

## WINNIPEG MONEY MARKET.

There is no doubt some improvement discernible in the general situation regarding finances and financing, due perhaps to three principal reasons. This improvement is partially in fact and partially in sentiment. The long continuation of rather a close financial situation has perhaps brought about that natural relief felt from becoming used to or resigned to the inevitable. The season is now well advanced, and as spring generally brings with it the commencement of new undertakings, and a freer movement of the circulating medium, the immediate outlook is correspondingly brightened. It cannot be long now until there is a change, is the general exclamation. An actual improvement in payments during the last few weeks has also been noticeable, and lately some houses find payments better than for the corresponding time last year. Discount rates are unchanged 8 per cent. being the minimum. The same rate will apply to loans on real security.

## WINNIPEG WHOLESALE TRADE.

There has been nothing further of a startling nature to excite interest in trade circles. In the city, retail business seems to be on the mend, no doubt due to the near approach of spring, causing a movement to lay in necessary supplies. The immigration season now opening should also be a factor in increasing the daily volume of sales in retail lines. In the wholesale trade there is a steady but moderate movement of commodities in every day demand, but sorting trade in textile branches cannot yet be expected to become active. The railway blockade to the east has seriously affected trade in detaining shipments of goods on the way to the city. The blockade at provincial wheat markets, though worse, perhaps, than at any previous time this winter, did not draw as great attention as earlier; as it is generally considered that it cannot now last long.

## CANNED GOODS.

Prices were as follows: Tomatoes, \$3.25; peas, \$3.25 to \$3.45; beans, \$2.75 to \$3.00; corn, \$3.25 to \$3.40; peaches, (Canadian) \$7.00 to \$8.00; apples, \$3.25 to \$3.50; pears, \$3.25 to \$3.50; plums, \$4.50 to \$5.00; strawberries \$5.25; raspberries, \$4.75 to \$5.25; peaches (California) \$3.50; pears, \$8.00; Plums, \$7.50; apricots, \$3.00.

## DRY GOODS.

In all textile goods there is yet little demand for present requirements. Dry goods and clothing dealers are still busy sending out spring orders, and the slow receipt of goods has delayed this work in some instances.

## DRUGS.

Business keeps on fairly active, and with prices steady. Quotations were as follows: Howard's quinine, 75 to 90c; German quinine, 65 to 75c; morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.25; iodide of potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.75; bromide of potassium, 65 to 75c; American camphor, 40 to 45c; English camphor, 45 to 50c; glycerine, 30 to 40c; tartaric acid, 70 to 75c; 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; chlorate of potash, 25 to 30c; alum, \$4 to \$5.00; copperas, \$3 to \$3.25; sulphur flour, \$4.50 to \$5.00;

sulphur, roll, \$4.50 to \$5.25; American blue vitrol, 7½ to 8½c.

## FRUITS—GREEN, VEGETABLES, ETC.

There is yet nothing new in the market in sufficient quantities to bear quotations. Staple lines are quoted: Apples, fancy, \$6 to \$7 per barrel, common varieties, \$5 to \$6. Messina oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 a box; California Riversides, seedlings, \$6.50 to \$7; Fancy Riverside Navel, or seedless, \$8 to \$8.50; Choice Los Angeles, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Messina lemons \$3 to \$6.50. Cranberries, \$10.50 to \$12 a bbl.

## FRUITS—DRIED, AND NUTS.

Prices are unchanged: Dates, 10c per lb.; in 50-lb. boxes; Valencia raisins, \$2.50 to \$2.65 per box; Morand's Valencias, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malagas, London layers, \$3.50; Eleme figs, in different sized boxes, 15 to 18c per lb.; Walnuts, 18c per lb.; peanuts, raw, 15c; roasted, 17c; almonds, 20c; pecans, 17c; Filberts, 15c; Brazils, 17c per lb.

## FURS.

A London cable says: "The Hudson's Bay fur sales have resulted in reduced prices, ranging from 5 to 30 per cent., owing to the quantities offered being largely in excess of the previous March sales." Revised quotations will be given next week. A Montreal exchange says: "Dullness marks the fur trade. Indeed it has been the characteristic of the entire winter season, which has been one of the worst that has been experienced of late, owing partially to political uncertainties in Europe. The catch has been upon the whole small and prices have ruled low. Within the last few days trappers and country merchants have been offering fox, mink, otter and beaver, but dealers are not keen to purchase and only do so at low figures."

## FISH AND OYSTERS.

Prices are somewhat unsettled for fresh fish, as the season draws near a close. Prices are: White fish, 6 to 8c, Cod and Haddock, 8c; Oysters, select, \$2.10; Standards, \$1.90 gal.

