

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

In local monetary circles the past week has been of rather an uneventful nature. A slackening up in commercial business has been noticeable during the week, which is usually the case toward the close of the month. The holiday of the Queen's birthday on Monday added to the general slowness and combined to make a quiet week. Rates of discount are steady at old quotations of 7 to 9 per cent., with the bulk of business transacted at 8 per cent. The real estate loan business has been quiet and rates of interest unchanged.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

The indications noted at the time of our last report of the wholesale trade of the city, led to the conclusion that a change had set in toward a more active state of things, and that the next weekly report would show a general improvement in the demands upon our wholesalers. Such expectations, however, have not been realized. The past week has been a quiet one in every particular, and the aggregate trade for the week would probably aggregate considerably less than the previous week. There has been no appearance of special activity in any line. Several seasonable branches have enjoyed a fair trade, while a number of staple branches have been decidedly dull. The holiday coming on Monday no doubt contributed very greatly to the quietness. Travellers on the road would lose at least one day in the prosecution of their work, while often several days are required to recover the effects of a general holiday. Considerable progress has already been made in taking orders for fall delivery, in several branches, and so far as can be learned at present, it would appear that there is in the far west a disposition to order in less quantities than were taken in the spring. In this province there is a manifest desire to put off ordering until the result of the growing crop has been ascertained. In collections some dealers report only the usual demand for accommodation while others find remittances rather more backward than usual.

## AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

There is nothing special to add to the report of this branch, in addition to what was noted last week. Dealers are just now having a quiet season, only an occasional sale of breaking plows being recorded. In harvesting machinery a fair number of orders have been taken, but there is little disposition to push business, and until these implements are actually required, there will be but a moderate demand for them.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

Quietness still continues to be the leading feature in this branch, and up to date the sorting trade of the season has been very light. Collections are not more backward than usual at this season.

## CLOTHING

The immediate demand is confined to small express packages, and nothing like a lively selling demand has yet set in. In the far west, or west of Moosejaw, orders for fall delivery have been pretty well taken and as a rule these average lighter than last season, though the

aggregate trade is expected to reach about the same figures. A better trade is looked for from Manitoba later on, as soon as the success of the growing crop is assured. Collections slow.

## CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

Dealers have enjoyed a healthy increase in the call for their goods, and a fairly satisfactory trade has been done during the week, though there has been nothing like a rush of business. Collections have been fairly good.

## DRY GOODS.

"There is very little of a favorable nature which may be said about business this week," remarked a leading dealer, and this declaration appeared to be corroborated by all the wholesalers in the dry goods trade. So far this season the sorting trade has not reached anything like a state of activity, and travellers on the road have not been sending in as large number as could be wished for. Between the local and eastern houses working in this field, the trade of the Northwest is divided up to such an extent that the share falling to any particular house must of necessity be small. Every traveller making a trip through the country will do something, and no matter how small that something may be individually it means a considerable aggregate when it is considered to what an extent the number of houses having representatives in the Northwest has been augmented. Collections continue rather slow.

## DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

Trade continues about as usual and prices are still unchanged as follows: Howard's quinine, 90c to \$1.00; German quinine, 80 to 90c; opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; morphia, \$2 to \$2.50; iodine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; bromide potassium, 50 to 55c; American camphor, 33 to 40c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 25 to 35c; tartaric acid, 65 to 70c; 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, 25 to 35c; alum, \$2.75 to \$3; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur, flour, \$4 to \$4.25; sulphur, roll, \$3.75 to \$4; American blue vitrol, 6 to 7c.

## FANCY GOODS AND SMALLWARES.

In this line there is nothing new to report. Dealers are having a quiet season and travellers on the road have been sending in but few and light orders. Collections fair.

## FISH.

Lake Winnipeg white will be in the market next week. Columbia River salmon have arrived by express and are quoted at 22½c. Lake Superior trout have been in fair supply at 8½ to 9c. A number of varieties of Red river fish are also offered, among them pickerel at 2½c. Fresh sea fish in good supply at quotations. Prices are as follows: Salt white, \$4 per bbl; Labrador herrings \$8 per bbl; salmon, \$17 per bbl; mackerel \$1 to \$1.75 per kit; smoked haddocks, 9½ to 10c per lb; fresh sea fish are quoted: cod 10c, haddock 10c, halibut 17c, shad 16c, flounders 15c, lobsters 17c, oysters, selects, 65c per can; standards, 55c.

## FRUITS.

Really choice apples are now becoming scarce and held at higher figures. Blood oranges are out of the market. Bananas are in good supply

at quotations. Strawberries are arriving freely and in good condition. The first cherries of the season came to market last week. Tomatoes, apricots and other varieties of fruits and green stuff are arriving in small quantities, and not quotable in wholesale lots. Prices are: strawberries, per crate of 24 boxes, \$5 to \$5.50. Cherries, 10lb boxes, \$3.75. Palermo Oranges, \$7.50 to \$8.00 per box, Sorento, \$7.50. Apples fancy \$6.00 to \$7.00; Bananas \$4 to \$5 per bunch. Messina lemons, \$8.00; Valencia raisins, \$3.75; London layer raisins, \$4.00 to \$4.25; black crown \$5.00 to \$5.25; walnuts, 15 to 20c a lb; almonds, 20c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 16c; peanuts, 17c for roasted and 15c for raw; figs 18c to 20c; dates mats \$ to 10c; golden 11c. Apple cider, \$10 per bbl.

## FUEL.

Prices for coal and wood are unchanged as follows: poplar \$3.25; to \$3.35; oak \$5.00 to \$5.50; tamarac \$4 to \$4.50. Prices are for lots, on track. Hard coal is worth \$9 to \$9.50, and American steam coal, \$6.55 on track. Blacksmiths' coal, \$12.00 per ton. Galt coal sells at \$6.50 on track.

## FURNITURE.

About the only thing which may be said about this branch is that trade is very quiet and apparently not likely to be otherwise for some time. Collections slow.

## FURS.

Considerable movement has been going on in furs and consignments have now commenced to come in freely for the season. So far consignments have been largely composed of lynx, which appear to be very plentiful this year. Prices for lynx have been easier. Otter and beaver have not come in much yet. Rats are very scarce this year. Cable advices state that prices for most leading furs are easier.

## GROCERIES.

Trade has continued quiet and steady and prices are: yellow 7½ to 7¾c granulated 8½c; lump 9¾c. Coffees, Rios, 12 to 13½c; Government Java 28c, other Javas 28c; Mochas 31 to 34c. Teas range, Moynne gunpowder 25 to 30c; pan-fried Japan 23 to 45c, basket-fired 25 to 40c, Ping Sney young hyson 20 to 30c; Moynne young hyson 25 to 30c; Season's congou, 1885-86, 20 to 55c. Syrups, corn, \$2.30 to \$2.59; sugar, cane, \$2 to \$2.20; T. & B. tobacco \$10.

## HIDES.

Prices rule steady and unchanged as follows: Steers, Winnipeg inspection, No. 1 7c; No. 2, 6c; cows, No. 1, 6c. No. 2, 5c; bulls, 5c. calf, fine haired real veal, 7 to 13 pound skins, No. 1, 10; No. 2, 8c. Sheep pelts, 30 to 65c. Tallow 3½c per lb.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

In this branch the movement has been lighter than during the previous week, probably due to some extent to the holiday coming at the commencement of the week. Prices 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, 40 to 50 per cent. off list prices; ingot tin, 20 to 30c per lb., according to quality, bar iron, \$2.50 to \$3 per 100