THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, July 5

The business situation shows gradually increasing buoyancy. The continuation of favorable crop conditions has stimulated business in every direction, and while there has some damage done by floods in various localities, as a result of excessive rains, the general situation with regard to the crops is very satisfactory. Demand for all seasonable lines of merchandise is good, and most wholehouses are taxed to the utmost to keep up with their orders. Now that farmers have time to do it, great many of them are hauling the remainder of their last year's wheat crop to market, and as prices good, this is putting considerable money into circulation. The labor market is disturbed in several directions just at present by strikes, the most important being that on the Canadian Northern Railway. This has spread considerably during the week, and now involves nearly 1 (000) men

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

Improved weather conditions permit steadier work in the building line, and dealers are kept busy with ord-and dealers are kept busy with ord-follows. We quote: Rubble stone, \$4 per cord; footings, \$5.00 per cord; broken stone, \$1.25 per cubic yard; brick, kiln run, \$9 per thousand; veneer, \$11 per thousand; veneer, \$12 per thousand; weneer, \$12 per thousand; weneer, \$12 per thousand; weneer, \$13 per thousand; weneer, \$13 per thousand; weneer, \$14 per thousand; weneer, \$15 per thous bushel.

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The twine situation is pretty fully covered by the information given in our news columns this week. Southern harvests are using a great deal and there will therefore be less twine available for harvests further north, and less likelihood of lower prices. And less likelihood of lower prices. Sisal and standard, 12½c per pound; manila, 509 foot, 13¾c; manila, 600 foot, 15c; pure manila, 16½c, all f.o.b. Winnipez. Pive ton lots of both sisal these figures, and car lots at ¼c less, fall terms. fall terms.

DRY GOODS.

There is still a good sorting demand for summer lines. This will be even season is now open, and many people are preparing for vacation. Staple lines are in heavy demand, and jobthe supply on some lines. A number of country merchants have been in looking over stocks. Travellers are booking piently of orders for fail

FISH.

All kinds of domestic fresh fish are now plentiful and prices remain unchanged, as follows: We quote: Whitefish, Se per Ib.; pickerel, de per Ib.; bardende per partiel, st. 425; salt mackerel, \$1.00 per kit; Holland herring, in kits, \$1.00; Digby chicks, 18c per Ib.; boneless fish, Dyec Ib.

GREEN FRUITS.

The features this week have been greatly improved demand, owing that weather and the difficulty of get hot weather and the difficulty of get-ting supplies in some cases, owing to Canadian Northern strike, which has vanced \$1.00 per case since last Sat-urlay, and are now worth \$5.50, with prospects of still higher prices. To-matoes are 25c per case lower, at \$1.25. Ontario strawberries have \$1.25. Ontario strawberries have been coming in in good condition, but the warm weather will stop this now. Quotations are as follows: Oranges, Valencias, \$5 to \$6 per case; lemons, \$5.50 per case; bananas, \$2.75 to \$3

per bunch; watermelons, per dozen; Ontario trawberries, per crate, \$3: 60 per box, \$2: 50 per box; apricots, \$2: 5 pound packages, 5½c. ables—Tomatoes, 4 basket crates, \$1.25; Egyptian onions, 4½c, in single sacks, and 4½c in five sack lots, Honey, per pound, 14c in 60-fb tins; in glasses, \$2.25 per dozen; apple cider, per gallon, 36c; Imperial maple syrup in gallon tins, \$12.00 per dozen in ½-gallon tins, \$6.50; quarts, \$3.60.

GROCERIES.

Trade has been good during the past week and a few country customers have called, Money is a little more plentiful. With regard to canned goods we may say that prices have now been fixed by the association for now been fixed by the association for most lines. Raspherries and straw-berries are somewhat higher than the opening of last year, and judging from present crop prospects of strawber-vances rather than any decline. The raspherry crop is not so far advanced that predictions can be made regard-ing prices with any degree of cer-tainly, the same as last year there is every indication of these being increased be-fore the pack is completed. Tomatoes, corn, and beans are quoted and applies are becoming scarce and while no change has been made in local quotasame as last year. Evaporated appues are becoming scarce and while no change has been made in local quotations, it begins to look as if stocks will be exhausted before new goods are available. Eastern holders are not offering evaporated apples here. Calfornia dried fruits are unchanged from last weeks quotation of the control of the c pects there to-day are lavorable tor nearly all fruits. Japan ea fr'ily main-tains its great strength and the cheap-er grades will probably show a more marked advance than early pickings Winnipeg jobbing prices for groceries are given on another page.

HARDWARE.

Demand for all lines embraced un-der this head is active and dealers are still unable to fill all their orders. Prices hold steady and there are no special features. Jobbing quotations at Winnipeg are given on another cial features. Jobbi Winnipeg are given

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The features in this line are, good demand for plows, wagons, mowers, rakes, and a generally favorable outlook for business. Threshing machinery is also in good demand for fall delivery and a great many outfits are being sold. Buggy trade is improving as the country roads get better.

SCRAP.

