THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, Aug. 23. Business throughout the west is steady and without special feature.
All interest is centred in the progress of the grain crops towards maturity. This process is now about complete, and harvesting has commenced in many districts. Next week will see a large amount of cutting done if the weather keeps fine. A heavy rain on Sunday night last and a showery Monday retarded the crops a little, but since then the weather has been fine. In wholesale circles fall trade is absorbing most of the attention and promises to be large. Values are remarkably steady. Building operations. railway construction and public improvements are all engaging much attention, and labor is well employed in these lines. The export movement of cattle from the western ranges is increasing, and is a favorable feature of the business situation. Prices are good at shipping points as compared with other years. Bank clearings at Winnipeg are still showing increase as compared with other years, and interest rates hold at 51/2 to 7 per cent.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Aug. 23 (All quotations, unless otherwise speci-fied, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities, and to cash dis-

BUILDING MATERIAL

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The season is now at its height, and large quantities of material are being delivery here, and at all points for delivery here. Stopped to the st

BOOTS AND SHOES.

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The market for the various lines embraced under this head is steady, and prices hold firm. Orders have been placed very freely for full and winter trade. Advices from the full first that they are very busy, and have a greatly increased have a greatly increased western business in hand. Styles do not show much change. show much change

CURED MEATS.

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The market for cured neats is active as is usual at this time of the year and as supplies of house pulse in the property of the

FISH.

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There is a good demand for fish, and prices remain unchanged, as follows: Whitefish, 5c per lb.; pickerel, 4c per lb.; pickerel, 4c per lb.; picke, 2½c; trout, 10c; salmon, 12½c; shalbut, 11c; fresh cod, 7c per lb.; fresh haddock, 7c; mackerel, 13c; therrings, 15c per dox; Labrador herrings, 15c per dox; Labrador herrings, 15c per kit; shelmad herring, in kits, 81.00; Digby chicks, 15c per lb.; boneless fish, 5½c lb.

FARM MACHINERY.

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Shipments of harvesting machinery are now about all out. The trade has been larger than ever been larger than ever been larger than ever deed for. The difficulty in securing machinery has curtailed the business somewhat with some agencies. Threshop the somewhat with some agencies. Threshop the somewhat with some agencies. The somewhat with some agencies. The somewhat with some agencies. The somewhat will be somewhat with some agencies. The somewhat was now that and dry weather there should be plow trade. Values in all these lines, are of course, not changing at present

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GREEN FRUITS.

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Green fruits of all kinds are in strong demand. The market is steady for most lines. Washington box application of the strong demand. The market at \$2.00 per box on the strong stron

GROCERIES.

It now seems to be accepted beyond doubt that the pack of tomatoes will doubt that the pack of tomatoes will doubt that the pack of tomatoes will doubt that the pack of the p are predicting that tomatoes will read \$1.25 to \$1.50 per description arrow as 25 per cent. Some packers arrow as 25 per cent. Some packers are the packers are the packers are the packers are the packers are affecting corn, but not to the packers are the packers are affected by the packers are affected by the packers are packers are packers are packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are proposed to be about up to the packers are packers are proposed to be about the packers are proposed to be about the packers are packe

HARDWARE.

Demand for all seasonable lines of hardware is good. Nails, building pa-per and structural material is in par-ticularly good request, and wholesale houses have about all the business in nouses have about all the business in these lines they can handle. Factories are all running about up to their capa-city and have no surplus stocks to speak of. Advices from iron and steel centres note a slackening in the de-mand for these materials which may have some effect upon the markets later on. Wholesale prices for hard-ware staples at Winnipeg will be found on another page

RAW FURS.

We quote prices as follows: Badger, prime 25c to \$1; bear, black, small, \$5 to \$15; bear black, large, \$15 to \$25; brown, large, \$15 to \$22; beaver, small, \$1.50 to \$3; black, large, \$15 to \$25; brown, large, \$15 to \$25; beaver, middling, \$3 to \$5; beaver, middling, \$3 to \$5; beaver, middling, \$3 to \$5; beaver, middling, \$5 to \$5; beaver, \$4 to \$81; beaver, \$4 to \$1.5 to \$

SCRAP

We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malleable, \$13 to \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$45 to \$6 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 per ton; heavy copper, \$7 per pound; red brass, heavy, \$7 per pound; red brass, \$6 to \$6 per pound; lead pipe or ten lead, \$2 to \$2 byc.

per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and arctics, 4½c per pound; zinc scrap, le per pound; bones clean, dry and bleached, 25c per dozen; pints, 15c per dozen

GRAIN AND MILLING.

