THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Saturday, April 13. Wholesale trade in the city steady and without special feature. The demand for all staple lines is good. The feeling in trade circles is that there will be a moderately large business throughout the spring and summer and a big rush in the fall if the crops turn out airight. Money is scarce, but there seems to be more of it in the country than was thought as April payments have been very well met. Over 75 per cent. of the paper at banks was taken up. The weather continues fine and seeding operations are now under way in many parts of the west. Rain will be needed soon. Industrial operations are increasing in activity, especially building. Railway traffic, both freight and passenger, is large. There are large numbers of people coming in from the east and south to settle in the country. Bank clearings have fallen off as compared with a year ago but are still larger than two years ago.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Saturday, April 13. DRY GOODS.

Travellers on the road with sorting and fall samples are sending in good orders. It looks as if the sorting trade would be fully up to the average, which will be a pleasant surprise to the jobbing trade. Milliners all report that in their department spring business has been good, and this has improved the demand for ribbons, velts. kocke, ornanents, etc., at dryvets. kocke, ornanents, etc., at dry vets, laces, ornaments, etc., at dry goods houses. There have been no changes in values here this week.

GREEN FRUITS.

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There is a good demand for all kinds of green fruits and supplies are coming forward regularly. The season's rude in California oranges has been about the largest in the history of this market. The fruit was unusually fine this year and prices satisfactory. There has been a little disposition to cut prices here which has reduced profits and created some dissatisfaction among dealers but it is hop-1 that better columed will prevail soon among the cutting. This reck the cutting This reck has been cut by some dealers. Bananas are 25c lower. Lemons 50c lower. Tangarines are out of the market. Cranberries are out of the market. Cranberries are out of the market. Cranberries are tower. We quote: Applies, 36 per barrel; California navel cranges, 36.50 per case; lemons, per box, 34; grape fruit, 55 per box; bananas, per bunch, \$2.50 to \$2.75; strawberries, \$4.50 per case of the continuous per pound, 3% to 4c; cartoon dates, per package of 1-pound 9c; new dates, 6c; clèr in kegs or barrels, 35c per gallon; honey, 1-pound 13r, \$2.50 a dozen; maple sugar, 12c; maple syrup, 2-pound tins, per dozen, \$2.25; half gallon tins, \$6.50 per dozen, \$6.00; california celerry, per dozen, \$4.00; lettuce, per doz. 50c; radish, per dozen, 50c. There is a good demand for all kinds

GROCERIES.

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The market for grocories is fairly active and steady as regards prices for most lines. The most notable exception to this is an advance of 10c per 100 pounds on sugar which took effect on the 9th. This makes the price of granulated sugar here \$5.00 per hundred and yellow \$4.65. This advance is no doubt due to the strength in the raw sugar market both in America and abroad. Canned goods are mostly steady and quiet. The only exception is strawberries which have become very scarce and are quoted 25 to 35 cents per case higher. Split peas have advanced 10c. Valencia rainins are a little chasper here as will be noticed in our quotations elsewhere in this issue. Digby chicks, although nominally unchanged in this market are almost unprocurable and it looks as if they would have to be quoted out of the market before long. The new catch is not due for some months yet.

IMPLEMENTS.

Shipments of spring and summer machinery are now coming forward from the factories more freely, and dealers report the difficulty in securing stocks at an end. There have been no special features around whiteathe houses this week. Business is slackening off and there will be no more rush until the crops are above ground and giving promise of a good harvest.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

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Demand is active and steady and prices for most part unchanged. Linseed oil is now being quoted here at the for the prices for most part unchanged. It is for one of the prices we note, however, that outside prices have firmed up again this week and there is a disposition to regard the situation as favorable to holders. Turpentine is also do per gallon lower at the prices also do per gallon lower at the prices have firm here in sympathy with eastern markets but prices are not quotably changed.

LUMBER.

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The lumber market is fairly active and prices remain unchanged. A good deal of business is in sight for the early summer months, but deliveres are not yet being saked for any of these orders. The city fumber contract is being tendered on by local dealers just at present, which is the only special feature.

