

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

WINNIPEG, Saturday, Nov. 28, 1893

Business has been interrupted this week by the big storm which raged on Thursday and Friday forenoon, being very severe Thursday night. It was one of the worst storms experienced for years, some saying it was the worst since March, 1831. There is much more snow than usual for this time of year. Railway traffic was demoralized on Thursday and Friday and only a few passenger trains were able to get through. All business in grain and country produce was stopped by the bad condition of country roads. The storm covered a large area of territory, including Manitoba and the lake to the east and south. Fears are expressed for shipping on Lake Superior, but so far no wrecks are reported. A large number of steamers were at Fort William loading wheat this week but no cargoes are reported lost. The last Canadian Pacific railway steamer was billed to leave Fort William on Nov. 26, but grain steamers were to clear later, though this week will about wind up the clearances.

There were 86 business failures reported in Canada this week, against 47 last week, 52 in the week a year ago and 35 two years ago.

At New York yesterday money was quoted at 2 to 2 1/2 per cent. on call and prime mercantile paper at 4 to 5 per cent. Bar silver was quoted at 65 1/2c.

Bradtrees report the situation in the United States as hardly realizing the hopes of those who started up industries immediately after the elections. There have been heavier sales of wool to manufacturers at firm prices, but woolen mills have only fair orders for spring delivery. Iron and steel manufacturers report the demand not equal to the expectations. Bessemer steel remains firm at pool prices but billets for export are off \$2 a ton. Nails have dropped heavily on the collapse of the pool and even Bessemer pig iron is shaded. Cotton ties are lower and the steel rail pool have not decided as to quotations. The larger number of changes in prices in staple produce were downward this week; petroleum, turpentine, hides, apples, cotton and wheat flour being lower in addition to prices of metals. Unchanged quotations are reported for wool, print cloth, leather, pork, sugar and coffee, while the leading cereals, wheat, corn and oats, respond with advances, as do prices for lead, lard, and tin.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Nov. 28.

[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.]

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are now out with a ring line. Retailers from most points report that they have had a good trade this season, which indicates a good sorting demand during the balance of the season. The weather has been favorable for a good trade in winter furs, cold weather having set in early.

DRUGS.—Cream of tartar has declined about 5 to 6 c. Glycerine is firm. Castor oil continues very firm. Prices have advanced 1/2 to 1 c. per lb. in the east. Prices here for parcel lots are as follows, with liberal reductions for large orders: Alum per pound, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2; alcohol, \$5.25 gallon; blue ching powder per pound; 6 to 8 c; bluestone, 5 to 7 c; borax 11 to 15 cents; bromide potash, 65 to 75 c; camphor, 85 to 95 c; caustic, ounces 90 to 1.00; carbolic acid, 40 to

65 c; castor oil, 11 to 15 c; chlorate potash, 28 to 35 c; citric acid, 55 to 65 c; cinchona 8 1/2 to 10; cocaine, per oz., \$1.50 to \$7.00; cream tartar, per pound, 30 to 35 c; cloves, 20 to 25 c; opium salts, 8 1/2 to 10; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18 c; do., boxes, 18 to 20 c; German quinine, 40 to 50 c; glycerine, per pound, 30 to 35 c; ginger, Jamaica 30 to 35 c; to., African, 20 to 25 c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 45 to 55 c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40 c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to \$2.25. Onium, \$1.50 to \$5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to \$1.40; oil, lemon, super \$2.75 to 3.25; oil, peppermint, \$1.00 to \$1.50; oil, cod liver, \$2.50 to \$1 per gallon as to brand; oxalic acid, 18 to 16 c; potass iodide, \$1.25 to 4.50; paris green, 18 to 20 c lb; saltpetre, 10 to 12 c; sal rochelle 30 to 35 c; shelling, 45 to 50 c; sulphur flowers, 3 1/2 to 5 c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3 1/2 to 5 c; soda bicarb. per keg of 112 pounds, \$3.75 to \$4.25; sal soda, \$2 to \$3; tartaric acid, per lb., 45 to 55 c; strychnine, pure crystals 80 c to \$1.00 per oz.

COAL.—Locally there has been a good demand for coal, owing to the cold weather which has been exceptionally cold for November. There is no change in prices. Prices here are as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite \$10.00; western anthracite, \$9.50 per ton. Souris coal \$1.50 ton; Lethbridge \$0.50. Those prices are delivered to consumers in Winnipeg. Car lots on track of Souris coal are held at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per ton.