WHEAT—The wheat markets during the past week have been characterized by duliness in cash wheat, but at the same time a nervous, mostly active, and uncertain ousiness in the September options in the American speculative markets. Old wheat in speculative markets. Old wheat in position for immediate delivery is comparatively scarce and up till this week prices for it have kept up well. There is, however, a large crop of spring wheat in the American and Canadian. is, however, a large crop of spring wheat in the American and Canadian Northwest, a great deal of which is already saved in the southern districts, and a surface of the same weakness in the speculative kets for future delivery the wheat situ kets for future delivery the wheat attu-ation seems comparatively strong. The world's visible supply of wheat and flour on 1st August as compiled conjointly by three of the leading grain trade papers in Europe and America which, make a specialty of this com-pilation every, month shows a stock of 14,177,3000 bushels compared with 128x-201,000 bushels on August 1st, 1901. The aggregate supplies in all positions The aggregate supplies in all positions therefore, in America, Europe and Argentina on August 1st, 1902, were supplied to the supplied of the provided and the supplied one year previous the supplied of the probable world's supplies and requirements of wheat for the year ending of the probable world's supplies and requirements of wheat for the year ending of the probable world's good and he brings out a surply over demand leaving only that a surpus or only 8,000,000 bushels of supply over demand leaving only that quantity as stock in hand at that date. Weather in Europe and America this week has been fairly favorable for harvesting, rather too much rain early harvesting, rather too much rain early in the week, but improved greatly to-ward the close. Yesterday further and more emphatic reports came of too dry weather for the young wheat crop in Argentina. In the United States wheat has been and the control of the con bushels last year. The world visible supply according to Brad-streets, increased 250,000 bushels against a decrease of 1,343,000 bushels the previous week and a decrease of 62,000 bushels last year.

This week the market for Manitoba wheat has become completely stagnant. In the forepart of the week there was a little demand for wheat at here was a little demand for wheat at other william, available to load on vestor.

Fort William, available to load on vessels at once, but towards the end of the control of the co

tember delivery in store Fort William is supposed to be around 68c. PLOUR—Prade is duted and without special feature. Most of mountry special feature. Most of mills are repairing in preparation for the new crop. Prices hold at \$2.07 for the new crop. All the prices have the new crop.

strong bakers, delivered to the trade.

MILLFEED—Demand is good and
the market holds steady. Shorts are
quoted at \$19 per ton, in bulk, and
bran at \$15 per ton, subject to usual

trade terms.

GROUND PEED—The market is lower owing to near approach of new crop. Oat chop has decline 32 per ton, making the price of the state of

per ton, and oil cake unchanged at \$30 per ton.

OATS—Now that new sciences are close at hand, the country seems to be close at hand, the country seems to be close at hand, the country seems to be a sharp declinition of the country seems to be a sharp declinition of the country seems to sharp declinition of the country seems to sharp declinition of the country seems to sharp declinition of the country seems and the failure of the country seems to sharp seems to sharp

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per pair, auxe, and geese, 80 per pound; turkeys, 11c, 11ve weight.

BUTTIER—Creamery — Receipts are moderately large and demand good. Prices hold steady at 16½ to 17c per pound for choice quality f.o.b., factory

BUTTER—Dairy—Receipts of dairy butter have been lighter this week, and the market holds firm. Commission houses are quoting for choice in tube or boxes, life per pound, less conditions of the control o

EGGS—Eggs are coming in very slowly, and the supply is not equal to the demand, consequently the market is higher. The advance amounts to 1½ to 2½c per dozen, making the price now 14 to 15c for fresh case eggs delivered here, subject to candi-ing.

DRESSED MEATS—The market for DRESSED MEATS—The market for beef is again lower at ½ cunder last week's figures. Other kinds of meat are unchanged. Quotations are: Beef, 6½ to 7c; veal, 8 to 9c; mutton, 8c; lamb, 12½-c; hogs, 8½ to 8 firmer but not be the second of the second of the control of the second of the second of the city hides, 8½; No. 2; 8½; and No. 2's, 4%; C. Kips and calf the same price