THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, July 19.

Continued fine weather is having a beneficial effect upon business in the West. During the past, week the weather has been almost perfect, and trading and industrial operations have responded fully to the stimulus which such favorable conditions are calculated to give. Wholesale business in season lines is a little quiet. perhaps, but staples are moving freely and many houses are working right up to the limit of their capacity. great has been the increase in trade in the West that several wholesale concerns are figuring on doubling the size of their buildings next year. Some of these have only recently occupied new buildings, which they ex pected would be large enough for all possible needs for the next ten yeas. Values in a wholesale way are steady, with an upward tendency in some important lines, such as stoves, hardware, lumber, implements, etc. way traffic in the west, which is heavy, has been interfered with to ome extent by washouts. This delay is now about over, however. Labor is well employed in all lines, and at good The Canadian Northern strike is still on, and is the only serious disturbance. A settlement is expected shortly. The exhibition next week is expected to attract large crowds of people to the city. Bank clearings at Winnipeg maintain their rate of increase over previous years.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, July 19. (All quotations, unless otherwise speci-fied, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash dis-counts.)

BUILDING MATERIAL

Improved weather conditions per-nit steadier work in the building line, and dealers are kept busy with orders. Prices remain unchanged as follows: and desarrs are kept been Prices remain unchanged as follows: We quote: Rubble stone, \$4 per cord, \$1.25 per cuber of broken stone, \$1.25 per cuber of cord, \$1.25 per cuber of cord, \$1.25 per thousand: weneer, \$11 per thousand; white lime, 20c per bushel; grey lime, 17c per bushel.

BINDER TWINE.

The market here is quiet and without special feature. We quote: Sisal and standard, $134_{\rm Ke}$ per pound; mainla, 500 foot, $144_{\rm SC}$; manila, 690 foot, $153_{\rm Ke}$; pure manila, $174_{\rm Ke}$ all f.o.b., Winnipeg. Five ton lots of both sisal and manila are sold at $1_{\rm Ke}$ less than these figures, and car lots at $1_{\rm Ke}$ less than these figures, and car lots at $1_{\rm Ke}$ less than fall terms.

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Wholesale houses are now busy with fall shipments, and have a large num-ber of orders to fill. This placing busifall shipments, and have a large number of orders to fill. This placing busines of content of the content of th

CLOTHING.

The placing of orders for men's clothing for fall have been much larger than usual, and a satisfactory trade is, therefore, assured the whole-sale dealer. Travellers are all in now for the exhibition, and preparations to entertain callers have been made. Larger stocks of clothing are now heling earried by Winnipeg houses than ever before, and it is expected that this will lead to a better sorting trade

in the fall, as full ranges of everything are now to be had here on short

DRY GOODS

Sorting trade is fairly active, especially in outing lines, which are much wanted for the holiday trade. Travelers are all in for the exhibition, and all visitors will be well cared for next week. Values hold steady for most lines. Cottons are still very firm, and weoliens show an upward tendency.

FISH.

There is a good demand for fish, and prices remain unlanged, as follows: fo

GREEN FRUITS

The warm weather is creating a big demand for green fruits and the mar-ket is very active. There has been a great scarcity of bananas both here and in Southern markets owing to the great scarcity of bananas both here and in Southern markets owing to the fact that recent cargo arrivals at New Interest of the Section of th there and no outmans are to be not. The season for cherries and apricoits Washington box apples was shipped this week to this market and will arrive shortly. Blueberries are now arriving here from Rat Portage and are worth 12e per pound. Pears are now in the market. Texas tomatees are worth 2e per pound. Pears are now in the market. Texas tomatees are expected soon. We quote prices here as follows: Oranges, Valencias, 85 to 86 per case; lemons, 85.50 per case; California lemons, 85 per punch; watermelons, per dozen, 85, pineappies, per dozen, 85, pineappies, pineappies, 81.75 per box; Tragedy blue prunes, 81.75 per box; Tragedy blue prunes, 81.75 per box; apricots, \$1.50, Ontario gooseberries, 83; Ontario gooseberries, 84; Ontario goose 81.09; vocation of the control of th

GROCERIES

Trade in this branch has been very good and all wholesale houses are busy. The situation with regard to canned goods remains about as we described it last week. All reports indicate that last week. All reports indicate that for new peas are about 5c higher than last year. Cahners as a rule are declining to make quotations in advance of the pack which may be taken as uncertain. Green Rice orders has been very uncertain for the past few weeks, but it is steadier to-day at an advance Trade in this branch has been very very uncertain for the past few weeks, but it is steadler to-day at an advance of from ¼ to ½c per pound on the week's quotations, although local fig-ures are unaffected. The unprecedent-ed advance in corn last week caused commeal to follow and price were the ed advance in corn last week caused commeal to follow and price went up to over \$1.90 for carloads delivered here. Prices are lower again now. New apricots should be in this market in about two weeks. The crop is a good one and prices will suffer in consequence. Opening prices will probably be from 16 to 10½ for standard and shoke respectively. Janua teas ably be from 10 to 10½ for standard and choice respectively. Japan teas are still very firm and it appears that late pickings will cost more money proportionately than the earlier ones. A list of Winnipeg wholesale prices will be found on another page

HARDWARE AND PAINTS.

