THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.

The week has been an active one in business circles and large amount of trading has been done in a wholesale The demand for goods from country points is ceaseless and owing to increase in population is larger than in other years. Increased purchasing power of the people is also a factor, of course. Prices are holding pretty steady in most lines. We note a 10c advance in bar iron this week, and a 5c advance in wire nails. Other lines show few changes. Christmas trade is beginning to move. Sleighing would improve business in many ing in mercantile circles, but are still below expectations. Bank clearings at Winnipeg are again at high water mark, as will be seen from our report

WINNIPEG MARKETS

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(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, 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 discounts.

BUILDING MATERIAL.

HULDING MATERIAL.

The demand for all lines contraced under this hear of all lines are line. The demand for all lines are line, the line is nothing transpiring with in worthy of special mention. Beaters have had a good steady. Another laws rounded very steady. Another laws rounded very steady. Another laws rounded view for in 1992. We done present values as follows: Rubble stone, \$100 per cord; footings, \$20 per cord; footings, \$20 per cord; hocken stone, \$1.25 per bushells growth of the line is the line in the line is line in the line in the line is line in the line in the line in the line is line in the line in the line in the line in the line is line in the line in the line in the line in the line is line in the l

DRUGS.

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CURED MEATS.

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There is a tendency on the part of cured meats to weaken in price and we note a few changes in that direction this week which appear in our price list elsewhere in this issue. Lard is also lower. Demand for hog progression of the property of the control of the c

DRY GOODS

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Trade is suite active around local wholesale huse and the demand is for regular fail and the form of t

FUEL

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The demand for fuel is moderately good, but not heavy as it would be were the weather as cold as it usually were the weather as cold as it usually moderate the second and the second with a shift of cold are meeting with a shift of the cold are smoothed with a shift of the second car shortage and only an occasional car shortage and only an occasional continuity of the second continuity of the second cold and the seco

stocks on hand have met all requirements. We quote: Pennsylvania anthracite seg, stove and No. 1 nut. \$10.50 per ton delivered, retail, No. 2 per ton Canadian anthracite, \$9.50 per ton. Canadian anthracite, \$9.50 per ton. United States bituminous, \$7.50 per ton. States in the minimal states and the states and the minimal states and the stat

FISH

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Demand is good and prices steady.

We quote: Whitefish, 5 cents
per pound; pickers! 4c per pound;
pick 3c. trout. 10c: salmon, 9c:
hallbut. 129c; smoked gold-eyes, 3challbut. 129c; smoked gold-eyes, 3cpround: salt cod, 60cper pound: salt cod, 60cper pound: salt cod, 60cper pound: salt cod, 60cper pound: salt mackers!
\$1.80 per kit: Holland herring, in kits,
\$1.00. boneless fish, 50cper pound.

Addie, 10c per pound.

GREEN FRUITS.

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Domand is good or all seasonable
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box apples, \$2 per box: California
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\$5.50 to 85 per barrel; Washington,
box apples, \$2 per box: California
changes, \$1 to \$2.55 per case. Mexidapanese oranges, \$1.00 per box
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GROCERIES

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Trade in this line is active and becoming more so each week as the holiday season approaches. As regards the control of the contr

HARDWARE

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Wholesale houses here are busy with winter lines and are experienting a very satisfactory volume of a constant production of the constant product

IMPLEMENTS

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Sleigh and custer orders are mospretty well all filled and dealers are settling down to work on collections.
The amount of grain in the convey tensures a large amount of money for liquidation of debts of all kinds and the implement men are endeavoring to secure their share of all that is

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

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The market for these lines is setauly and without special feature. Linseed oil still holds at the figures established when local mill began running. There has been a good deal of complaint regarding the quality of kerosene supplied in this market larely, but we understand that the oil objected to has all been withdrawn and that

there is no further trouble. There is no change to record an prices, but we may say that an addition do the quotans given eisewhere in this issue them given eisewhere in this save the companies are supplying SunMach oil of the city trade in tanks at 10e per gallon.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—There have been two distinct phases in the wheat markets with steady advance in prices, and a dail sow trade in the actual wheat swith steady advance in prices, and a dail sow trade in the actual wheat saying the highest phase of a general apprehension on the part of the speculating class, outside the trade of the speculating class, outside the part of the speculating class, outside significant of the speculating class, outside significant of the speculating class, outside significant significant strength of the speculating class, outside significant signifi

GROUND FEED-Oat chop is

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aled. ROLLED OATS—Prices are thet week's advance. We qu ROLLED OATS—Prices are stemi-at last week's advance. We quote so pound sacks, \$2.50; 40 pound sacks are worth \$1.25; 20s, 65c; and 10 se \$2.90. Granulated and standard sat-meal is worth \$3.05 per 18 pound

sack.
POULTRY-Receipts are however,
larger. The quality of fowl is in inevent and they are mostly old vicstand poorly dressed. Ducks and reare of good quality and the twopoor. We quote: Chickens, Se per to
dressed; ducks and geese, Be per th
turkeys, 11½ to 12½c per point
dressed; ducks.

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GAME-Wild ducks are about our of the market. The price for such as are still coming in ranges from 20 to 30 per pair, according to size. Rabbus are bringing 5c each.

BUTTER-Creamery-Very littl offering. Receipts are mostl brick form and bring 21c per p-delivered here for good stock.

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BUTTELP—Dairy—There is a
demand for table qualifidairy butter. Some separator
ter, which offered this
brought as high as 21brought as high as 21brought along the brought and
airy, in tubs, boxes or bricks, 1
Tre per pound net; medium, 12 to
low grades, 7 to 9c.

CHEESE Jobbing houses are ing cheese at 11c per pound deliv-to the trade.

EGGS-Stocks are light and EGGS-Stocks are light and a Manitoba eggs are bringing as as 27c per cozen delivered hererange for best stock is from 24 delivered eggs are worth 20c in a

VEGETABLES-Receipts of VEGETABLES—Receipts of tees have been liberal shis week to mild weather and the mark to mild weather and the mark earlier pounds and the state of th

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