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There is a good demand for all kinds of old material, and dealers are busy. Prices are firm. We quote: No. 1 cast iron. Free from wrought and \$5 to \$\$^{\$}\$\$ to \$\$^{\$}

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

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WHEAT—On Monday of this week
the speculative markets in the United
States advanced sharply and the advance was continued without much
reaction up to Wednesday. On Thursday, however, there was some falling
off and owing to yesterday being 4th
July, a holiday in the States, we have
markets of last week till the close of
Wednesday's markets of this week
was from 2e to 3e per bushel, the larger advance being on July option, and
the smaller on the more distant fufly to 3/c, which leaves the net advance on the week about 1½ to 2½c
per bushel. The immediate cause of
the spurt was a re-urn of very wet
weather down south where much winthe spurt was a recurn or very were weather down south where much win-ter wheat is either cut and standing in the fields or ready to cut. Besides damage and waste from this cause there is the delay in getting the wheat ready for market, and as the July op-tion in all the markets seems to be

heavily oversold the tendency is for higher prices for all old wheat avail-able for delivery on July contracts. The situation as regards cash wheat is steady to strong although there is no urgent general demand. The prosno urgent general demand. The prospect of good crops in Europe keeps the export situation quiet and the demand on a hand to mouth scale. The more than usual on the weather of the near future. Favverable weather would tend to put prices down and the reverse to put them up. Aside wheat situation is strong. The prospects for the crops in Europe point to a yield of probably 80,000,000 bushels for the crop in America probably 110,000,000 bushels less. In the meantime consumption seems to be increasing largely, and the prices of feed grains July corn in Chicago is selling at 2c over July wheat. The inference is that wheat is cheaper for feed than other grain. The American the first than other grain. The American that the consumption of the consumptio od crops in Europe show a net decrease of 910,000 busness last week. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's, on July 1st, this year, stands at 88,000,000 bushels against 114,000,000 bushels same date last year, showing a decrease of 26,000,000 bushels. Wheat, therefore, is 000,005 bushels. Wheat, therefore, is not high at present prices even if the year's crops come off well. The American visible supply decreased 1,275, 553,000 bushels the previous week and a decrease of 2,110,000 bushels as against 7,000 bushels last year. The world's shipments were 6,150,000 bushels against 7,000 bushels last year. The world's visible supply according to Bradstree's, decrease of 4,50,000 bushels against a decrease of 4,50,000

crease of 4,450,000 bushels agains a crease of 4,450,000 bushels the previous week and a decrease of 2,800,000 bushels least year. Just the first 73½c; 2 northern, 11½c, in store Fort William. During the week the highest figures were 1 hard 76½c, 1 northern 74½c, and 2 northern 73c. At the close of this week prices are 1 hard 76c, 1 northern 74c, 2 northern 71½c,

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GROUND FEED—We quote: Oat chop, per ton, \$28; barley chop, \$24; mixed barley and oats, \$26; chop screenings, \$15.09; oil cake, \$30. OATS—Trading is now practically confined to local feed requirements as the confined to local feed requirements and the local feed requirements and the local feed requirements and local feed requiremen to 38c. At country points farmers are etting 31c to 34c for No. 2 white stars. Street oats are not offering.

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ROLLED OATS-Milling company report their prices unchanged as follows: 80 lb. sacks, \$2.20; 40 lb. sacks are worth \$2.25; 20s, \$2.30; and 8s, \$2.60 with cover. Two pound packages, \$3.60 without case. Granulat and standard oatmeal is unchanged \$2.75 per 98 lb. sack. VEGETABLES—New potatoes

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EGGS—Supplies are only moderate and prices hold at 11c per dozen for choice case eggs delivered here.

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DRESSED MEATS—Grass fed bels becoming more plentiful and pricare easier. Several lots of range cat
tle have been received for local tradand those show fine quality. We quote
Beef, city dressed, 7½ to 8½c per lb.
veal, 8c to 9c; mutton, 9c; sprinlambs, each, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, 1pound, 7½ to 8½c.

HIDES-Receipts are light and the MIMES—Receipts are light and the market unchanged as follows, No. 2's, 5½c; and No. 3's, 4½c. the and calf the same price as hides, deakins, 25 to 40c; slunks, 10 to 15c; horse hides, 50c to \$1.00.

WOOL—Receipts of Manitob wool are light and the market steady at 6 to 6½ per pound for un-washed fleece delivered here. TALLOW—Local buyers are paying

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5c to 6c per pound for tallow delivered
here, according to grade.
SINECA ROOT—Receipts are largeer and a continuation of the present
er should stimulate digging. As high
as 38c per pound has been paid for
choice root delivered here and the
market ranges from that figure down
to Mc, according to quality. Clean,
ers, and they will readily pay several
cents per pound more for this kind of
stock.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—This week we have to note a return to more normal conditions in the cattle market and prise to the cattle market and prise on the cattle market and will be plentiful hereafter. Reports from the rance country say that the cattle are in the condition. Butchers are now paying from the to 5c per pound, off cars, here for the cattle are now paying from the to 5c per pound, off cars, here for the cattle are now paying from the to 5c per pound, off cars, here for the cattle are now paying from the to 5c per pound, and the cattle are now paying from the to 5c per pound, and the cattle are now paying the cattle are now paying the cattle are now paying the paying the paying the paying the cattle are now paying the payin SHEEP-Receipts are much larger

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HOGS—Live hogs are now coming in more freely and the market is easy at 6½c per pound for best packing weights, off cars, here.

MILCH COWS—Cows are scarce, nd good milkers readily bring \$45 in his market, the range being from \$35 to \$45 each.

HORSES-There is a steady demand for general purpose horses and as these are scarce prices are high. Sup-plies are being brought in from Cut-taric and Montana.

Postmortem payments of life surance premiums are not valid, recent case shows, detailed in Review." In brief, the General issued a policy for \$12.250 on lif-one Lawley, who was introduced the lifth of September the firm the o'erdue premium between 3 4 p. m. Lawley having died at 2 suit being brought to recover among the lifth of the list of the list of the list of the lister of