THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnings Sent 5

Business is beginning to feel the effects of the near approach of fall. is more active than was the case a few weeks ago and there is every promise of a decidedly good fall trade. Travellers who handle such season lines as dry goods and furnishings are again on the road after several weeks' vacation and while it is not expected that they will find any great demand for fall assortments yet it is certain that there will be some orders awaiting them and the number of these will steadily in crease. Staples are in active demand in every department of trade. Hardware and groceries particularly so. Values are steady in all lines. Great firmness of the cotton market and withdrawal of prices on some lines is a feature of the dry goods trade, while in groceries there has been a withdrawal of prices for canned tomatoes. Building is very active in both city and country and skilled mechanics are scarce, in fact labor is scarce in almost every department of industry. Railway traffic, both passenger and freight, is taxing the capacity of the roads to handle it. The grain movement has commenced and another week of fine weather should see this traffic becoming quite active. Money is plentiful for all legitimate purposes and we do not hear so much as a word on the subject of collections, which is an indication that payments are being well enough taken care of. The banks are well prepared for harvest demands and anticipate no trouble in meeting all requirements. Interest rates are steady at 6 to 7 per cent, for ordinary mercantile paper.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, September 5. (All quotations, unless otherwise specific are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject the usual reductions on large quantities, are to cash discounts.)

BINDER TWINE

There is plenty of twine in sight for all requirements of the market. We quote International prices as follows quote international prices as follows: Jute, per pound, 8½c, American (a fax twine) 10½c, sisal 10½c, standard, 10½c, manila, 550 foot, 11½c, manila, 600 foot, 12c; manila pure, 13c, all f.o-b. Chicago.

BUILDING MATERIAL

Demand is good and the market steady as follows: We quote: Brick, \$9.50 to \$10 per thousand; rubblel stone, \$4.50 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord f.o.b, at point of shipment; lime, 22c per bushel f.o.b, point of shipment.

CURED MEATS.

DRY GOODS.

Travellers are now on the road again Travellers are now on the road again. They have fall and winter samples for sorting, and while it is not expected that there will be much business at the moment, a good fall trade is looked for. The feature of the week has been the advance jn cottons. As noted in our telegraphic advices of last Saturday, awnings, tickings, appn glighlars. urday, awnings, tickings, plain and Oxford sheetings, apron ginghams, plain Saxonies, domets and shakers have all advanced \(\frac{1}{2}\) to \(\frac{1}{2}\)cr per yard. have all advanced \(\frac{1}{2}\) to \(\frac{1}{2}\)cr per yard. gray and white cottons have been withdrawn allogether, and will not be fixed before the middle of next week. Jobbers who are anxious to buy for spring are waiting more or less impatiently for these quotations. Mil men claim that they must know what the cotton that they must know what the cotton is going to cost them before they fix prices, and this fact cannot in the present state of the cotton market be determined. The new crop will be ready shortly. Woollens are also very determined. The new crop will be ready shortly. Woollens are also very firm at present, and makers have more business than they can attend to.

GREEN FRUITS.

Demand is good and a large trade is moving in seasonable lines of fruit. Some Ontario and British Columbia plums arrived this week, but were in bad condition. Barrel apples are 50c lower. Pears and tomates are also lower. Occurrent 45 Story. bad condition. Barrel apples are 5tc lower. Pears and tomatoes are also lower. We quote: Oranges, 84.50 to former. We quote: Oranges, 84.50 to green apples, per basket, 60c. Ontario, 81; Ontario plums, 10 basket, 60c. Ontario, 81; Ontario plums, 10 basket, 81; pears, 60c. tomatoes, 60c. California peaches, 81.50, Idaho and Washington, 81.55; California tokay grapes, 10 basket, 10 ba

GROCERIES.

There is a very active business doing in groceries and local houses are all busy. Ontario canners have withdrawn their prices for canned tomatoes owing to short crop. There have been no changes in prices here this week. Our list will be found on another page.

HARDWARE.

