THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday Ang 16

Favorable weather conditions and the near approach of what promises to be the largest and host harvest Manitoba has ever had is creating a busi ness situation which can only be described as about perfect. For the time being trade is light, and a good many business people are taking a summe vacation preparatory to the rush which they expect to meet in the fall Demand for season lines is tanering off on the number draws to its store and there will not be much more sale for such lines, but the close of this tends is lost upon the jobbing houses in the rush of fall shipments which are now going out freely. Travellers are preparing to go out for sorting or tlers as soon as the harvest is well started Values in a wholesale way are mostly steady, the notable feature this week being a general advance in the price of lumber. This advance in amounts to \$1 per thousand feet on all kinds of lumber. Building operations are very active, and material of all kinds is scarce. In the world of labor there is great activity in the west, and all classes are well employed. The will bring large numbers of men into the country within the next few weeks The eastward movement of fat cattle from the western ranges is now in progress and will make a substantial increase in the railway traffic. Bank clearings at Winnipeg which are a fairly good index to the volume of business moving are about 25 per cent larger than at this time last Interest rates hold steady at from 51/2 to 7 per cent, for mercantill loans

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Aug. 16.

(All quotations, onless otherwise speci-fied, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealeds and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities, and to cash dis-

BUILDING MATERIAL

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Demand for stone, line and brick is very large and producers have difficulty filling orders promptly, especially for stone and lime. Grey lime has become so scarce that the price has advanced \$6, and if is now quotient of the second se

DRY GOODS

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Summer trade is now about over so far as the wholesale houses are concerned, and attention is centred upon cerned, and attention is centred upon forward as freely as possible. Traveliers will start out for sorting orders as soon as the success of the harvest is assured. Values are firm and steady

DRUGS

Demand for drugs and medicines is good, and the market steady for most lines. Cocaine is easier at primary centres. Beeswax has advanced centres. Beeswax has advanced sharply in all Canadian markets, and is now quoted at 46c per pound here, as against 46c, the old price. Latest advices from Montreal indicate that it is confidently predicte, that the price will go to 50c before the ad-vance is checked. A llat of prices for staple lines of drugs at Winnipeg is given on another page of this Issue.

FISH

FARM MACHINERY Just at present interest is largely de-Just at present interest is largely de-voted to the harvesting trade, a large volume of which is being done. The unprecedented crop which is to be cut within the next two or three weeks demands an unusual amount of ma-chinery and dealers have had about all chinery and dealers have had about all the business they could handle. Bin-ders and twine are moving freely. Wagons are also in good demand and Wagons are also in good demand and the thresher trade will be proportion-ately good. Mower and rake trade is over. A good demand is expected after harvest for plows.

GREEN FRUITS

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Warm weather is greatly stimulating the demand for fruit and all seasonable varieties are moving freely. California pears are now in the marriet at 85 per Contario apples are expected to arrive about the 28th and will sell at \$4 per barrel. American apples of the Duchess and Wealthy varieties which are now arriving show fine quality and sell. now arriving show fine quality and sell at \$8 per barrel for shipment. They are expected to rule lower when the searce and are almost timpossible to get. Prices are as follows: Ornanges, \$5 to \$8 per case; California lemons, \$6 per case; bananas, \$2.75 to \$8 per bunch; box apples, \$2.50; barrel apples, \$8; watermelons, per dozen; peaches, \$1.25 per box; plums, \$1.50 per box; plums, \$1.50 per box; prices, \$1.55 per box; promatoes, \$1.25 per dozen, peaches, \$1.25 per dozen, to single sacks, and \$4 pc in five sack lots; plums, \$1.50 per dozen, papel cider per gallon, \$5c; Imperial maple significance, \$2.50 per dozen, apple cider per gallon, \$5c; Imperial maple significant pallon tins, \$4.50; quarts, \$3.60. GROCKRIESS. at \$6 per barrel for shirment

