

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

The money market continues to drag along, with about the same features as have been apparent for weeks. Last week being the winding up of the month's business, matters were, if anything, a little slower than usual. Commercial discount business was quiet, and rates unchanged at the old figures of 7 to 8 per cent. The call for loans on real estate security is now very light, and scarcely any business is looked for now until after harvest. A number of the loan companies and other financial institutions have lately sent representatives through the country with the object of examining the crop outlook, and summing up the situation. The reports furnished in this way have in almost every instance been more favorable than could have been expected, and it is not likely that the companies will attempt to curtail business on account of the less favorable crop outlook than could have been expected.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

With the harvest just commencing, wholesale trade continues quiet in most branches, though there are some exceptions, in the case of such lines as fruits, etc., in which trade has been active. The grocery and provision trade is steady, and lumber and building branches quiet, though some good orders for lumber have been filled recently. Altogether the outlook is very hopeful, in comparison with what it was a month ago. The improvement in the crop situation during the month of July, has made a decided change, and though a very active trade and a free circulation of money is not looked for, yet it is now expected that trade will move along in a fairly satisfactory way. The outlook is not as good as could be desired, but it is thought that with care in buying to prevent overstocking, the trade will be able to hold its own. A great many letters have been received by wholesale dealers, from country merchants, couched in far more hopeful language than could have been expected a few weeks ago. Still, there is every reason to exercise care with the object of avoiding overstocking, and if this is done, the trade will pull through all right.

## DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING.

Textile branches are generally quiet, though a few orders are still being taken for fall stocks. A few of the orders which were cancelled owing to the crop outlook, have been renewed, in whole or in part. There is a feeling of caution abroad, in regard to purchasing, but this is one of the most favorable features. It is said that many country dealers are yet carrying considerable portions of last winter's stock, as a result of overstocking last season, and this will cause the exercise of greater care in the future.

## FRUITS—GREEN.

Business has been brisk in this branch, and the market has been well stocked, especially with California fruits, which have been offered at prices lower than usual in this market. New apples are now of fairly good quality, and better than earlier receipts. Stocks of oranges are rather light, and only arriving in small lots. Prices are: Lemons, \$7 per box; Oranges—California Riverside, \$7.50; Apples, \$1.50 to \$4.75 per barrel; California plums, \$2.25 per box; California peaches, \$2.25; California pears, \$4

per box; California white grapes, \$3.50 per crate of 20 pounds; Blueberries, 10c per pound; Fananas—Port Limon, \$3 to \$3.25 a bunch, according to quality and size; tomatoes, per crate, \$2.25 or \$1.00 box; Melons, \$3.50 to \$5 per dozen, or \$35.00 to \$45.00 per 100; cucumbers, 60 to 75c per dozen; onions—Southern, \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; Bermuda, in 50 lb. crates, per crate, \$2.25.

## FRUITS—DRIED, NUTS, ETC.

Prices are steady as follows. Dried apples, 5½ to 6c per pound, evaporated apples, 8 to 8½c. Figs—choice in 10 lb. boxes, per lb., 15c; in lb. cartons, per doz., \$1.75; dates—Persian, in 50 lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; Fard, in 15 lb. boxes, per lb., 12c; California dried fruit—fancy apricots, in 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 19c; fancy peeled peaches, 25 lb. boxes, per lb., 22c; white apricots, do, 21c; Nuts, S. S. Taragona Almonds, 20c per lb.; Grenoble walnuts, 18c; filberts, Sicilian, extra large, 15c; pecans, polished Texas, 17c; peanuts, white Virginia, green, 15c; roasted, 17c; coconuts, \$9 per hundred.

## FURS.

There is very little now doing in raw furs, trade being about wound up, and many of the buyers being out of the market. The range of prices is as follows: 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 \$1.50; 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 50c. Prices all per skin.

## GROCERIES.

Sugars were reduced ½c for white in eastern markets last week. Business was more active in sugars at New York at ½c reduction from the highest point reached. The statistical situation remains strong. Canned goods are held very firm at the factories. The coffee situation is interesting, with the outlook generally strong, as available supplies are not far in advance of estimated consumption. A writer on the subject says: "The statistics given estimate a supply of all kinds of coffee for the crop year at 11,930,000 bags, and a consumption of 10,897,000 bags, leaving stock on hand July 1, 1890, on only 1,033,000 bags, comparing with 2,000,000 bags July 1, 1888, as the smallest stock that has been carried under the present consumption, and against a maximum of 4,203,000 bags May 1, 1885. With a monthly consumption of 900,000 bags average for Europe and the United States, a stock of merely one million bags is of course inadequate, and such a low level of supplies cannot surely be reached except by forcing a higher level of values." Prices here are as follows. Sugars, yellows, 9 to 9½c; granulated, 10½ to 10½c; lumps, 11½c. Coffees—Rios, from 22 to 25c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochar, 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; Indox d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunetto Solace, 12s, 48c; Beaver, 61c; Oldcrow, 47c; Woodcock, 52d; Silver Ash, 62; Standard Kentucky, 80d. Special brands of cigars are quoted: Reliance, \$50; Gen. Arthur, \$50; Mikado, \$40; Terrier, \$30 per 1000.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Prices hold firm and steady, and with business rather quiet. Quotations are:—Cut nails, 10d, and upwards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; I. C. tin plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates double, \$11 to \$11.50; Canada plates, \$3.75 to \$4.00; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, net pieces, 1 inch, 9½c; 1½ inch, 12c; 1½ inch, 15½c; 2 inch, 23½c; ingot tin, 29 to 30c per lb., bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.25 per 100 lbs.; shot, 8½ to 9½; per lb.; tarred felt \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.; barbed wire, 6½c nett.

## HIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

A lot of dry hides was received here last week, which were practically useless. Dry hides received in this market are often a very poor quality through careless handling, and are sometimes hardly worth the freight charges. It is a great shame that more care is not taken in drying hides, as a great loss results thereby. Quotations are Hides, Winnipeg inspected, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; No. 3, 2c per lb. Calf, 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; wool, low grades, 9 to 9½c; shropshire and Southdowns, 11 to 12c; washed, 15c.

## LUMBER.

Prices are unchanged and are as follows, on cars at the mills: 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 rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12 in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18, 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd do, \$20; 4th do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd do, \$25; 3rd do, \$19; 4th do, \$16. \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for length, 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding ½ in. x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3 \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2,