THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Nov. 30. Another week of fine open weather has passed and business activity conof all kinds have been greatly facilitated by the mild weather; railways especially being able to operate their rolling stock up to the fullest capacity, which means that there has been no interruption to the movement of grain on account of weather. Delays at terminal points in connection with the grain service have, however, minimized the advantage of this to some extent and there is considerable congestion in country markets. Complaints of car shortage and lack of elevator room are numerous and collections are slower in consequence. off in cash receipts and the decline in Winnipeg bank clearings during the past week as compared with the previous week is proof of the correctness of these reports. Country merchanis say when writing about their payments, that if their creditors will send them cars, they will send back money Wholesale trade is brisk and stocks in every line are greatly depleted. Some classes of goods are no longer obtainable at all; excepting in a very small Snow and sleighing would improve the demand for other lines. Regarding the coming holiday trade it may be said that in all lines there is every expectation of a very satisfactory business. Bank clearings at Winnipeg for the week ending Wednesday noon amounted to \$4,522,617. as against \$5,290,930 the previous week which is apparently a sharp falling off, but it must be remembered that there was one day less to re port on this week as Thursday was a holiday. Banks report money a little cheap. The regular mercantile rateranges from 6 to 7 and even 8 per cent., but large accounts for grain trade, etc., are being taken at con-

Thanksgiving Day was very generally observed by the business community. WINNIPEG MARKETS

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(All quotations, unless otherwise spec fled, are wholesale for such quantitie as are usually taken by retail dealers, an are subject to the usual reductions o large quantities and to cash discounts.

BUILDING MATERIAL

We quote prices here as follows: Rubble stone, \$4.00 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per cuble yard; white sime, 20c per bushel; grey lime, 15 to Bic per bushel; Veneer belok, \$11 per thousand; kiln run, \$8 per thousand.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

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Jobbers are meeting with a good saxing demand and are very busy. Even felt goods are being taken largely by the country trade, notwithstanding the same state of the same configurations are favorable for wearing them. The leather markets continue firm and prospects are good for maintenance of perices. In fact some manufacturers for the process of rubber footwear are in good demand.

CURED MEATS.

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The demand for cured meats holds good and we note no change in prices which hold firm at the lower level established a week ago. Lard is steady and in good demand. Eastern advices say that the market for hog products may be a product of the control of the contro

DRY GOODS.

The trade in dry goods is largely of a sorting character. Seasonable lines are in good demand at steady prices. The sorting trade has been particular-

ly good so far this season make another spurt wh y good so far this season and will make another spurt when snow comes. What is true of the regular fry goods lines is also true of gent's (urnishings, clothing, etc. Wholesale fry goods houses will take stock next

DRUGS

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This week has been one of the busiest
ever experienced in the trade here,
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We give a list of staple lines and their
prices on another page. Advice-s from
other centres report a strong feeling
bark sales showed in declines, has
rather a tendency to advance. The
New York (i). Paint and Drug Reporter of Monday gave the following
list of changes there: Advancedshellar, Jamaica ginger. 15c; Bur
gundy pitch, 4c; nux vomen. 15c; Bur
gundy pitch, 4c; nux vomen. 15c; shellac, Jamaica ginger, ½c; Bur gundy pitch, ¼c; nux vomica, ½c; otto of rose, 5c;tragacanth, 5c. Declined-lpeace, 5c; Vanilla beans, Belgian val erlan, ¼c; ctric acid, 1c; lithia carb. 10c; oll lemon, 5c; mentho; 5c; nitrate of silver, 1c.

pike, 3c: trout, 10c: salmon, 9c: halibut, 12½e; smoked gold-eyes, 3c: to 45c per dozen, fresh cod, 7c perpound: salt cod, 0½e; Labrador berling, per barrel, \$4; salt mackerel, \$1.80 per kit; Holland berring, fix kit, \$1.00; boneless fish, 5½c per pound; oysters, \$2 to \$2.25 per gallon; firman haddie, 10c per pound;