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Demands is good and prices for most lines remain steady. Canned corn which has been selling in this market at \$1.70 to \$1.80 has been advanced to \$1.95 to \$2.00, as a result of the unfavorable reports of the growing crops in Ontario. Some of the canning comin Ontario. Some of the canning companies have withdrawn their prices on both tomatoes and corn for the time being, while none of the companies will make firm contracts with guarantee of delivery. New strawberries and cherries have arrived here and the quality is fine. Green Rio coffee is still irm notwithstanding the large delivery which are reported from primary points. The recent advances in price at eastern centres amounted to % to bgc. New apricots are now here and the quality is bright, although they are somewhat smaller in size. Prices range from 10½ to 12¢ for the differ-ent grades. Demand has been active at the reduced prices. In other dried fruits there is practically no change. Evaporated apples are about out and the attention of consumers has been turned to dried, a good quality of which is obtainable. Old Valencia raisins are scarce, which is probably not a very serious matter as at this season of the year of age. New ones will be in about the first week in September and Judging from present indications their prices will rule high Meanwhile the market is being supplied with raisins from California.

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

There are no changes to note here in prices for either of these lines. De-mand is good and the market without special feature. Prices will be found n another page.

LUMBER.

The active building movement in all The active building movement in an parts of the west has created a demand for lumber which mills have much difficulty in meeting. So great has been the pressure upon stocks that has been the press are upon stocks that prices have again advanced and are now \$1 per thousand higher for all kinds of white pine, red pine and British Columbia lumber. Lath has also advanced to the extent of 25c per thousand, making the wholesale price here now \$4.00.

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; beaver, middling, \$3 to \$5; beaver,

large, \$5 to \$7.50; fisher, \$4 to \$9; fox, silver, \$25 to \$150; fox, cross, \$5 to \$150; fox, cross, \$5 to \$15; fox, red, \$1 to \$15; fox, red, \$1 to \$15; fox, red, \$1 to \$15; marten, large, dark, \$8 to \$10; marten, large, light pale, \$5.50 to \$5; mink, \$1 to \$2; musquash, wrinter, \$5 to \$12; darked, \$25 to \$5; mink, \$1 to \$12; darked, \$25 to \$7; mayanash, spring, \$4 to \$0; ot red, \$10 \$12; darked, \$20 to \$5; mink, \$1 to \$12; darked, \$20 to \$7; mayanash, spring, \$20 to \$7; mayanash, \$20 to \$5.50; to \$150; to \$150; wolverine, \$20 to \$5.50; to above prices are those obtained in Winnipeg for prime skine only.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

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WHEAT—After a more or less gradual decline in prices since about the beginning of last month, a halt to beginning of last month, a halt to beginning of last month, a halt to the beginning of last month, a halt to Tuesday in the American speculative wheat markets. The halt became a reaction and the trade in these markets buring the last four days has long figures of Monday's markets make about the lowest points reached by prices in the recent past, and they run prices in the recent past, and they run highest points touched show an improvement of from 2c to 3c from the highest points touched show an improvement of from 2c to 3c from the adventure of the state of the older wheat raising parts would which had carried the prices for future delivery to a figure which in many of the older wheat raising parts would be stated to the state of the state o means little if anything over 50c to the producer. Then at the same time the United States government report for August was published and has been considered more favorable to the United States government report for August was published and has been for August was published and has been than to the bear side of wheat. There is also the factor that cash wheat is comparatively scarce and it seems proceed to the comparative of the comparative in a congested state as the price for September delivery has shot ahead about le per bushel over the other about 1 per bushel over the depth of new wheat offering so much lower strong for the present but the demand is limited in view of the large supply of new wheat offering so much lower to the comparative to the comparative that the course of time the two comparatives of the course of time the two the course of time the two that larger than at the same time last ment of wheat in the States is some-what larger than at the same time last year. A good deal of the earliest part of the crop from Kansas southwest-ward is of poor quality and condition, and farmers have been marketing free-ly of this wheat, and they are keep-ing their best wheat at home. As we come northward the quality is good and the yield heavier. Harvestime is come northward the quality is good and the yield heavier. Harvesting is now well advanced up to the southern part of North Dakota and will be gen-eral in the northern part and in Mani-toba by the end of next week, if prepart of North Dakota and will be generated to the continues. There has been unfavorable weather a continues. There has been unfavorable weather in western Europe during the past week. There has been unfavorable weather in western Europe during the past week. There has been unfavorable to extent over France and England. Harvest is in progress in these countries at present. News from Argentina to-day flavorable for crop. The United States government report for August was published on Tuesday. One extended the continues of the cof

last year.