CORDWOOD.—Prices are about the same. The demand is good. Tamarac of last winter's cutting is generally held at \$1.50 per cord, but real dry, choice tamarac will bring \$1.75. Prices for car lots on track here are quoted at \$1.50 to \$1.75 for tamarac as to quality. Pine \$3.75 to \$4.25, as to quality; poplar \$2.75.

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., \$1.50; No. 3, 8oz., \$7.88; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.83; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminal—2oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do, 4oz, \$5.10.

FISH.—Prices are: Finnan Haddies, 10 to 11 c per lb. by the box. Whitefish, 6 c; Lake Superior trout, 9 c; Pickerel, 4 c; Sturgeon, 8 c; salmon, 11 c; halibut, 12 1/2 c; Cod, 10 c; Haddock, 10 c per lb; smelt, 11 c; Oysters, \$1.80 per gallon for standards and \$2.00 for select; shell oysters, \$8 to 8.50 barrel; smoked goldeyes, 30 c dozen; smoked salmon, 15 c lb.; bloaters, \$1.50 b x; red herrings, 20 c box; pickled trout, \$7.50 per barrel of 100 lbs; pickled whitefish, \$3 per barrel.

GREEN FRUITS.—There is no change this week. Prices are as follows: Apples \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel as to quality. The regular dealers are holding good stock at \$2.25 to \$2.50, and up to \$3 for choice apples and snow, California lemons \$5 per box; Mexican oranges \$3.50 to \$6; Cape Cod cranberries \$3 per barrel; Washington pears \$2.50 box; Malaga grapes, \$3 to \$3.50 per keg, as to size of keg and quality. Sweet potatoes \$1.50 to \$5 per barrel.

HARDWARE.—Prices are as follows:

Tin, lamb and 56 and 28 lb. ingots, per lb. 19 to 20 c.

TIN PLATES.—Charcoal plates, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$1.50 to \$1.75; I. N., same sizes, per box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$3.50 to 4.00; I. N., per box, 20 by 23, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$8.00 to 8.50.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.35 to \$2.50; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$2.55 to 3.00; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sledge shoe steel, \$3.00 to 3.25;

best cast tool steel, per lb, 11 to 12 c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13 c.

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

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blain, \$3.10

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 1 1/2 c; 26 gauge, per lb., 4 1/2 c; 28 gauge, per lb., 5 c.

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

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 c.

SHEET ZINC.—In casks, 5.75 lb., broken lots, 6.00.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 to 16 c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 40 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, not list; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 80 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5 1/2 c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 c.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twist, of wire and staples, \$3.25 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 7 1/2 to 8 c base; manilla, per lb., 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inch as 1 larger, 15 c lb.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.00 to 9.00.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$3.16 for 60 d with usual extras; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.60 per keg; 3 to 4 inch \$3.91 keg; 2 1/2 inch, \$1.22 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 45 per cent.

NUTS.—New nuts are now coming to hand, and we quote as follows: Tarragon almonds, 16 c; Sicily filberts, large, 15 c; filberts ordinary, 12 c; peanuts, roasted, 12 c; peanuts, green, 9 c. Ontario Chestnuts 12 c. Ontario butternuts 9 c. New Grenoble walnut, will not be in until about the first to this 15th of December.

LUMBER.—Prices are as follows:

Dimension and Timber—No. 1.		SIZES.							
		12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.	26ft.
2x4 to 2x12	13.50	18.50	19.50	19.50	20.50	21.50	22.50	23.50	24.50
3x4 to 3x12									
4x4 to 4x12	20	20	20	21	22	23	24		
5x4 to 5x12									
6x4 to 6x12									
and 8x5									
8x10 to 8x12	22	22	22	23	24	25	26		
2x4 10 at \$20.50									
2x6 to 2x12 10 at \$18.									

No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1.

Dimension, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$26. Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft., \$28. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in depth and width Tamarac dimension same prices as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2 per M. less than pine. Cull Plank, all widths at \$12 per M. B. C. Fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30 per M. 32 to 40 ft., \$33; 40 to 60 ft., \$36. \$1 per M. extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards.—1st. common boards, red pine \$25; 2nd. common boards, \$18; 3rd. common boards, \$16; No. 1 cull boards, \$12; No. 2 cull boards, \$8; Spruce boards, \$16; \$1 per M. extra for stock boards. \$2 per M. less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and up, \$30; No. 2, box boards, 14 in. and up, \$26. Extra dressing per M. \$1.50.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling.—2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine \$38.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$32.00; 2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$12.00; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine \$26.00; 4th 5 and 6 inch red and white \$21.00; B. C. No. 1 fir \$36.00; B. C. No. 2 fir \$32.00; B. C. No. 3 fir \$28.00; B. C. spruce \$35.00. 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce native \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine \$25.00; No.