \$3.50 to \$6 a barrel, and lemons at \$7 a case.

## FURS AND HIDES.

Owing to the season the trade in raw and dressed furs is at a standstill, while the cold snap of the past few days has given an impetus to manufactured furs. Hides are unchanged in price from last week.

## FURNITURE.

There is a livelier feeling in this branch than has been for some weeks previously, but wholesalers still complain of a dullness.

## GROCERIES.

There is very little change in this staple branch since last week. Trade is in a steady state, and there is a good prospect for the future. Sugars are quoted at 9½c to 10½c for bright yellow; 11½c to 12c for granulated. Green coffees are unchanged, and are quoted Rio, 15c to 18c; Government Java, 25c to 27c; Mocha, 36c.

## HARDWARE.

A steady good business has been done in general hardware during the week, while the stove and range branch has been unusually lively. Prices of staple goods have undergone no change.

## LUMBER.

It is almost needless to notice this branch of business, as the demand for weeks has been beyond the supply, and promises to remain so.

Prices remain the same as last week: Sheet-iron, \$28; common dimension, \$30 to \$32; fencing, \$28 to \$34; stock, \$33 to \$40; flooring, \$35 to \$45; partition, \$45 to \$50; graded clear, \$50 to \$70; shingles, \$4.50 to \$6; lath, \$5.

## STATIONERY AND PAPER.

A demand for goods in this line has come from numerous new points during the week, and the volume of trade is steadily on the increase. Several houses are now receiving heavy consignments of stock, while others have large lots in transit.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

There is an improving tone in this branch, and country demands are on the increase. A feeling of confidence prevails throughout the trade.

## Winnipeg Money Market.

The demand for money during the past week has been very active, and even more spirited than during the previous week. Numerous real estate and building undertakings have added to the usual business requirements and have assisted much in maintaining considerable of a stringency. The eastern money markets have not eased up sufficiently for any sympathetic feeling to have reached here, and the local demands have increased somewhat. A perfectly healthy feeling prevails however, and the pres-

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sure mentioned is due entirely to the activity of business generally. Loan companies seem to have the fullest faith in the future of the country, and mortgage loans on landed property are being freely made at 9 to 10 per cent., and a few choice investments have been made at a shade below the lower of these figures. Local banks are confining their commercial business to regular customers, but regular commercial paper is freely accepted at the rates of last week. First class paper is still good at 8 to 10 per cent., and ordinary at 10 to 12. Some bankers express a hope of an early relief from the stringency, but the opinion is not general, although none anticipate any early advance.

## Portage la Prairie.

Business has been active in this town during the past week, and grain has been coming into town freely. Over 20 cars have been shipped within ten days, and the supply is daily increasing. The railway returns show that more cars of the same have been forwarded from here than from any point west of Winnipeg. Buyers have been paying 80c to 85c for wheat, and 50c for oats.

Quite a number of the business men of town have been in Winnipeg at the Assize Court during most of the week, as numerous cases of interest from this locality are to be tried there.

Mr. P. V. Georger, city solicitor, has opened a branch office on Saskatchewan Avenue.

The railway agitation is still strong in this city, and a meeting of ratepayers was held on Saturday night, at which the usual subject of C. P. R. opposition was ventilated.

At the meeting of the Town Council on the 16th inst. a resolution was passed offering \$100,000 of a bonus to the Grand Trunk Railway, providing said Company build a line of railway from Portage la Prairie to the International boundary line, and it was agreed that a delegation be appointed to proceed, in company with other delegations from Emerson, West Lynne, Grand Forks, and other towns to Montreal, to urge upon the Grand Trunk managers the construction of this line.

The mercantile interests of the city are likely to receive an addition in Mr. John McLeod, formerly of Kincardine, Ont., who intends going into the grocery business.

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