THE RUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday May 10

Backward weather conditions still continue and the effect upon business is depressing. While seeding has progressed in some parts of the country oute favorable the general tenor of reports is that work is delayed and every day counts now. Business in a wholesale way is moderately active and is certainly better than might be expected with such weather as we are having. Values are steady and very firm in some lines, where the demand has been heavy. The inward rush of author continues and the increased consuming power of the west is being In the labor world things are unsettled and there are all sorts of rumors of impending trouble, especially among the railway employees Building operations are well under way in both city and country, but are being retarded by bad weather. Bank clearings at Winnipeg continue to show great expansion as compared with previous years. This week they have been over 50 per cent, greater than for the corresponding week of 1901. Rates of interest remain unchanged at 6 to 8 per cent for ordinary mercantile loans

WINNIPEG MARKETS

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(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reductions on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

BUILDING MATERIAL.

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Demand is good and prices
remain unchanged as follows:
Rubble stone, \$4 per cord; footings,
5,50 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per
cubic yard; bricken
thousand; veneer, \$11 per thousand;
white line, 2be per bushel; grey line,
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DRY GOODS.

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Sorting trade is active and the demand for many lines exceeds the supply, consequently wholesale houses arrunable to always accommodate their customers as promptly as they woll ide. The price list shows no important changes this week, most lines remaining steady. Cottons lose none of

FISH.

The demand for fish is sensonably active, and prices hold steady as follows. Whitehs, 5e per fb.; pickerd, 4e per fb.; fresh naddeck, 4e per fb.; fb.; self mackerd, \$1.80 per kit, Holland herring, in kits, \$1.90; Digby chicks, 18e per fb.; boncless fish, 5½c per fb.; finnan haddec, 7t b8 per fb.

FUEL.

We quote Pennsylvania anthracite, egg, stove and No. I nut, \$10.50 per ton, delivered, retail; No. 2 nut, 81; Canadian anthracite, \$5.50 per ton for egg and stove sizes and 88 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 89 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 89 for no for Nest Pass coal, 83 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 89 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 89 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 89 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 80 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 80 for nut. Crows Nest Pass coal, 80 for nut. Pass coal, 81 for nut. State Pass coal, 82 for nut. State Pass co

GREEN FRUITS.

There is a good steady demand for fruit and the market holds steady for fruit and the market holds steady for most lines. Bananas are rather scarce just at present, but have not changed in price. Strawberries are 50e per case lower. California lemons are now quoted at \$4 per case. We California, navels, \$4.25 to \$5.25; Cal. Med. sweets, \$4.25 to \$4.75; lemons, \$4.00 per case. Messinas, \$4.19 to \$4.00; bananas, \$5.10 \$5.50; strawberries, in cases of \$2 quarts, \$5.50, apples, \$6 to \$5.50. per barrel; cocoanuts, 90c per doze dates, in one pound packages, Veretables—Tomatoes, \$5 per cas per barrel; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; dates, in one pound packages, 6c. Vegetables—Tomatoes, \$5 per case; celery, per dozen, 90c; Egyptian onions, 4%c in single sacks and 4%gr in five sack lots; radish adlettuce, per dozen bunches, 30c; rhubarb. 5c per pound. Honey tettuce, per dozen bunches, 30c.; rhubarb. 5c. per pound. Honey per pound, 15c in 60-lb. tins; in glass-es, \$2.25 per dozen; apple cider, per gallon, 35c; Quebec maple syrup, 86 per doz. in ½ ggal. tins; imperial maple syrup in gallon tins, \$12.00 per dozen; in ½ gallon tins, \$12.00 quarts, \$3.00.

CHOCKEDIES

Business has been moderately active this week and the market shows but very few changes. There has been an advance in the price of canned meats this week which is worth noticing. advance in the price of canned measts this week which is worth noticing. Corned beef in two-pound tins is now the per dozen higher and worth \$2.30 to \$5.00, while one pound tins are 15c higher at \$5.30 to \$8.35. Granulated sugar has declined another 10c per hundred making the price here \$1.40. ne lowest we can remember quoting. list of staple prices will be found on

HADDWADE AND PAINTS

There is nothing new to note this week in either of these lines. Prices here are steady and very firm for most Production in most hardwar away behind the supply and lines is away behind the supply and there is consequently not much chance of lower prices in the early future. The question is mostly one of how to keep, things down to their present level. Prices for both these lines will be found elsewhere in this lisue.

DAW EITHS

HAW FURS.

We quote: Badger, prime, 25c to \$1; bears black, small, \$5.09 to \$15; bears, black, small, \$5.00 to \$15; bears, black, large, \$15 to \$25, \$15; bears, black, large, \$15 to \$25, \$15; bears, large, \$15 to \$150; bears, large, \$15, bears, large, \$15, bears, large, large, large, \$150; bears, large, large, large, \$150; bears, large, lar

SEEDS

Demant for field and garden seeds is quite active field and far field seeds is quite active field and the market for issuing lines rules steady at following prices: Brome grass, 13c per pound; ciover, red, 16c imothy, 83; to 94; p. rep round; ciover, red, 16c imothy, 83; to 94; p. rep round; clover, red, 16c imothy, 81; 90 per bushel of 48 pounds; onions, Dutch setts, 12c per pound; potato onions, 8c per pound; potato onions, 8c per pound; 25 per bushel; field peas, golden vine, 81;80 per bushel; field peas, golden vine, 81;80 per bushel for imported; field peas, Canadian Reauty, 81;80 per bushel specific per bushel for for football per bushel of for pounds, fodder corn, North Dakota film; \$1.50 per bushel of 56 pounds.