## GROCERIES.

The feature in this branch was the cleaning out of stocks of sugar. Owing to the blockade to the east and the consequent slow arrival of shipments, the city was entirely cleared out of yellow sugars. Quotations therefore were nominal. Prices are as follows: Sugars Dark yellow, 7 to 7½c; bright yellow, 7½ to 7¾c; granulated, 9c; lumps, 9½ to 10c. Coffees—Rios, from 24 to 26c; Java, 25 to 30c; Old Government 33 to 34c; Mochas, 32 to 35c. Teas, Japan Newseason's 23 to 46c; Congous, 22 to 60c; Indian teas, 35 to 60c; young hyson, 26 to 50c. Syrups, corn, \$2.25 to \$2.60; sugar cane, \$2.50 to \$2.75; T. and B. tobacco, 56c per pound; P. of W., butts 47c; P. of W. caddies, 48c; Honeysuckle, 7s, 55c; Brier, 7s, 53c; Laurel Bright Navy, 3s, 56c; Index d. thick Solace, 6s, 48c; Brunette Solace, 12s, 48c.

## HARDWARE AND METALS.

Quiet and prices steady as follows: Cut nails, 10d and larger \$3.75; I. C. tin plates, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C. tin plates, double, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Canada plates, \$4.00 to \$4.25; sheet iron, \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to grade; iron pipe, 35 to 40 per cent off list prices; ingot tin, 40 to 42c per lb., according to quality; bar iron, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per 100 lbs.; shot, 6½ to 7;

per lb.; tarred felt, \$2.75 to \$2.95 per 100 lbs. barbed wire, 6½ to 7c.

## HIDES.

Hides have taken a drop of ½c owing to the very unsatisfactory state of eastern market. Prices now are as follows. Winnipeg inspection, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; bulls, 2½c; calf, fine, haired real veal, 6 to 11 pound skins, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 4c; sheep pelts, 25 to 50c. Frozen lots of hides are taken at 3c all around; tallow, rendered, 4c per lb; rough, 1½c per pound.

## LEATHER AND FINDINGS.

Prices are steady as follows: Spanish sole 28 to 31c; slaughter sole, 30 to 32c; French calf, first choice \$1.25 to \$1.50; Canadian calf, 90c to \$1.00; French kip, \$1 to \$1.10; B Z kip, 85 to 90c; Bourdon kip, 75c; slaughter kip, 55 to 65c; No 1, wax upper, 45 to 50c; grain upper, 55c; harness leather, 31 to 34c for plump stock. American oak sole, 45 to 60c; buffe, 17 to 22c a foot; cordovan, 23 to 25c; pobblo, 21 to 23c; colored linings, 12c.

## PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.

Quotations are as follows: Turpentine, 85c in five-gallon cans, or 80c in barrels; harness oil \$1.25; neatfoot oil, \$1.25; linseed oil, raw, 70c per gallon; boiled, 73c in barrels or 5c advance in five-gallon lots; seal oil, steam refined, \$1; castor, 12½c per lb.; lard, No. 1, \$1.25 per gal. olive, oil, pure, \$1.50; union salad, \$1.25; machine oils, black 25 to 40c; oleine, 40c; fine qualities, 50 to 75c. Coal oils, silver star, 25c; water white, 28c. American oils, Eocene, 34c; water white, 31c; sunlight, 27c. Calcined plaster, \$1.25 per barrel; Portland cement, \$5 to \$5.50; white lead, genuine, \$7.25; No. 1 \$6.75; No. 2 \$6.25; window glass, first break, \$2.25.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

Prices are: Canadian rye whiskey, five year old, \$2.40; seven year old, \$3; old rye, \$1.75; Jules Robin brandy, \$4.50; Bisquet Debouche & Co., 4.50; Martell, vintage 1885, \$6.50, vintage, 1880, \$7.50; Hennessy, \$6.50 to \$7.50 for vintage 1885 to 1880; DeKuyper gin, \$3.50; Port wine, \$2.50 and upwards; Sherry \$2.50 and upwards; Jamaica rum, \$1.00 to \$1.50; DeKuyper red gin, \$11.50 per case; DeKuyper green gin, \$6.50 per case; Tom Gin, \$9.00 to \$10.00; Martel and Hennessy's brandy, one star, \$14 per case of 12 bottles; v. o., \$19; v. s. o. p., \$22.

## THE MARKETS.

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## WHEAT.

The situation at wheat markets throughout the Province was perhaps the worst last week of any time this season. During the blockade a few weeks ago, farmers had about stopped delivering at many markets. With the resumption of through shipping by the C.P.R. and the arrival of a few cars, farmers again commenced to deliver wheat. For a while the railway was able to take most of the new deliveries, without reducing the quantity in store. Last week, however, cars were very scarce, and the result has been another complete block. A great many of the buyers were off the market, and there was no sale for wheat, as grain men would not purchase without storage room, as it is now