THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, July 12 week has bee one in business This been circles the weather is now fine and settled and everything encourages activity. Reports from the country are to the effect that the crops are making splendid headway and as the country is fast relieving itself of the surplus of water and the roads drying up, there is every opportunity for business to improve. New population continues to pour into the country and the socalled "American invasion" is becoming more pronounced every week. Traffic has been interfered with in some places by washouts and this has hindered business a little in those sections. In Alberta railway traffic has been greatly interfered with by high water, communication with British Columbia having been cut off for several days. There is a great deal of industrial activity in all parts of the west and labor is well employed. The question of farm labor at harvest time is already beginning to look serious. The only important labor disturbance in the West is the Canadian Northern strike. This has assumed serious proportions and has been complicated towards the end of the week by rioting on the company's property Winnipeg. Jobbing houses are all looking forward to the exhibition as as a period when visitors will be numerous and some buying will be done. Country merchants will take advantage of the opportunity to look over stocks here.

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, July 12 (All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantitie as are usually taken by retail dealers and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.)

BUILDING MATERIAL.

Improved weather conditions permits steadiles work in the building line, ers. Prices remain unchanged as follows. We quote: Rubble stone, \$\$\$ per cord, footings, \$\$5.00 per cord, \$\$\$ per bushel; grey line, \$\$\$\$ per bushel; grey line, \$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$ per cord, \$\$\$\$\$

BINDER TWINE.

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The twin market is gaining strength each week under pressure of a heavy southern demand which is rapidly absorbing twine. Dealers here rent prices but they are not pushing for business as they believe that the trade will have to come to them in the end. Prices are higher in Winnivance south. We quote: Sisal and standard, 13½ per pound; manila, 556 foot, 14½c; manila, 600 foot, 15½; pure manila, 17½c, all f.o.b. Winnipez. Five ton lois of both siels and manures, and car lots at ½c less, fail terms.

CURED MEATS.

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The present heavy demand for cured meats is having its inevitable effect upon prices, and these have firmed up this week to the extent of about ½c per pound all around. Sugar cured hams of best quality are now selling to the retail trader at 15½c, and other meats in proportion. A full list of prices will be found on another page.

DRY GOODS.

Fine weather has characterized the Fine Weather has characterized the past week throughout and this has had a most stimulating effect upon the dry goods business. Sorting orders from the country are quite numerous. City trade is also good Outing goods are much in request for the holiday season and the best of everything in season and the best of every-ring in this line is freely taken by consumers. Reports from other wholesale centers in Canada indicate that similar condi-tions prevail there and factories are kept busy filling repeat orders. Prices of staples hold firm and there are no changes to note in this connection.

DRUGS.

Trade in this department is good and local wholesale houses are busy. Dealers say that all parts of the west are buying more freely than ever in this market. In some sections of country deliveries have been interfered this market. In some sections of cour-try deliveries have been interfered with by railway washouts, but these are about over now and normal condi-tions should soon prevail again. Prices at Winnipeg are given on another

FISH.

There is a good consumptive demand for fish and our splendid domes tic supply from the northern lakes is being much appreciated. Prices re-main unchanged. We quote. being much appreciated. Prices remain unchanged. We quote. Whitefish, be per lb.; pickerel, de per dox. Labrador herrings, per barrel, \$4.25; salt mackerel, \$1.00 pc kit; fioliant herring, in kits, \$1.00; Digby chicks, lSe per lb.; bone-less fish, 5½e lb.

GREEN FRUITS

This week has witnessed a large in-crease in the demand for green fruit owing no doubt to the warmer weath-er, numerous picnics and other stimuer, numerous picnics and other sumu-lating causes. Wholesale merchants have not been able to get supplies for-ward just as fast as they would like and in addition to the delays due to washouts, and other accidental causes there has been much trouble washouts, and other accidental with singments as a result of the Causaian North C

GROCERIES.

Trade has been good during the past week. The canned goods situation is still much as we stated last Saturday. It is becoming more evident each day still much as we stated last Saturday. It is becoming more evident each day that the Ontario pea crop will be decidedly of the Control of the It is bec

HARDWARE.

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Active demand and firm prices are still the characteristic features in this line. All kinds of hardware, building supplies, etc., are in request for immediate deliverage of the control of th

SCRAP.

