

WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

Monetary affairs have been steady in the city during the past week, with no change in connection with trade finances from the quiet state noted in our last issue. The little life manifested at the banks with the opening of June has died away, and the slow movement which characterized the closing days of May have returned, and business with them is now down to a very quiet state. Besides the regular trade discount demand being light, there is no outside field for investment, and it is safe to say that every bank in the city could materially add to their present business without making any strain on the resources at their command. There is no attempt at cutting down of discount rates in the competition for business, as lower figures would not, and could not, add to the volume. From 7 to 8 per cent is therefore the ranges for commercial paper, all first class being freely taken at the former figure. In real estate mortgage loans the number of applications have certainly been quite numerous, but they are almost entirely for small farm houses, and do not aggregate a big figure. The interest rate for such is steady at 8 per cent. Loan company agents report numerous sales of lands to new settlers, and in almost every transaction a new and safe loan is carried through, so that business all round is in a very satisfactory state at this time.

WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The general report from the wholesale trade of the city for the week now past is, that matters are no worse than they were the previous week, and in some instances a little improvement is reported. In food and other lines of every day necessities the volume of sales has, if anything, increased, while the filling of Indian and other Government contracts furnishes a little extra activity still for one or two houses. It is evident, however, that buyers generally are only attending to immediate wants, and not buying any ahead. In most season lines the buying from fall samples is nearing a close, although many merchants throughout the country have bought very lightly, and will trust to getting supplies later as they are wanted. The dry spell and fears of a light crop to some extent dictates this cautious course, but the fear of being caught with another mild winter as they were last year is the cause with many. In every class of builders' and contractors' supplies there is quite an active movement, and in other unimportant lines there has been a slight improvement to note, so that taken altogether matters in wholesale circles look more hopeful than they did in the closing days of May. Collections, too, are reported somewhat easier in several branches, although money scarcity is too generally felt still. It must not be inferred from the improved reports that there is as yet any general activity. The week's report as a whole might be summed up in the words "quiet and steady."

CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS.

Some houses in these branches report the sales from fall samples as nearing a close for the season, while others state that they are as yet scarcely past the middle of their season. So far as the sale of domestic lines are concerned, the

bulk of the sales of the season are past, but European goods are now selling more freely than at any time this season. The little bustle in sorting orders reported in our last still continues, and would be more general but for the general anxiety felt about threatened drought. Collections are reported fair considering the season.

FURS.

The past week has been the big one of the season in the raw fur trade, as the number of large lots offered has been greater than during any week for a year or more. The aggregate would probably come little if anything, short of twenty-five thousand dollars in value. Buyers have been kept busy, and have run each other keenly, but without going into any reckless advances in prices. The figures paid for some skins were slightly in advance of those general during May, but in no line was there any marked, or even reliable, advance. The following ranges still fairly represent the prices paid for the different skins: Beaver, 50c to \$6 per skin; cubs do. 25c to \$1.50; badger, 10c to \$1.50; black back, \$1.50 to \$2.25; cubs, do. \$1 to \$5; brown bear, \$1.50 to \$18; grizzly bear, \$1 to \$16; cubs, do. 20 to 70c; timber wolf, 50c to \$2.50; prairie wolf, 25c to \$1; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5, as to color and quality; fisher, 50c to \$6; red fox, 20c to \$1.60; kit fox, 10c to 50c; cross fox, \$1. to \$5; silver and black ox, \$10 to \$60, as to beauty and condition of skin; martin, dark, 50c to \$2.50; martin, yellow or pale, 25c to \$1; mink, 20c to \$1; muskrat, 6c to 15c; otter, \$1.50 to \$7.50; skunk, 10c to 65c. Prices all per skin.

FRUITS.

A liberal trade has been done during the week, orders from western points being specially plentiful. The novelties of the week are California peaches, plums and apricots. In other goods there have been no marked changes in prices, and no fresh features developed in the trade. Quotations are. California peaches, in 20 lb. boxes, \$3.25; apricots, in similar packages, \$3.25; plums, in 15 lb. boxes, \$2.25; Lemons—360 comet boxes, \$6 to \$6.50; in 300 comets, \$6 to \$6.50; Oranges—Fancy Seedlings, Riverside, \$6 to 96 comet, \$3.57 to \$4; Mediterranean Sweets, 150 to 226, \$6 to \$6.50; St. Michaels, 176 to 300, \$6.50 to \$7; Bananas—Port Simon, \$3 to \$3.50 a bunch, according to quality and size; pineapples, \$3 to \$3.50 a dozen, according to size; strawberries, in 16 quart cases, \$3.25. Evaporated Apricots, fancy California, 19c per lb; peeled peaches, fancy California evaporated, 22c per lb; Nectarines, fancy evaporated California, 21c; Figs, extra fancy in 20 lb boxes, 17c per lb; good, in 10 lb boxes, 15c; 1 lb cartoons, \$1.75; Dates, Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, 10c per lb; Fard, in 20 lb boxes, 12c; Nuts, Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb, Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; pecans, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; cocoa nuts, \$10 per hundred.

GROCERIES.

The feeling in this staple branch is rather better since our last report, and although there is no rush, a steady business has been done while Government contracts now filling have added something to the aggregate. There is considerable difference of opinion about the

late sharp advance in the price of canned goods, some holding that a decline will set in before the rush of trade in the fall arrives, while others think the present figures will be maintained, if not advanced. Sugars are still moving upwards, and likely to hold all the advance that has taken place. Prices of goods are as follows: Sugars, yellows, 8½ to 9½c; granulated, 10 to 10½c; lumps, 11c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 47½c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Ger. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40, Terrie, \$20 per 1000.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

There has been a quieter feeling all round in this branch since our last report, last being the quietest week since April. The feeling applies to shelf and general goods as well as heavies, and is looked upon as only temporary. There are no changes to report in prices of staple lines, and quotations run as follows: Cut nails, 10d, and larger \$3.50 to \$3.60; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.60 to \$3.75; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 25 to 40 per cent, according to size, off list prices; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 6¾ per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

There are no changes in prices to report, and no marked features brought out since our last report. Receipts of hides keep falling off slightly as the season advances, while wool receipts have been on the increase. Prices range: Unwashed, low grades, 7½ to 8c per pound; Shropshire and Southdowns, 9 to 11c; washed, 14c. Prices of hides range as follows: Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb.; Cali, 7 to 13 pound skins are quoted at 4 to 5c, Deacon skins, 10 to 20c each, the lower price for cut skins. Sheepskins 25 to 55c each as to quality, for old. New, lately killed skins, with long wool are worth 75 to 80c, but few of this sort offering. Sheared skins, 5 to 10c each. Lambskins, 15c each. Tallow quoted: rough, 2½ to 3c rendered 5c.

LUMBER.

There is no change to report, and no new feature developed. Business is steadily active from the mills, while the local trade is fairly so. Quotations stand at the mills as follows. Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft long, \$15; do 10, 18, and 20 ft long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M.; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common