

THE BU ATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, April 11, 1896.

The weather this week has continued—like last week—cold and backward, and people are beginning to fret about the delay which farmers are experiencing in getting at their farm work. Little or nothing has been done in the direction of seeding, while this time last year some farmers had all their wheat sown. However, many hold to the opinion that a late spring is better for crops. At any rate there is no reason for special anxiety yet. There is a very heavy demand for farm implements, particularly shoe drills, and dealers are not able to fill all orders. Building work has been considerably delayed by the backward weather and season trade in general lines is also retarded. The export cattle trade is greatly depressed, owing to the very low prices ruling in British markets. British and foreign immigrants, the latter mostly Germans, are beginning to arrive. One large party reached here this week, mostly for Manitoba points. Indications, however, do not point to a very large immigration this year, though the movement will probably be larger than last year. There is a considerable demand for farm help and the demand for female help is greatly in excess of the supply. Payments on April 4 were generally satisfactory. Bank clearings at Winnipeg this week show an increase of over 52 per cent, compared with the like week of 1895, and over 20 per cent over the corresponding week of 1891. Clearings at other Canadian cities this week all decreased as follows: Montreal 22.4 per cent; Toronto 1.6 per cent; Halifax 15.8 per cent; Hamilton 8.9 per cent.

In the United States this week Bradstreets reports advances in prices of flour, wheat, corn, oats, pork and sugar, steel billets and beams and other iron and steel products, including No. 2 foundry pig, and for tin plates. The advance in wheat has continued and the trade is again discussing the likelihood of this being the long expected advance for cereals which they believe must come after the extreme depression of the past few years. Higher iron and steel prices have checked demand. The new steel combine antagonizes a number of large producers, not members, as well as makers of cotton ties and tin plates, to whom high cost raw material means competition from abroad. One of the most unfavorable features, says Bradstreets, is the continued inability of interior merchants to make remittances promptly.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 11.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, 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 discounts.]

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—The feature of this branch is still the large demand for seed drills. Dealers are not able to supply the demand. At some single country points over 100 drills have been sold to farmers and more are wanted, which cannot be supplied.

CORRWOOD.—There is scarcely anything doing in car lots. Some stocks are held in the city, but it would be difficult to secure much now. Poplar is very scarce. Prices are firm, and retail prices have advanced about 25c. We quote prices as follows for car lots on track here; Tamarac, good, \$1.00; mixed or poorer tamarac, \$3.50 to \$3.75; pine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; spruce, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, dead, \$3.00 to \$3.25; oak, good,

green cut, \$3.75; poplar, dead, \$2.25; poplar, green cut, dry, \$2.50 per cord.

COAL.—Prices are unchanged. Winnipeg prices are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$8.50 per ton delivered to consumers; Souris lignite, \$1.25 per ton, delivered to consumers, and \$3.85 at the yard here; Lethbridge bituminous \$6.50 to consumers; western anthracite, \$8.50 per ton to consumers.

CROCKERY, ETC.—Business is quiet in this branch. New stocks will be received on the opening of navigation. This refers to imported goods from Europe. Glassware which comes mostly from the United States is received earlier. The tendency is toward more artistic work from year to year, both as to shapes and decorations. The new semi-porcelain ware, both in white and decorated ironstone china. It has more of a china finish.

DRIED FRUITS AND NUTS.—Grenoble Walnuts, 16c; Tarragona almonds, 16c; princess paper shell almonds, 22c; Sicilly filberts, large, 12c; Brazil nuts, 15c; peanuts, roasted, 15c; peanuts greens, 18c; Ontario black walnuts, 8c; butternuts, 9c; hickory nuts, 10c per pound; figs, new, 9 lb. boxes, 14c; figs, superior, 35 lb. boxes, 19c; figs, fancy imperial, 55 lb. boxes, 22c per lb.; dates, new, 6 and 7c per lb., apricots, 13½ to 14c; dried apples 6c; evaporated apples 8c per lb.