The market is active and prices here leady, Mrs. Potts' sad irons are high-r in the east and a change is looked or here. Prices are given on another

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Demand for these lines is large, and Demand for these lines is large, at the market is an active one. Linse oil has declined 4c per gallon, and now quoted at 57c for raw and 6 for boiled. Turpentine has advanc 4c per gallon to 85c per gallon f barrel lots and 90c for less than be b. Other prices are steady, as given

GRAIN AND PRODUCE. WHEAT.—During the past week the speculative wheat markets have exhibited considerable nervousness, but seem more settled towards the close. Threshing in the northern and north-Threshing in the northern and northwestern spring wheat country has bee delayed for over a week by wet as stormy weather, and the expected from the movement of new wheat has not ybegun. Farmers in the winter when newment of new ymest and foll yet country continue to market their wheat only on a moderate scale. The smallness of primary receipts and the good cash demand from miliers, whose cleaned up, keep the speculative market on the alert, and those who have sold short for future delivery in expectation of increased on the renewed appearance of bad weather and consequent delay to movement, and their efforts to cover sales cause quick attended to the control of kets have seen some sharp advances and declines in the week, there is very little change in quotations from a week ago, except. In ship of the property of the y during the week, owing to the lat-st estimates of the French crop showest estimates of the French crop show-ing great improvement in expectations. Owing to winter killing in north of France a large acreage of fall wheat was plowed up and sown to spring is plowed up and sown to spring at. As a rule, spring wheat does do well in France, but it seems year is the exception for it, and turning out a bumper crop. This diminish the prospective import this year is the exception for it, and it is turning out a bumper crop. This is the first property of the second of wheat into France, and it is reported that Argentine carges, bought for France, are offered for resule to other it is believed that Europe will require to import quite as much wheat during the current crop year as last year, and that she will have to comb of Argent for about the unual supply. There

fore as American stocks are small, this re, as American stocks are small, this ar's crop not extremely large, mil-s' requirements extensive and im-diate, if farmers will hold back eir wheat from market, the prices Il be advanced. Harvesting in Mantheir wheat from and Canadian Northwest itoba and Canadian Northwest is be-coming portared. Where the crop was ready early, rains have delayed west heavy rains have delayed repa-ing, so that cutting in many districts has little more than begin in the theory of the companion of the theory of the companion of the con-ting of the control of the con-trol of the con nensions of frost damage to the uncut grain in the west. There is now a great need of a spell of dry, quiet weather in order that the work of har-vesting may be completed and to al-low threshing to go ahead. There is only be completed and to allow threship to go shead. There is other countries. The prospect for the new crop in the Argentize continues favorable, and the prospect is good in Australia. Plowing for and sowing of the new winter wheat crop in the plant. Plowing for and sowing of the new winter wheat crop in the plant. Plowing for and sowing of the new winter wheat crop in the plant in the property of the property of the property of the previous week and an increase of 277,00° bus, last year. The world's shipments were \$871,000 bus, against \$5.000,000 bus, compared to an increase of \$96,000 bus, compared to an increase of \$56,000 bus, compar street's, increased 9005,000 bus, compared to an increase of 503,000 bus, the previous week and an increase of 2,908,000 bus, last year.

Manitoba wheat has been dull and

Manitoba wheat has been dull and quiet, the delay in the movement of new wheat, with the uncertainty as to probable quality, all combining to h der trading. Prices have advanced over a week ago, and at close of bu ness yesterday we quote 1 hard delivery first haif September; 8 delivery first haif September; 85½ delivery all September; 85½ delivery all September; 85c, delivery first half October, and 84½c, delivery all October, in store Fort William and Port Arthur. 1 Nor., 1½c under 1 hard, and 2 Nor. 3½c under 1 Nor.

FLOUR—The market has advanced 5c per sack since our last issue and is firm at the new level. We quote: Hungarian Patent, \$2.20 per sack of 98 lbs., delivered to the trade; G.enora

ios., delivered to the trade: Genora patent, \$2.05; strong bakers, \$1.0 and XXXX \$1.40. The prices are subject to usual trade discounts.

MILLFEED—The regular price for ran is now \$16 per ton and for shorts \$18 per ton in bulk, delivered to the trade.

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GROUND FEED—We quote; Outchop, \$22 per ton, delivered to the trade; barley chop, \$10; mixed barley and oats, \$21; oil cake, \$2; per

OATS-The market is quiet.

