

THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.

Business is beginning to feel the effects of the near approach of the autumn season. It is more active than was the case a few weeks ago and there is every promise of a decidedly good fall trade. Travelers who handle such season lines as dry goods and furnishings are again on the road after good crops of cotton 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 readily increase. Staples 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 non-cotton lines is a feature of the dry goods trade. 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 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 the trading 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

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(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are for cash and delivery, and are subject to usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash discounts.)

BINDER TWINE

There is plenty of time in sight for all requirements of the market. We quote: International prices as follows: Date, per pound, 8½¢; American (a fax twine) 10½¢; standard, 10½¢; Manila, 500 foot, 11½¢; Manila, 600 foot, 12¢; Manila pure, 13¢, all f.o.b. Chicago.

BUILDING MATERIAL

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

CURED MEATS.

Factories are busy and prices rule steady. We quote: Hams, sugar cured, 14½ to 15¢; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15¢; breakfast bacon, 14½ to 15¢; shoulders, 9½ to 9½¢; spiced pork, 11½¢; cooked hams, 24¢; dried salt long, 11½¢; mutton, 11½¢; corned beef, 12¢; salt shoulders, 9½¢; boneless hams, 12¢; pure lard, in 20-lb. pails, \$2.15; 50-lb. pails, \$5.20; 100-lb. pails, \$9.00; 5-lb. tins, \$1.55; 10-lb. tins, \$3.45; compound lard in 20-lb. pails, \$1.55; barrel pork hams, 14½ to 15¢; sausage, 8¢; Bologna, 7½¢; pickled pigs feet, in kits, \$1.20; sausage casings 30 to 35¢.

DRY GOODS.

Travelers are now on the road again. They have fall and winter samples for showing 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 work now being the advance in cottons. As noted in our telegraphic advices of last Saturday, arrivals of the work from Oxford sheetings, apron gingham, plain Saxones, domets and shakers are all advanced. The advance in cottons in addition to this change prices on grey and white cottons have been withdrawn altogether. It is not expected before the middle of next week. Jobbers who are anxious to buy for spring and summer wearing goods are now in for these quotations. Mill men claim

that they must know what the cotton is going to cost them before they fix prices, and this cannot be known in the present state of the cotton market be determined. The new crop will be ready shortly. Woolen apparel is 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 the season lines. Fruit. Some Ontario and British Columbia plums arrived this week, but were in bad condition. Raspberries are also lower. Pears and tomatoes are also lower. We quote: Oranges, \$4.50 to \$5; lemons, \$4.50 to \$5; California green apples, per basket, 50¢; American apples, per basket, 60¢; Ontario apples, per basket, 60¢; pears, 90¢; tomatoes, 90¢; California pears, \$3.50; Washington pears, \$2.75 to \$3; California plums, \$1.75 to \$2; California peaches, \$1.50; Idaho and Washington, \$1.25; California, 10-day grapes, \$1; cantaloupes, per case, \$2.75; bananas, \$2.25 to \$3 per bushel; watermelons, per doz, \$5.50; coconuts, 90¢ per doz, 12 to 14¢; figs, fancy sugar, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per box; maple sugar, 10¢ per pound; 1-lb. tins, 10¢; 5-lb. tins, \$2.00 per dozen; half gallons, \$5.50; quarter gallons, \$3.50; honey, 10¢ per pound; 1-lb. tins, 10¢; 5-lb. tins, \$2.00; 10-lb. tins, 11¢ per lb.; Ontario apple cider, 30¢ gallon; fruit, 12¢ per gallon; 10-lb. tins, 10¢; almonds, 12¢; walnuts, 14¢; filberts, 12¢; peanuts, 12 to 14¢; Brazil nuts, 13¢.

GROCERIES.

There is a very active business doing in the market. The market is at all busy. Ontario farmers have withdrawn their prices for canned tomatoes being too much advanced. There are no changes in prices here this week. Our list will be found on another page.

HARDWARE.

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PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Demand for these lines is large, and the market is an active one. Lined oil has declined 4¢ per gallon, and is now quoted at 85¢ per gallon for boiled. Turpentine has advanced 4¢ per gallon to 85¢ per gallon for boiled. The market is at all busy. Ontario farmers have withdrawn their prices for canned tomatoes being too much advanced. There are no changes in prices here this week. Our list will be found on another page.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

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BUTTER.—Dairy.—There is not very much dairy butter offering and the market is not very active. The stock is stored here waiting for better prices. This is, of course, a usual thing in the dairy business. The quantity in storage now is larger than usual. Round lots of tub butter are very early, ranging from 10¢ to 11¢, occasional 13¢ for extra choice. Prints 17¢.

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EGGS.—Receipts have been quite liberal and market is weaker. The Canadian market is not very active. The stock is stored here waiting for better prices. This is, of course, a usual thing in the dairy business. The quantity in storage now is larger than usual. Round lots of tub butter are very early, ranging from 10¢ to 11¢, occasional 13¢ for extra choice. Prints 17¢.

POULTRY.—We quote: Spring chickens, per pair, 40 to 60¢; fowl, 75 to 80¢; ducks, 60 to 80¢; geese, 10¢ per lb.; live weight; turkeys, 11¢ per lb.; live weight.

DRESSED MEATS.—We quote: Beef, city dressed, 7¢ per pound; country, 6¢; mutton, 9¢; lamb, 12½¢.

HIDES.—The prices being paid today for hides are above what conservative dealers would consider reasonable. They are the result of keen competition. No. 1 country butchers are getting 10¢ to 11¢ for medium hides, and about the same figure. Sheep hides are being paid for best city butchers. Sheep hides are being paid for best city butchers. Sheep hides are being paid for best city butchers.

WOOL.—Dealers offer 7½¢ for further lots of unwashed fleece laid down here.

TALLOW.—No. 1 tallow is worth 4¢ per pound, delivered at Winnipeg and 3½¢ for the market. The market is weak.

SENECA.—Strong offers are being made to bring out whatever root there is left in the hands of country dealers and as high as 5½¢ is being offered to carry for first week delivery at Winnipeg. Some prominent dealers say that 5½¢ is the best they would pay for root. It is hard to say, but the market is still held in the west.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The export movement is still light owing to reluctance of ranchers to ship at present prices. Ranchers are not very active. The stock is stored here waiting for better prices. This is, of course, a usual thing in the dairy business. The quantity in storage now is larger than usual. Round lots of tub butter are very early, ranging from 10¢ to 11¢, occasional 13¢ for extra choice. Prints 17¢.

MUTTON.—Mutton sheep are worth 4½¢ per pound off cars here. Lambs 4¢ per pound.

HOGS.—Hogs are worth 6¢ per pound for choice packing weights of from 150 to 250 pounds, off cars here. Light hogs, 5½¢ per pound.

MILK COWS.—There is very little milk in the market. Prices range from \$35 to \$50 each.

HOBBIES.—There has been good demand for horses for fall work. The market is firm. Dealers are asking from \$300 to \$400 for teams, according to age, and quality.

The Scientific American calculates that it required 2,000,000 pounds of paper to manufacture the copies of the recently published and very successful historical novel "The Red Rover" by the author, John B. Ford. The average spruce tree yields a little less than half a cord of lumber, and a cord of lumber yields 100 pounds of paper. In other words, these nine novels sweep away 4,000 cords of lumber, and a cord of lumber yields 100 pounds of paper. In other words, these nine novels sweep away 4,000 cords of lumber, and a cord of lumber yields 100 pounds of paper. In other words, these nine novels sweep away 4,000 cords of lumber, and a cord of lumber yields 100 pounds of paper.

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FLAXSEED.—Market nominal.

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