THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Eriday June 14.

Fine, bright weather is stimulating trade throughout the entire There is disappointment in some places that more wheat was not sown, but this will soon disappear before the rapidly increasing prospects of a heavy yield from that which was sown. The weather is of such a character at present that growth is exceptionally rapid and if continued the wheat will soon be heading out. There is undoubtedly more rain than the country needs but this is compensated to some extent by bright suns between the storms The effect of these weather and crop conditions upon business is most stimulating. Summer lines in every branch of trade are in heavy de mand. Dry goods, furnishings, boots and shoes, etc., are all active. Outing goods are coming into request in large quantities. In the solider hardware, paints, etc., there is an insistent demand which absorbs goods as fast as they can be shipped. Groc eries and green fruits are also in good demand. Price changes have been few and of no great importance this week. In many lines it is not a question of prices, but of getting the goods. The most notable change is a general advance of 5 per cent in the price of stoves. The labor situation has not changed much this The Canadian Northern Railway Company still maintains its foolish attitude of non-recognition towards the machinists' union and they are consequently still on strike. The wipers employed by this road at Winnipeg are also out now, sympathy with the machinists. The Paulin-Chambers' Company also adheres to its policy of not recognizing the union of its candy-making girls and they are still out. There is a good demand for rough labor for railway and other outdoor work.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, June 13.

(All quotations, unless otherwise speci ed, are wholesale for such quantities s are usually taken by retail dealers nd are subject to the usual reduction n large quantities and to cash dis

BUILDING MATERIAL

Demand is good, and prices remain unchanged. We quote: Rubble stone, \$4 per cord; footings, \$5.50 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per clubic yard; brick, kiln run, \$9 per thousand; brick per bushel; grey lime, 17c per bushel

BINDER TWINE.

There is no pressure to sell twine in this market and as buyers are not in this market and as buyers are nothing doing. Prices hold nominally as follows: Sisal and standard, 12c per pound; manila, 550 foot, 13½c; manila, 600 foot, 14½c; pure manila, 16c, all f.o.b., Winnipeg. Five ton mania, dow toot, 1279c; pure mania, 16c, all f.o.b., Winnipeg. Five ton lots of both sisal and manila are sold at 1/sc less than these figures, and car lots at 1/sc less, fall terms.

DRY GOODS

Warm summer weather is creating a demand for mid-summer lines and there has been a noticeable increase in the dry goods movement this week. Letter orders from the country are numerous, showing that stocks must be pretty well broken into, and immebe pretty well broken into, and immediate shipment is asked for in many cases. With a continuance of the present weather there should be a splendid trade in dry goods during the remaining half of this month. Then there will be a lull as most families go away for holldays after the public away for holldays after the public there will be a lull as most families go away for holidays after the public schools close. Travellers are out with full ranges of fall samples and the returns from their work have so far been very satisfactory. Values rule steady for most lines. Cottons are increasingly firm.

FISH.

The season for fresh fish is nov and all domestic varieties are in the and all domestic varieties are in the market in increasing quantity. We quote Whitefalls, do per lb.; quote Whitefalls, do per lb.; less than 100 met lablut, 11c; fresh cod, 7c per lb.; resh haddock, 7c; mackerel, 18c; herrings, 15c per dox. Labrador herring, per barrel, \$4.25; salt mackerel, \$1.30 per kit; Holland herring, in kits, \$1.00; Digby chicks, 18c per lb.; boncless finh, of ye lb.

