

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There is still no let up to the activity in this trade, and as yet building material has by far the heaviest demand. Other lines are not affected by dullness, and altogether the trade is in a satisfactory condition. There is still some uncertainty about prices of goods, not owing to any cutting on the part of the trade, but owing to the changing nature of freight rates from the east in consequence of keen competition between the C.P.R. and the all rail route. Collections are reported fair to good. The following are representative quotations of staple goods: Tin plate 14x20, \$6.75 to 7.25 a box; 20x28, \$13 to 13.50; Canada plates \$4.50 to 4.60; sheet iron, 28G, \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lbs; iron pipe, 40 to 50 per cent. off list price; ingot tin, 28 to 31c per lb.; pig lead, 6 to 6½c; galvanized iron, No. 28, 7½ to 8½c, according to quality; bar iron, \$2.95 to 3.15 per 100 lbs; cut nails, \$3.60 to 3.80.

LUMBER.

There is no change to report in the state of this trade. Mills are still running, and have quite a quantity of orders ahead. Sales during the past week have been quite up to the average, and are expected to keep so for weeks to come. No reliable scale of prices can as yet be given.

LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

A quiet feeling pervades this trade, and is expected to continue during the current month. Collections are reported fair. Quotations of staple goods are as follows: Spanish sole 33c to 35c; slaughter sole 35c French calf, first choice, \$1.40 to 1.50; domestic 55c; B Z calf \$1.00 to 1.10; French kip \$1.00 to 1.25; B Z kip 85c to 90c; slaughter kip 65c to 75c; No. 1 wax upper 55c; grain upper 55c; harness leather 34c to 36c for plump stock; English oak sole 65c.

SADDLERY AND HARNESS.

There has been a decidedly quiet feeling in this trade during the past week, although the city retail trade has been moderately active. Collections, however, are reported good. There have been no changes in the prices of staple goods and quotations are as follows: Harness leather, 33 to 36c per lb; collar splits, 27 to 33c; sheep skins, \$7.50 to 11.50 per doz, according to quality.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

The quiet feeling noticed in our last report is still prevalent in this trade, and the past week has been rather a slow one for this season of the year. Collections are reported rather encouraging. The only change in prices of staple goods has been a decline of a few cents on linseed oil. The scarcity of window glass still continues, and only one car is now in transit here, which will give but little relief. Quotations of staple goods are as follows: Linseed oil raw, 71c per gal; boiled, 74c; seal oil, steam refined, \$1.10; no pale or straw seal in the market; castor, 15c per lb; lard, No. 1, \$1.30 per gal; olive, \$1.50 to \$2, according to quality. Machine oils, black 30c; oleine 50c; fine quality 65c to \$1. Coal oils, Headlight 32c; water white 37c. Calcined plaster, \$1.50 per bbl; Portland cement, \$6; white lead, genuine,

\$8.00; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$7. Window glass, broken, first break, are quoted at \$2.75.

STATIONERY AND PAPER.