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The mild weather sme extent. Coal and wood stocks are and wood stocks are affected and wood stocks are such that it is not and wood stocks are such that it is very scarce owing to inability of the rail transportation of Source and When the grain movement lets up a little this will be remedied. The same cause is will be remedied. The same cause is ward. We quote: Pennsylvania anthractic egg, stove and No. 1 nut. \$10.50 per ton delivered, retsd, No. 2 per ton; for egg and wove size, and \$8.00 for nut; Galt bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; United States bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; Stutied States bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; United States bituminous, \$7.50 per ton; States bituminous,

GREEN FRUITS

The market is steady and trade continues good. There have been no changes in prices this week, but a new list is under const teration among dealers and will be issued next week. It are all the state of the state o Services of the services of th on, 35c; finnan haddie, De ner ound; oysters, selects, per ga'on, 125; standards, \$2.00.

GROCERIES

There is an active demand for all kinds of staple and fancy groceries, they are considered to a staple and fancy groceries. They are looking forward to a good December trade as the large deliveries of what should make more ypentin both white and yellow sugars this week and the price is now \$405 for granulated and \$430 for yellows. Strok is ablushed to the extent of \$100 for \$100 rch is also higher to the e per pound, and woodenw

been advanced 7½ per cent, to correspond with last week's advance in the cast. Coffee continues firm. Our grocery news column elsewhere in this is sue contains information about son other lines which will be useful the grocer. Prices at Winnipeg w. also be found on another page.

HARDWARE

The market here is unchanged sav-ing for an advance of 1/5c per pound in the prices of sisal rope, due to the well-known strength of the market for fibre. The hardware situation seems for Bire-The hardware situation seems to been one of the interest which has to been one of the interest which has to been one of the interest which has the past year. Petisburg and other American centres last week and there is a feeling of restless activity at all manufacturing centres which is altogether foreign to this seeson of the year. Consider the past of th sing so make sure of their future sup-plies by contravening abend, and it is proposed to the sure of the sure of the sur-mills has already to other the sur-mills has already to sure mills have confeared on their books extending to the first of July and the object of buy-the first of July and the object of buy-the first of July and the object of buy-the first of July and the object of the native much one of precess are not so much one of precess and list of Winnings stands prices will be found on another page.

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PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

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RAW FURS.

The season for raw fur trade is opening and we note some activity among local buyers now. A few early lots of furs have already been received, including skunks and ready and as soon as snow has fallen freely in the trapping regions trade will become more active.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The wheat markets have remained dull and inactive all the week until yesterday when they mov-ed into new ground. The American markets became strong under the in-fluence of a sharp advance at St.

Louis, caused by the increasing plaints of the unfavorable effects want of rain is having on the w wheat in the west and southwest, the small movement of winter w the small movement of winter consequent on farmers holding for and for higher prices. The consistency are marked have also been strong, and perhaps the time has come when the sluggish conditions where the sluggish conditions are small than the sluggish conditions. come when the sluggish condict wheat will be aroused into a Compared with price of other scalins wheat is comparatively, scalins wheat is comparatively. The scalins wheat is comparatively in the scalins when the scalins will continue on the scalins of the war breadstuffs and feeding grains, price change on the week up it night shows an advance of Ic to all of which was gained year. It was not seen to be scaled to be s trade news during the energy ray receipts have been beauty ray any receipts have been beauty ray 300,000 bushels et 500,000 bushels et 500,000 bushels et 500,000 bushels et 500,000 bushels et same days of last The visible supply continues to crease on a good scale, while same time exports are liberal, is nothing new about crops. States the Price Current report week that whiter wheat conceases the property favorable. The re-generally favorable. The control of the form of the property of the are generally favorable. The fut although it is too dry for copy in the weet and southwest of the Mississippi has had rains, and the copys are doing rains, and the copys are doing rains, and the copys are doing entitle cross specific cross specif year. 10.35c

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MILLFEED-Feed is still atility FSED—Freed is still source and sn very great demand, so the prices hold firm at bigh level now prevailing. We quote: Bran. 815.50 per ton, in bulk, and shorts \$17.50 per ton, in bulk, and shorts \$17.50 per ton is added if delivered in bags.

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GROUND FEED—Out chop is won.

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offer per bushel, according to and rate of freight.

OATS—The oat market seems er this week and to-day's telefrom the east report an easier there and absence of quotations.