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WHEAT:—The market has been more active this week without, however, resulting in any marked change in values. The speculative markets have daily shown a wide range in the iluctuation of price changes and this arouses activity in trading. The increasing feature this week has been the publishing of the United States government's report for April giving the condition of the winter wheat crop in the States on the last April. It ine publishing of the United States one government's report for April giving the condition of the winter wheat crop in the States on the lat April. It came out on Wednesday afternoon and was about as expected, the condition being put at 91.7, compared to the St.1 on the last of April, 1900, 77.9 at the same time in 1899, and 82.9 the St.1 on the last en years. This average of the last ten years. This general average of condition of the last ten years. This general average of the last ten years. This general average of the last ten years. The properties of the last ten years and the considerable apprehension is noted as to the possible development of the next thirty days. Except for this the general conditions are said to be more favorable than for 20 years and the acreage under crop the largest on record. The acreage is around 30,000,000 acreage, and this with 91.7 percentage of condition indicates a yield of about 150,000,000 bushels raised last year. The outlook for the seeding of the spring wheat erop could hardly be better. Primary receipts in the States now begin to show some falling off, and the export shipments of wheat and flour from North America are very large, amounting this week to the very large, quantity of 4,60,000 bushels as seed and 2,87,000 bushels for the same week last year. The croy boutlook in Europe continues favorable els last week and 2,87,000 bushels for the same week last year. The crop outlook in Europe continues favorable generally 21though in the north of Germany and surrounding neighborhood there has been some damage by severe weather and some fields have been plowed up. Argentina is only exporting about haif as much as she did last year, but Australia, Russia, and the Danube country are exceeding last year considerably. The and the Danube country are exceeding last year considerably. The American visible supply decreased \$38,000, bushels, compared to an increase of 35,000 bushels for the previous week, and an increase of 2.28,000 bushels for the same week tast. The world's shipments were tree with the control of the world's shipments were the world of the world o 258,000 obstess for the same were year. The world's shipments were 5,174,000 bushels compared to 7,085,000 bushels for the previous week and 6,317,000 bushels for the same week last year. The world's visible supply according to Bradstreet's decreased 422,000 bushels for the previous week and an increase of 401,000 bushels for the previous week and an increase of 1,485,000 bushels for the same week last year. year. Th

The local market is still dull and in-active, there being no disposition to-wards active trading and it is scarcewards active trading and it is scarce-ity likely that any quickening in trade will take place until lake navigation is about to open, which may be expect-ed within three weeks. Present prices are as follows: 1 hard, 79c: 2 hard, 75c: 3 hard, 66c; tough 3 hard, 61c; tough 3 northern, 58c, all in store, Fort William, spot or en route. Dried 3 hard is the same price as straight

3 hard.

FLOUR-Prices hold steady as follows: Lake of the Woods, Niester Roses, 21,10; Red Patent, 21,95; Medora, 21,80; XXXX, 21,35 par suck of 98 pounds. Oglivle Milling Co., Hungarian, 42,10; Glenora Patent, 31,95. Alberta, 31,75 Manitoba, 31,09 and linerial XXXX, 31,25 per sack of 98

Dounds.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$15 per ton and shorts at \$17.00 per ton delivered.

GROUND FEED—Pure oat chop is worth \$27 per ton delivered, mixed barley and oats \$25 per ton and corn \$21.60 per ton.

barley and oats \$20 per ton same come. \$21.60 per ton. COUNTRY WHEAT—The market is almost a cominal condition as there is little or no wheat being delivered by

little or no wires the farmers.

OATS—Business has been quieter this week. There is still some demand for seed osts to supply which both Ontario and Northern Alberta oats are being used. The doubts which the severingting Ontario and Northern Alberta oats are being used. The doubts which have been cast upon the germinating qualities of the latter have had the effect of turning attention to Ontario oats. There is a steady demand for feed oats. Holders maintent a little more anxiety to sell their stocks as the warm weather is approaching when there is danger of the oats becoming the oats. The case of the oats oats, and to do the oats oats, and to do the oats oats, and to do the oats on track here.