The market for scrap is irregular,

by United States dealers. Rubbers are particularly uncertain at present, as efforts are being and in the mean-time traders are adraid to operate. We quote: No. 1 cast iron, free from wrought and malicable, \$13 to \$14 per ton; No. 2, \$5 to \$6 per ton; wrought ron scrap, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 per ton; wrought iron scrap, \$5 to \$6 per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, \$2 to \$25c per pound; lead pipe or tea lead, \$2 to \$25c per pound; rags, country mixed, \$50c per 100 pounds; rubbers, free from rivets, buckles and the per pound; lones, clean, dry and bleached, \$5 to \$6 per ton, bottles, quarts, \$25c per dozen; pints, 15c per dozen. by United States dealers. Rubbers

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WHEAT—This has been an active week in the speculative wheat markets of the activity there has been very little change in values from a week ago. Daily fluctuations have been sharp at times, but different only amounts to an advance of "Sec to Ic, according to not advance of "Sec to Ic, according to the chiefly influenced by the Western of the chiefly influenced by the Western of the chiefly influenced by the Western of the chiefly influenced by the window of the chiefly influenced by the properties an increase of sale and the control of the chiefly influenced by the properties an increase of sale soon as the opposite takes place shorts rush the buying to cover and prices advance. This sort of thing has prevailed this sort of thing has prevailed this sort of thing has prevailed the sort of the country of the country in the price has advanced and the next it has declined. In the midst of it there seems a considerable losing sight of the actual situation late years than a year ago, the quantity tear stands about as follows, viz, the American visible supply is 10,50,900 bushels less than a year ago, the quantity start in the properties of the country of the WHEAT-This has been an active Australia has nad a drouger which although since partially relieved generatory relieved the service of the serv which although since partially relied ed seems to preclude the expectation when with increased acreage he fortune of a favorable sea-supply will overlap demand and

comes when with increased acreage and the fortune of a favorable season's apply will overlap demand and American visible supply decreased 63,000 bushels this week, as against a decrease of 1,275,000 bushels land week compared 1,275,000 bushels land week compared to the previous week and 7,227,000 bushels against 6,158,000 bushels on the week compared to a decrease the previous week of 5,284,000 bushels not the same week last year. There has been only a quiet business in Manitoba wheat, but prices have week and latest values are: No. 1 hard, 77c; 1 northern, 7c; 2 northern, 7c; 3 no

3c, in store, Fort William, spot or uly delivery. FLOUR—While local demand is only

FLOUR—While local demand is only moderately heavy there is a good export demand for flour and as prices for wheat are high an advance in flour prices is momentarily expected. In the east the price has already gone up 20c per sack. We quote: Oglivie's

Hungarian, \$2.05 per mack of 98 fbs. Glenora Patent, \$1.90; Alberta, \$1.75 Manitoba, \$1.60; XXXX, \$1.25. MILLFEED — Bran is firm an

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GROUND FEED— We quote: Oat chop, per ton, \$28; barley chop, \$24 mixed barley and oats, \$29; chook and the state of the stat

ROLLED OATS—Milling companies report their prices unchanged as fellows: 80 lb. sacks, \$2.20; 40 lb. sacks are worth \$2.25; 20s, \$2.30; and \$5.200 with cover. Two pound packages, \$3.60 without case. Granulates and standard oatmeal is unchanged at \$2.15 per 98 lb. sack.

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vex.01.1A.Le.D—10rr is n good invex.01.1A.Le.D—10rr is n good inmarket holds steady. Green groever report a good business doing in wild strawberries at 60c per pail of two quarts, or \$2.25 for eight quart pails We quuer. New potatoes, imported. We quuer. New potatoes, imported. 25c to 30c per bushel; parsley, 15c. California cabbage, 40 per fb.; domestic cabbage, 75c per dozen; local celery, 50c per dozen; carrois and bets. 25c; turnips, 20c, lettuce, 10c per dozen carrois and bets. 25c; green onions, 10c; dired onlons, 4c per pound; asparagus, 4c per dozen bunches; rhubarth, 3g per dozen bunches; rhubarth, 3g per dozen bunches; staffs per crate; spin-averies and per common services. 31.25 per crate; spin-averies and per dozen bunches; rhubarth, 3g per dozen b

ach 2c per pound.

POULTRY—The market is quiet.

Live chickens bring 70 to 75c per pair,
and turkeys are worth 11c per pound,

live weight.
BUTTER—Creamery— Receipts

and unragys are worth He per pound.

HUTTER—Creamery—Receipts are fairly large and prices hold steady at 18½ to 110 per pound for choice reamery, Lob, factory.

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WOOL-Receipts of Manitoba are light, and the market is steady at 6 to 61/2c per pound for unwashed 6½c per pound delivered here. TALLOW-Local buyers are paying

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SEXECA ROOT — There is no change in this market since a week ago. Receipts are increasing user the stimulus of fine weather, and overquantities of root, if the market build up. As high as 3% ger pound has been paid for choice root delivered here, and the market ranges from that figure down to 3%, according to quality. Clean, bright root, is much religious to the control of the control

LIVE STOCK

CATTLE—Receipts of grass attle are increasing, and there is