GREEN FRUITS

Hood River strawberries are now down to \$4.25 per case of 24 quarts. These berries are splendid quality and are meeting with a large demand. There have been some Texas straw-berries offering this week, which sold and the splendid property of the splendid pro-table of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable of the splendid pro-table of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable of the splendid protable of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable of the splendid protable of the splendid protable of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable of the splendid protable of the splendid protable of the splendid pro-table of the splendid protable berries offering this week, which sold at \$2 per crate of 16 quarts, but the at \$2 per crate of 16 quarts, but the all kinds of fruit is good and prices are now as follows: Oranges, Valencias, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per case; lemons, \$4.00 per case; bananas, \$3.00 to \$3.00 per burch; pintenpiles, \$5.00 per control, pintenpiles, \$5.00 per crate of 24 quarts, \$4.25, cherries, per box, \$2.50; coccanuts, 90c per dozen; dates, in one pound packages, 5½c. Vegetables — Tomatoes, 4 basket in single sacks and 5½c in five sack lots; radish and lettuce, per dozen bunches, 30c; rhubarb, it per pound; cucumbers, per dozen; \$1.25. Honey, \$2.50; in \$4.50 per dozen; in fagases, 10 no. 55c; Imperial maple syrup in gallon tins, \$1.250 per dozen; in ½-gallon tins, \$1.250 per dozen; in ½-gallon tins, \$1.250 per dozen; in ½-gallon tins, \$1.50; quarts, \$3.00.

GROCERIES.

There is very little to say about groceries this week in the way of changes in prices. Japan rice has been stronger and prices at primary points have advanced from ½ to %c. although no corresponding change has nthough no corresponding change has ret taken place here. Green Rio softee remains steady at recent quota-ions and will likely continue so for tome time. Currants are being quotsome time. Currants are being quoied at a slight reduction in this market, although conditions at places of
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week indicate higher prices. The
dried fruits crop of 1991 seems to be
pretty well cleaned up in most lines,
but prices here remain practically unchanged as there will probably be
crop is available. Prices are given on crop is available. Prices are given on another page

HARDWARE

Trade is quite active, and loca wholesale houses are all busy. The volume of new building now in volume of new building now in pro-gress in the country is quite remark-able, and is creating a very large de-alerment of the country is considered and ware. Summer lines of household and farm utensils are also going out freely. The changes in prices this week have be n an advance of 10c in and an advance of about 10 per cent, is chisels and draw-knives, the dis-count now being 65 per cent. A list of Winnipeg staple prices will be found on another page.

IMPLEMENTS.

There is a lull in the situation just t present as the season for spring ines is over, but this will not last ong, since summer goods will soon to in request. Already there is apprehension that the supply of plows will fall short of the requirements, actories are and have been for nouths past behind with their orders. long, be in

LUMBER.

There is a heavy demand for lumber in this market, owing to the large amount of new building now under way. Dealers have trouble keeping up stocks, and this makes prices firm. B. C. shingles are arriving very slowly, and wholesale orders are far be-19, and wholesale orders are far behind in some cases. Maple flooring is \$2 per thousand dearer, making the price now \$27. Whitewood is also \$2 per thousand dearer at \$53 per thousand. This latter wood is much used here for finishing interiors.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

Fine weather is permitting painters to make better progress with outside work, and this fact, coupled with the

large amount of inside work now being done, makes a good demand for prepared paints and materials. The davance of 2c per gallon in linseed oil, which is now worth 90c per gallon for boiled and STc for raw. A list of prices is given on another page.

BAW FURS

We quote: Badger prime, 25c to \$1; bear, black, small, \$5.00 to \$15; bear, black, small, \$5.00 to \$15; bear, black, large, \$15 to \$22; brown, large, \$16 to \$3, length special speci

STOVES.

The factory advance of last week was at once reflected in the quotations for stoves at Winnipeg and local jobbers are now quoting all lines 5 per cent. higher.

SCRAP.

There is a good demand for all kinds of old material and dealers are busy. Prices are firm. Old bottles are in par-ticularly good request and offerings are quickly absorbed. This is due to of one material and ocales are observed in technically cool request and offerings are quickly absorbed. This is due to the defeat of the liquor act some the defeat of the liquor act some confidence in future of their business. We quote:—No. cast malicable. \$13 to \$14 per ton!. No. 4. \$5 to \$6 per ton!. Wrought Iron scrap, \$5 per ton; heavy copper, 7c per pound; red brass, heavy, 7%c per judy, red per ton!. No. 4. \$5 to \$6 per ton!. Wrought Iron scrap, \$5 per ton; heavy copper, 7c per pound; red brass, heavy, 7%c per judy; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rags, country mixed, 50c per 100 pounds; rags, country mixed, 50c per business and arctices, 4%c per pound; buttless and arctices, 4%c per pound; bottless quarts, 25c per dozen; pints, 15c per dozen.