Manitoha wheat continues firm, but Manitoba wheat continues firm, but there is even less business doing than there was last week. At the end of this week we quote 1 northern at 74c. spot or en route and 2 northern at 72c. For all August delivery there practically no buyers. So far as can learn no business has been do in September or October delivery,

some buyer's ideas for September de-livery in store, Fort William are \$5c per bushel. FLOUR—Trade is quiet and the mar-

FLOUR—Trade is quiet and the mar-ket steady. Prices remain unchanged as follows: Oglivie's Hungarian, per sack of 38 lbs. \$2.05; Glenora Patent, \$1.90; Alberta, \$1.75; Manttoba, \$1.60; XXXX, \$1.25, MILLFEED—Shorts are quoted at \$19 per ton for bulk lots. Bran, \$15 per ton in bulk, subject to usual trade

GROUND FEED — Oat chop is

arround PEED — Out chop is worth \$29 per ton; barley chop, \$24; mixed barley and outs, \$26; chop screenings, \$14; oil cake, \$30. OATS—The market weakens as the season for new outs barproaches. The roop promises well and prices will represent the season for new outs begin to offer freely. No. 2 white outs are offering to-day at 40-to 40-½c in store. Fort William. Feed grades are worth 37c to 38c per bushel on track here. Street outs about the same as feed.
BARLEY—The market is weak and

HARLEY—The market is weak and lower, the decline amounting to from 3c to 4c per bushel as compared with a week ago. The new crop promises for carlots on track here. PLAASEED—Nothing doing. NPELIZE—None offering. RPELIZE—None offering for carlots on track here. The second process of the

balled. In carlots, on track.

ROILLED OATS—Milling companies report their prices unchanged as foliows: 80 lb, aacks, \$2.09, 40 lb, sacks, \$2.00, 40 lb, sac

and geese, be per pound; turkeys, 11c, live weight.

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

points.
BUTTER - Dairy Dealers BUTTER — Dairy — Dealers are paying 13c per pound for choicest dairy in tubs or boxes, and from that figure the market ranges down to 10 per pound for low grades, all commis-

on basis. CHEESE—The market is steady and purchases are being made at 816c per

purchases are being made at 8 kg per pound, delivered here. EGG8—The market is firmer al-though unchanged in price. Dealers are paying 13 kg per dozen for fresh case eggs, delivered here. case eggs, delivered here. as eggs, delivered here. as eggs, delivered here. as eggs, delivered here. as eggs, delivered here. at kgc decline from he top of a week ago. Mutton is kgc lower. Hogs are steady and unchanged. We quote:— Beef, fet of Yege; vasi, 8 to 9c; mutton 8c; lamb, 12 kgc, hogs, 8 kgc to 9c.

8c; lamb, 12½c; hogs, 8½c to 9c.
HIDES—The market is steady at
last week's advance. We quote: No. 1:
city hides, 9½c; No. 2%, 5½c; and No.
2%, 4¾c. Kips and calf the same pricat hides; deakins, 25 to 49c; slunks10 to 16c; horse hides, 50c to \$1.00.
WOOL—The market for wool here ishown sominal at 4½c per pound foMOOL—The hides, 50c to \$1.00.

choice Manitoba citip delivered, winnipeg.

TALLOW—Local buyers are paying to 6c per pound for tailow delivered to 6c per pound for tailow delivered to 6c per pound for tailow delivered for the following the foll

CATTLE—Fat cattle from the western ranges are moving freely and about 2,500 head have gone east the week. Prices are easier owing to