SCRAP

Business is good and prices hold steady. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and maliesble, \$18 to \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$5 per ton; No. 2, \$5 per ton; No. 2, \$6 per ton; No. 2, pape or tea lead, 2 to 2/9c per pound; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles, and arctics, 4/9c per pound; zinc scrap, 1c per pound; bones, clean, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 per ton; and blead

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WHEAT—During the past week it has seemed an ur sually difficult thing for traders te make up their minds as to the chan es of the present situation in the wh. at trade. Last situation in the wh. at trade. Last situation in the wh. at trade. Last bouyant, but in the interval between Friday and Monday there was an increase of showers over Kansas and adjoining territory, and or. Monday the speculative markets in the States felt the effect of this

strongly, and a drop of 1c to 1½c in prices took place. A more confident feeling resulted on Tuesday, but on Wednesday another bad break took heavily. The exports are also small, America this week are also small, only 3,302,000 bushels, against 5,308,-only 3,302,000 bushels, against 4,178,000

America this week are also small, only 3,382,000 bushels, against 5,308,500 bushels, against 6,308,500 bushels against 6,308,500 bushels last year. The corollary of the supply on May 1st is 2,000,000 bushels last year. The actual testically and by cash under statement of the supply according to Bradstreets' descriptions of the supply a

supply accounts a derivate reased (1774,000, against a derivate revious week and a decrease of 6,652,000 bushels last year.

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It hard is offered at 78° spot or May delivery in store Fort William Land and All the sales where weeks advance. We quote Hungarian Fatent, \$2.00 per sack of 18° spot of

MILLFEED—The market for feed emains unchanged at \$14.50 for bran bulk and \$16.50 for shorts. GROUND FEED-Demand is steady GROUND FEEDI-Demand is steady and prices remain unchanged as fol-lows: Out chop, per ton, \$27.50; bar-ley chop, \$21.50; mixed barley and outs, \$24.50; outmeal feed, \$11.50; chopped screenings, \$14.50; oil cake,

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OATS—There is not very much business doing in oats just at present, as the weather is not favorable for traffic. A little demand has been extended to be a superfect of the superfect of th

BARLEY—Receipts are verand the market holds firm at for malting grades, and 38 to

FLAXSEED—Dealers are \$2 per bushel for seed flax. SPELTZ—Dealers are ask per bushel of 50 pounds

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HAY—Receipts are light, market is \$1 higher at \$8 t. higher at \$1 t. higher a

ed, and turkeys 1232 to Lie, a to quality. BUTTER—Creamery—Two country factories commenced ing this week but so far having this week but so far have no butter. The weather is mable for pasture or traffic con ly milk gathering will be a se-cess until it gets drier. Con houses are quoting 21 to-pound for choice creamery is livered here.

HUTTER — Dairy — Redairy butter are very light traders here say they cannot ber the market being so stocks. As high as 20c could tained on a commission 1 fresh made butter in tubs of while other grades range down for round lots. CHESSE—No new cheese-offered, and the market is be-plied with Ohtario stock, at 2

pound, jobbing price here. EGGS—Supplies are light market holds firth at 9½ to dozen for fresh case eggs at

points.
VEGETABLES—The boom toes seems to have spent itself.
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It is to the seems to have been to have left town, some of then and without completing all it tracts. This would indicatemarket is off again. The been hear now for carious is the market ranges from 25 Farmers' loads on the city m worth 35e per bushel. W potatoes, farmers' loads on the city m worth 35e per bushel. W potatoes, farmers' loads on the city m worth 35e per bushel. Bushel; bette, 50c, ish, 25e per dozen bunches, dec. cress, 30c; celery, 9th; bunches; green ontons, 20.
DRESSED MEATS—Freel VEGETABLES—The boom

onions, 5½ to 6c per pound. DRESSED MEATS—Fresh beef is scarce, and the market We quote: Beef, city dress pound, 8 to 8½c; venl, 7½ mutton, frozen, 8c; spring lam \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, per pou

10 Might. St.-There are very fe-centing in, owing to searcity of Most of the receipts from points are of very poor quality ing the earlier part of the sympathy with Chicago, and but the end of the week find-quoting 64g again, owing to able advices from Chicago. W. No. 1 city hides, 64g; No. 2 and No. 37s, 44g; Kips and 46g; slunks, 10 to 15c; horse h to \$1. HIDES. There are very

ONOUL—There have been quiries for quotations for 3 wool this week, but the mar not opened yet. It looks now more than 6½e per pound we paid for Manitoba unwashed what the situation outside w. TALLOW—Local buyers ing 4½ to 5e per pound for the paid of the pai WOOL.—There have been

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—Some cattle ready been shipped east to excellent export demand. are finding cattle very scarce to obtain. For choice beef they are now paying as high pound off cars here. The range of prices is from 412

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