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The market for these lines is very steady and we note no changes in prices this week. The only noticeable feature so far as hardware prices is concerned is the continued strength of everything in the way of metal and hardwood goods. High cost of labor and material and heavy demand furnish an excellent guaranties that there will be a superior of the contraction of the contract of the contra

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The selling season for fall lines is now well advanced with wholesale men and they report a large amount of business on their books. The fine weather and excellent condition of the growing crops has given business just the encouragement it need to be considered to the volume of business done here will be only limited by the shilly of factories to supply the goods. No attempt has been made by implement house to make exhibits at the fair head of the control of the control

RAW FURS.

Several large lots of northern furs have been sold here this week and furs are still coming forward regularly. have been sold here this week and furs are still comfine forward regularly. We quote: Badger, prime, 25c to black large, 815 to 25; brown, large, 815 to 82; brown, large, 815 to 82; beaver, small, \$1.50 to \$3; beaver, large, \$5 to \$7.50, inher, \$4 to \$5; for, silver, \$2, 40, 81 to \$1.50; junx, \$2\$ to \$5; marten, large, dark, \$6 to \$1; marten, large, light pale, \$3.50 to \$5; marten, large, brown, \$4.50 to \$7; marten, large, brown, \$4.50 to \$7; marten, large, light pale, \$3.50 to \$5; marten, large, brown, \$4.50 to \$7; marten, large, brown, \$4.50 to \$7; marten, large, brown, \$5.50 to \$12; stune, 25c to \$1.25; wolf, trainer, \$1.50 to \$1; wolf, prainer, 50c to \$1.79; wolverine, \$2 to \$5. The above prices are those obtained in Winnipeg for prime also for size and color, and inferior skins may only be purchased at lower prices, according to their value, in proportion to the above quotations.

SCRAP.

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STOVES, ETC.

The market for stoves, ranges and radiation is very firm owing to heavy demand and high cost of labor and material. Factories are working to their fullest capacity in order to take care of regular trade. While stoves their fullest capacity in order to take care of regular trade. While stoves have been the subject of a 10 per cent advance recently, it is freely predicted that they will go still higher for the reasons mentioned above and another 5 per cent advance may be looked, for at an early date. An advance in radiation of about 20 per cent is reported from factories this week.

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the quantity of new wheat that migh have been available to deliver on July contracts, and causes shorts to be nave been available to deliver on July contracts and causes shorts to be contracts and causes shorts to be contracts and causes shorts to be seen adverse to them. The generation of the seen and export trade in actual wheat continues in a normal condition, no unusual activity is seen at any point but a moderate routine business is transmoderate routine business is transmoderate routine business is transmoderate routine business is transmoderate routine business in transmoderate routine business is transmoderate routine business and a contract to the contract of the con to importing countries at lower price than American wheat is offering. This tends to keep the export trade quite the called upon for a fair share it will be called upon for a fair share it and this along with forceasing domestic requirements in the fair trush of the crop to market the first rush of the lower on record except in the summer of the first rush of the first rush of the first rush of the lower on record except in the summer of the first rush of the first rus with other eminent trade papers the world's visible decreased 27,446,000 bushels during June, and on July 1st. 1991. 142,441,7000 bushels on July 1st. 1991. 166,683,900 bushels on July 1st. 1991. 166,833,900 bushels on July 1st. 1991. 1899. Last week the American visible supply increased 85,000 bushels be supply increased 85,000 bushels the previous week, and a decrease of 1,709,000 bushels for the same week last year. The world's shipments were 7,701,000 bushels for the same week last year. The world's shipments were 7,701,000 bushels grainst \$525,000 bushels provided bushels for the previous week, and 7,044,000 bushels. Deadtify the previous week, and 2,040,000 bushels, against a decrease of 5,957,000 bushels last Year.

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The local market has continued quiet tone, and trade is on a very limit-scale, confined almost entirely to e wheat shipping or recently shipped from country points to terminal elevators. With the decline in outside elevators. With the decline in outsidemarkets prices by Wednesday decline and the first prices at the close of last week, but since then they have recovered \$\frac{1}{2}c_i\$ and at the close of business yesterday they stood at \$78\frac{1}{2}c_i\$. No. 1 hard: \$74\frac{1}{2}c_i\$. No. 2 northern, spot of Juvidellvery, in store, Fort. William of Port Arthur.

ness yesterday they stood at 76½.

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OATS—No. 2 white oats have been

altitle firmer this week, and have

sold as high at 4½e for earlies here,

with a range steady. We quote

No. 2 white, 40½ to 41½e per bushel,

for carlots on track here; feed grades

37 to 38c. At country points farmies

ata. Sireet oats are not offering.

HARILEY—All offerings are now being taken for feed at 40c per bushel.

The movement is very light.

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VEGETABLES—The market is seen the control of the cover.

VEGETABLESS—The market is tive, and all kinds of vegetables are ingood supply. We quote: Now prateon, imported, 25c per lb.; portable paralley, 15c; California cabbage 2 per lb.; domestic cabbage 2 per lb.; domestic cabbage, 55c; California cabbage 2 consent occurs of the per decent of the carrots beets and turnips, 16c; 4c tive, 16c per dosen bunches; read 3d, 16c per dos bunches; resp. 25c; great decent of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs of the per dosen bunches; resp. 25c; great decent occurs occurs