DRY GOODS.—Reports as to payments on the 11th, on the whole are very good. A fair sorting trade is doing, but the weather has not been favorable for an active storing trade.

DRUGS.—Camphor is firm at the high prices recently reached. It is now in demand for the moth trade. Gum Arabic is strong, being affected by the Soudan war. Cream tartar is again lower abroad. Cod liver oil keeps very scarce. Newfoundland has advanced 15 to 20c per gallon. Following prices are for small parcels, and will be shaded considerably for full package orders: Alum per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$5.25 gal; bleaching powder, per pound; 6 to 8c, bluestone, 4½ to 5c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax 11 to 15c; bromide potash, 65 to 75c; camphor, 85 to 95c; camphor, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to 55c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chloride potash, 28 to 35c; citric acid, 55 to 55c; copperas 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz. \$6.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 40 to 50c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35c; ginger, Jamaica, 30 to 35c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Opium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.25 to 2.75; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.25 to 3.25 per gallon; oxalic acid, 13 to 16 potass iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20c lb; saltpetro, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle 30 to 35c; sheliac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 3½ to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb, per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3, tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55c; strychnine, pure crystals 80c to \$1.00 per oz.

FLUID BEEF, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnstons Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2 4oz., \$4.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.85; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.85; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminol—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz., \$5.10; do, 8 oz., \$7.65; do, 16oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$1.25

FISH.—The first fresh spring salmon of the season are now arriving, this variety being

superior to any other salmon. The variety of fresh fish in the market is considerably less now than throughout the winter. Winnipeg market, jobbing prices are: Salmon, 14c; halibut, 14c; Lake Superior trout, 9c; whitefish, 6c; pickerel 4c; pike 2½ to 3c; perch 2 to 2½c; kippered goldeyes 80c doz; oysters, \$1.80 to \$2 per gal; Cured fish are quoted: Boneless codfish, 40lb boxes 7c, do crates 7½c; boneless fish, 40lb boxes, 5c; smoked herrings, 15 to 20c box; blotters, large, \$1.35 per box; blotters, small, \$1.00 per box; dry cod \$6 per box of 100 lbs., salt whitefish, \$5.50 per barrel of 100 pounds; salt lake trout, \$6.50 per barrel; salt herring, ½-barrel \$4.

GREEN FRUITS.—Good apples are scarce. Some are coming in, but it is difficult to get good stock. Prices are firm for good fruit and there has been some talk of advancing to \$7 per barrel, though it is not certain that this will be done. Oranges have not changed here, but the recent advances in California from 15 to 50c per box will likely mean higher prices here soon. Malaga grapes are out of the market, but more may be in, and we allow the quotation to stand. The war in Cuba is making pineapples scarce, and it is difficult to keep up stocks. Bananas of choice quality are coming forward freely and prices are lower. New maple syrup is on the way here. First arrivals will sell at about 13 to 14c for sugar and about \$1.40 to \$1.50 for syrup, in gallon tins. Prices are: Lemons New Messinas \$5.00 per box; California navel oranges, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; California seedlings, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Bananas, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bunch as to size, a few very small bunches sell as low as \$2.00; Apples, eastern Canada choice spies, \$5 to \$5.50; other red varieties, \$5.50, russets, \$5.00 per barrel; Malaga grapes \$9 per keg for large sizes; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$5 per dozen as to size; Apple cider, 35c per gallon, in 30 gallon barrels; comb honey \$5.25 per case of 24 sections.

GROCERIES.—There was a further advance of 1-16c in the prices of refined sugars at New York on April 7. At Eastern Canada refineries prices are firm and the demand improved.

HARDWARE.—As a result of the recent meetings of the manufacturers at Montreal, the trade has been notified of an advance on cut and wire nails, to go into effect on May 10. This will be the second advance within a short period. Prices are:

TIN, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb, 20 to 21c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$3.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50, CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blaina, \$3.00 to \$3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5½c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5½c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6½ to 6¾c; ½ inch, per lb., 6 to 6¾c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 6c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4½ to 5c; 1 inch, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.