

FINANCE & COMMERCE.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9.—Many of the wholesale and jobbing houses, as well as the provincial merchant, have been busy during the past week taking, and they are to be congratulated who find their lines of goods well depleted, but in too many instances the stocks on hand are found to be large. This is particularly the case with clothing, manufactured fur and caps, the late setting in of winter rendering these goods slow. The past week, however, has been an average one, always promising that it is the first week of the new year and some branches of business have had an unusually busy week. The dry goods trade has been slow, and in anticipation of an early spring trade there has been quite a break in the market and goods are quoted at all sorts of prices with a general downward tendency. Prints are quoted a shade lower, and fringes from 1/2 to 1/4c reduced; denims also have dropped 1/2c; bleached cottons and checks are a little more in favor of the buyer; some brands, however, are quoted at old prices. The grocery houses have been rather quiet during the week and some of our large establishments have revised their price lists and marked down a shade principal lines such as foreign dried fruits and domestics, canned goods and sugars. The reductions are not such as to show a very material margin between quotations to-day and last week, but still such a reduction as those who buy largely will be glad to see. The business in drugs has hardly been so great the last seven days as before the holidays, but the business transacted by the leading houses is reported larger than at the same time of any previous year. This is accounted for by the fact that business has been done upon a smaller margin of profits and the territory covered has been larger. The only changes in quotations are gum opium and morphine advanced 20c and 15c, respectively, and oil of cloves down 10c. Boots and shoes have been slower as was expected, but not more so than is usual at this time of the year. There are no changes in quotations nor will there be till the end of the month, when preparations will be made by manufacturers to open up the spring trade. Shell hardware has been quiet during the week with no changes in quotations, excepting scales, which have declined 10c. There has been next to nothing done in lumber for the last seven days, the cold weather completely stopping building operations. The hard weather, however, has been favorable for logging, which has been carried on to some extent. A large supply of surplus logs on hand should be prosecuted at all. There are a few slight changes in quotations in favor of the buyer. Generally it may be said that the year has opened favorably, the amount of business transacted being greater than during the first week of any previous year. This is a hopeful indication of a prosperous business year. Collections, although not what they should be, have been larger than usual on the opening of the year, owing to two facts. One that more money has been outstanding on account of the increase of trade, and the other is that more energy has been exerted to collect book accounts. One house states that collections during the last sixty days have been larger than collections for any sixty days in the business history of the city. Following are tabulated quotations of the principal branches of wholesale commerce corrected up to date.

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ST. PAUL LUMBER TRADE LIST.

Table listing lumber prices for various types of wood and sizes.

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ST. PAUL, Jan. 9.—At the board of trade yesterday morning there was but little interest shown in No. 1 hard wheat. At the call it was 101 1/2c. Monday's market was 102 1/2c, but options were unchanged. No. 1 regular wheat 2c. Corn was unchanged. Opened at 30c bid for No. 2 mixed and closed at Monday's quotations; futures were quiet and unchanged; as a representative sale we quote 1000 bushels for May at 34c; one car was sold from sample at 30c; a car of rejected corn was also sold from sample at 45c. There were no changes in ground barley, a car was sold at \$20.50, which may be taken as representing the market. Feed and rye were quiet at Monday's figures. Live hogs and dressed were steady. Bran was at \$1.00 dressed. Baled hay was unchanged and quiet, but some lots changed hands on private terms; timothy was nominal at old figures. Mess pork was dull; eggs were neglected. Following are the quotations at the call.

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