Wholesalers in this trade report a rather quiet week. No great activity is looked for about this time, but the week has been even slower than was anticipated. Collections are reported only fair. There is still a scarcity of some staple lines, which adds to the quietness.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Although there has been no great addition to the volume of sales in this line during the past week, there has been a better feeling and wholesalers are beginning to feel a little more hopeful for the fall trade. In collections the report does not show much improvement, but is no worse than the week previous. Quotations of goods are unchanged, and are as follows: Hennessy's one star, \$13 to \$14; in wood, \$4.50 to 5.00 per gallon; Martel, in case, one star, \$13 to \$14; Renault, 1-star, \$12, \$16 and \$20; Louis Freres, in cases, qts, \$9; flasks, two dozen in a case, \$11; M. Dubois, in wood, \$3.50 per gallon; cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9. Gin, Holland, in wood, \$3 per gallon; red cases, \$10.50 to 11.50; green cases, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Old Tom gin, Bernard's, in wood, \$3.25 per gallon; Booth's, in wood, \$3.25; Booths, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; Scotch whisky, Ramsay's in wood, \$3.50 to \$4.00; Cap. Ila Ilay, in wood, \$3.50; Stewart's, in cases, quarts, \$8.50; flasks, \$10.50. Irish whisky, John Jameson & Sons, in wood, \$3.50 to \$4; Bernard's, in cases, quarts, \$8; flasks, \$9.50. Jamaica rum, \$3.75 to \$4.00 per gallon. Champagne—Pomeoy, quarts, \$3.4; pints \$35 per case; Bollinger, quarts, \$33; pints \$34; Moet & Chandon, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; G. H. Munm, quarts, \$28; pints \$30; Piper Heidsieck, quarts, \$27; pints \$29; Carte Blanche, quarts, \$20; pints \$22. Sherry from \$2.50 to 8.00 per gallon, according to quality and brand; ports \$2.50 to 7.00, according to quality and brand; claret in cases \$5.00 to 7.00; Bass's ale in quarts \$3.50 per doz; pints \$2.25; Guinness' porter in quarts \$4.00; pints \$2.50. Domestic whiskies, Gooderham & Wort's, in wood, \$1.65 to 2.25 per gallon; 65 o. p. rectified, in wood, \$3.50; W. F. L. five-year-old, \$2.50 per gallon cases, quarts, \$7.50; flasks \$9.50.

THE MARKETS.

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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat has been in more plentiful supply during the past week than for some time past; the growing crops are looking exceedingly well, and the farmers are selling what surplus stock they have on hand; the quality, as a rule, has been inferior; deliveries of oats have been liberal and values unchanged; in provisions the week's business has exceeded the expectations of the wholesale merchants for this season of the year.

WHEAT.

During the past week farmers' deliveries have been on quite a liberal scale, for the reason

noted above; the quality has been rather inferior, consequently prices have varied from 50 to 93c, the latter figure for No. 1 hard; the low grades the millers would rather not handle at any price.

OATS.

Car lots are in good demand at 30 to 32c on track; street receipts are fair and prices range from 25 to 30c, according to sample.

BARLEY.

No receipts and no demand, consequently values are unquotable.

FLOUR.

There is no change worthy of note in the flour market; values are firm at last week's prices; the demand still continues active both on local and shipping account; quotations are: patents \$3.10; strong bakers', \$2.70; and superfine, \$2.20.

BRAN AND SHORTS.

No change to note in bran and shorts; the demand still continues active and values are unchanged; quotations are: \$8 for bran and \$10 for shorts per ton on track.

POTATOES.

Receipts are growing less as the season advances contrary to dealers' expectations; round lots are worth 60 to 65c, and 75 to 90c is paid for choice stock in small lots.

EGGS

are in active demand at firm prices; stocks in the city are being reduced rapidly; farmers are evidently holding back this product in anticipation of higher prices in the near future, and without doubt their aim will be realized; fresh stock is worth 20c in round lots, market closing firm.

BUTTER.

The condition of the butter market is still without any change worthy of note; choice Manitoba rolls are slow sale at 18c per pound in round lots; offerings from the country continue large, but they are not always of a desirable quality, consequently prices vary widely; some sales being made as low as 13c.

CHEESE.

Quiet, and prices are without any essential change; round lots of prime new are still quoted at 14 to 15c.

BACON.

The trade in this product during the past week has been of rather a moderate character, and prices are easier in sympathy with outside markets, which are reported dull and with a downward tendency; quotations are: dry salt 12½c; smoked 12½ to 13c; spiced rolls 14½ to 15c; and English breakfast, 15 to 15½c.

MESS PORK.

The business done in this product during the past week is reported as only fair; values are unchanged, and \$22.50 is still the quotation for round lots.

HAMS.

The demand still continues active and values are firm, although not notably higher; quotations are 16 to 17 in round lots.

MESS BEEF.

No change to note in this product, neither as regards the volume of business or values, \$10 per barrel is still the quotation.

SEEDS.

Timothy seed per bushel, of 48 lbs, \$4.30; clover, large red, \$18 per bushel of 60 lbs; Alsike, \$18; white Dutch, \$18; Lucerne, \$14.5 per bushel of 28 lbs, and flax seed, \$2.50.