SEEDS.

Stocks of home grown brome grass are now exhausted and as the demand still keeps up dealers are forced to im port supplies, which cost more mone There has accordingly been an a port supplies, which cost more money. There has accordingly been an advance of 2c per pound in this line this week. We quote: Brome grass, 15c per pound; timothy, 8.3-4 to 9.3-4c per pound; clover, white, 23c per pound; clover, red, 16c per pound; alsike, 17c per pound; Hungarian, 81.00 per bushel of 48 pounds; millet, \$1.60 per bushel of 48 pounds; cutters, Public of 48 pounds; cutters, cutters, Public of 48 pounds; cutte per bushel of 48 pounds; millet, \$1.60 per bushel of 48 pounds; onions, Dutch setts, 12c per pound; potato onions, 8c per pound; chalot onions, 8c per pound; chalot onions, 8c per pound; daxseed, \$2 per bushel; field peas, golden vine, \$1.80 per bushel for ported: field peas, Canadian Beauty imported; field peas, Canadian Beauty, \$1.80 per bushel; speltz, \$1.75 per 100 pounds; western rye grass, 12c per pound; fodder corn, North Dakota filnt, \$1.50 per bushel of 56 pounds.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

WHEAT-There has been no great WHEAT—There has been no great change in the wheat markets since a week ago, and the cash wheat situa-dealers, exporters and millers at-tempting nothing more than a hand to mouth business. In the American speculative markets, however, there has been more life exhibited, chiefly through the circumstance of the Min-sold condition. Millers, who procure through the circumstance of the Min-neapoils July option showing an over-neapoils July option showing an over-their wheat in the Minneapoils mar-ket, have lately been go'd buyers there, in view of the present and prospective small receipts of wheat buying contract grade for July de-livery scared shorts, who straight-way bid up that option in order to cover their short sales, with the re-sult that the closing price yesterday week ago, whereas the same month in Chicago was only \(\frac{\pi_c}{2} \) c, and in New York only \(\frac{\pi_c}{2} \) big higher in the same time. Wheat for September delivery in all the market of the property of the ceipts in the States continue much

smaller than a year ago, and week the exports from both are moderate, only 3,400,000 but The weather all over the Am-continent is fairly favorable crops. Complaints are made some districts of rather much but no actual damage from this been reported yet. Down so Texas and as far north as So Kansas and Missourl, harvesti Down so Kansas and Missourt, harvestin-begun, and cars of new wheat already arrived at one or two -principal markets. It is reported new wheat is beling offered fra-new wheat is beling offered fra-and should the weather become-settled and dry a free mo-would commence before long. Europe crops are generally in well, aithough recently ther Grouges and Zenacone ply descreased Zenacone ply descreased of 2.0 bushels the previous week, and crease of 1.640,000 tushels last The world's shipments were 1.5 bushels, against 7.712,000 bushers very services of 1.640,000 bushels and coording to Bradstreet's, dec 4.090,000 bushels, against a der 5.417,000 bushels bushels, against a der 5.417,000 bushels the year of 5.417,000 bushels the year. The world year.

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BARLEY—Movement is
e quote 45c to 48c per
riots on track, Winnipeg.
FLAXSEED—Dealers ont to very light

\$2 per bushel for seed flax. SPELTZ—Dealers are a pre-bushel of 50 pounds asking

per busnet of 30 pounds for spelts.

HAY—Receipts are light, and
market is firm at \$8 to \$9 per ton
fresh baled. Loose hay is not offer
owing to bad roads.

ROLLED OATS—Milling compat

sport their prices unchanged sws: 80 fb. sacks, \$2.20; 40 fb. re worth \$2.25; 20s. \$2.30; a 2.60, with cover. Two pound are worth \$2.25, 208, \$2.30; and \$2.20; and \$2.20, with cover. Two pound gat ages, \$3.60 without case. Granulal and standard catmed is unchanged \$2.75 per B8 lb. sack.

Live chickens bring 76e to 15e pair, and turkeys are worth 1cp pound, live weight.

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BUTTER—Dairy—This butter is now more plentiful and there are no old stocks on hand i market is in a healthy co-did Prices have declined again this wa