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BARLEY—None offering.

CORN—Corn remains unchanged at 53 to 53% per bushel in carlots here for No. 3.

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FLAXSEED—None offering.

HAY—There is a good demand for hay and prices remain unchanged. We quote choice fresh baled hay \$\$ to \$9 per ton in cardiots on track here. Loose hay on the street is also worth \$\$ to

hay on the street is also worth \$3 to \$3 per ton. POULTRY—Turkeys are quoted at 11 to 15c per pound. Chtokens, 7½ to 10c: ducks, 9c: green, 9c. DRESSED MEATS—Dressed hogs are about done so far as the patking trade is concerned to be 15c. December 15c. De

con. 10 to 11e er pound: hogs. 6½ to fe ner pound.

BUTTER-Creamery-Some of the creameries expect to open for the summer in a short dime, when the nurries will become active again. Dealers here are selding from stock at about 22e per pound.

BUTTER-Dairy-The market has remained ateady this week and prices are unchanged. Choice butter is scarce. The general run of the butter now coming in is bringing about 12e per pound on a commission basis. Fancy stock would net the producer 2e to 3c per pound more than that. Second grades are only worth 10 to 11e commission basis.

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CHEESE-Manitoba cheese is being

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CHEESE—Manitoba cheese is being sold to the retail trade here at 10c per pound.

EGGS — Receipts are increasing steadily and the price has declined another cent this week. Dealers will not now pay more than I to per dozen for fresh eggs in cases, delivered here. VEGETABLES—Business is dull imported cabbage is offering at 4c per pound. Lettuce is 15c lower than a week ago. Radish is now in the market at 25c to 30c, and watercress is also offering at the same figure. We quote: Potatoes, 40 to 75c per bushel; carrots, 60c to 75c per bushel; beets, 45c per bushel; trainips 20 to 25c per bushel; paranips, 3c per pound; onlons, \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel; paranips, 3c per pound; onlons, \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel; paranips, 15c 15c per bushel; paranips, 15c 30c per dozen bunches. HIDES—The market is weak, largerly because the quality of offerings is so poor that buyers do not seem to care much whether they buy the hides at all or not. Chicago seems to be holding about the same as a week ago. We quote prices unchanged as follows: No.1 hides, 5c per pound;

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WOOL-None offering. Value about 8 to 81/2c per pound for unwashed

recte.

TAILOW—Dealers are paying for No. 1 tallow at 4c per pound. No. 2 to worth 3c per pound. SENECA ROOT—From present ap-

pearances it would seem that the market for root is in a very we've condition. Prominent dealers hoad various opinions as to what the market for new root will open at, their ideas as to the price ranging all the way from 20 to 27c per pound.

CATTLE—There is nothing new in regard to cattle. Fat animals are in demand for the butcher trade, but are only obtainable in limited numbers. Prices range from 3% to 4½c per pound, live weight, here, for fat cattle. Stockers are worth \$12 to 816 per head at country points for yearlings.

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SHEEP-Frozen meat is still supplying a large share of the demand for mutton so that there is very little movement in sheep. There is, however, a ready market for all offerings at 5c per pound, live weight here. Lambs are also in request at the same

milch COWS—The demand for cown is limited. Prices range from \$10 to \$40. HORSES — Medium weight horses for working purposes are in demand at from \$125 to \$200 esch, according to weight and quality. Drivers are selling at from \$100 to \$175.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

A Danish buttermaker has discovered a new preservative by means of which it is possible to preserve butter, meats and all kinds of perishable merchandise. Experiments show that butter can be preserved, melted an cooled off again without losing any of freshness and be placed as its freshness and that it can be placed among goods that are decomposing or contain rank odors without being affected. The preparation is not injurious from a santary point of view.

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Toronto Hardware Prices.

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