OATS—The market is quiet. New oats are not coming forward but theve are some equities for prices. Selieve are some equities for prices. Selieve are some enquiries for prices. Selieve are not meeting them and the market is practically unchanged, Local buyers white, on track here, and 31c for 2 white. Feed grade, 29 to 39c. At Fort William No. 1 white oats is worth william No. 1 white oats is worth 31be per bushel, No. 2 white, 50-5c. The properties of the pro

and granulated oatmeal is worth \$2.40 per sack of 18 pounds. The pounds of the pounds 1%c per lb.; green onions, 10c per lons, 1%c per lb.; green onlons, 10c per dozen bunches; tomatoes in baskets, 50c; native tomatoes, 5c per lb.; rhubarb, %c per lb.; beets; 15c; vegetable marrow, 50c per dozen; cauliflower, 75c to \$1 per dozen; sweet corn, 12½c;

orn, 8c. ER—Creamery—The is firm at 17½c per pound for choice tubs and boxes delivered here. Prints 18½ to 19c.

BUTTER-Dairy-There is not very BUTTER—Dairy—There is not very much dairy butter offering and the market is quiet. Quite a lot of country stock is stored here waiting for better prices. This is, of course, a usual thing at this time of the year but the quantity in storage now is larger than usual. Round lots of tub butter are worth 11 to 12c net, Winnipeg, with an occasional 12c for extra choice. Prints

CHEESE-The market is unsteady Dealers are paying not more than 10½c delivered here for choice Manitoba makes and they claim that this is all and more than the situation war-

Receipts have been quite lib eral and market is weaker. The cand-ling exposes an unusually large per-centage of bad eggs. Fifteen cents per dozen delivered Winnipeg is an out-

nogs, sc.
HIDES—The prices being paid to-day for hides are above what conserva-tive dealers would consider safe figures They are the result of keen competi-tion. No. 1 country butchers' are bringing 6\(\frac{4}{3}\)c per pound at nearby points and about the same figure is being paid for best city butchers. Sheep petts 20 to 25c each and lambskins 15c. WOOL—Dealers offer 7\(\frac{1}{3}\)c for fur-WOOL—Dealers offer 74c for fur-ther lots of unwashed fleece laid down

TALLOW—No. 1 tallow is worth 4c per pound, delivered at Winnipeg and No. 2, 3c per pound. The market is

SENECA—Strong efforts are being made to bring out whatever root there is left in the hands of country dealers, and as high as 65c is being offered to-day for best root delivered at Winnipeg. Some prominent dealers say that 61c is the best they would pay for root. It is known that some fair sized lots are still held in the west.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE-The export movmeent cattles—The export moviment is still light owing to reluctance of ranch-ers to ship at present prices. Ranch cattle are worth 3¼ at point of ship-ment. Butchers' cattle 2¾c to 3¼c off

sent. Butterers cattle ears here.

SHEEP-Mutton sheep are worth 4.

ye per pound off cars here. Lambc per pound.

HOGS-We quote 6c per pound for
helce packing weights of from 150 to
50 pounds, off cars here. Light
weights and heavy fats Ic less. Stagtio de per pound. to 4c per pound.

MILCH COWS—There is very little

MILEDICOWS-Anere is very fitti doing in mikers at present. Price-range from \$55 to \$50 each. HORSES-There has been a good demand for horses for fall work an-the market is firm. Dealers are ask-ing from \$300 to \$400 for teams, a-cording to age, weight and quality.

The Scientific American calculates that it required 2,000,000 pounds of paper to manufacture the 1,000,000 copies of nine recently published and which were sold by the publishers. The average spruce treyleids a little less than half at the second of the publishers and the second of be made good.

It has been brought to the notice of the fruit division, Ottawa, that some confusion exists in the minds of pur-chasers of Ontario fruit in the west continuous extent in the minus of the with regard to the meaning of the grade marks used by Ontario shippers. These consist of either the seles No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, or the seles No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3, or the seles with the latter series that confusion has arisen. It is desirable that purchasers of fruit in Manitoka and the chast was meane exactly the same as No. 1, ax as No. 2, and that X denotes the lowest or No. 3 grade of fruit Buyers desirous of obtaining the best Buyers desirous of obtaining the best which is required by law to be 90 per cent. free from seab, worm holes. cent. free from scab, w bruises and other defects, worm