THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Saturday, April 26.

one the past week, and the volume is steadily increasing as spring ad-vances, Jobbing houses are either busy with spring sorting or getting ready for the summer and fall. In a week being a decline of 25c per hundred in the price of all grades of sugar. due partly to the opening of navigabe for seeding. It should be warmer. quite active in Winnipeg and th-country towns, and a great deal of new work is projected. There is a spirit of unrest among the building result in strikes before long. There is nd the working people will soon be clearings at Winnipeg maintain their

WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, April 26. (All quotations, unless otherwise speci-tied, 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 dis-

CURED MEATS.

There have been a few changes in the cured meat list here this week owing to the firmer market for hogs and the increasing demand. In the smoked meat list bacon has advanced by per pound to Loc, shoulders are ly per pound to Loc, shoulders are ly given to the per point, rolls, tye to the control of the per pound, and the per pound, ers are up 1/2 to 101/2 per pound.

DIY GOODS.

Sorting business has been more active this week as the weather is finer and retail stocks have been well broken into. The demand for ready-toward goods, gentle furnishings, etc., is portfullerly good. (Bayes show no marched content. Values show no marched content. Values show no marched content. I would have been a furn feeling in all lines and the tendency is upwards. Mills throughout Eastern Canada report the demand for goods so insistent that the demand for goods so insistent that they cannot keep up with their orders, they are finding private find the firm there, particularly corton goods.

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The demand for fish is sensonably active, and prices hold steady as follows. Whitelesh, 5e per 10., pickerd, for fit by pickerd, and prices hold steady as follows. Property of the price of the property of the property of the price o

FUEL.

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The season for heating fuel is about over. Small quantities are still being taken in some cases to the over the spring requirements but this business does not amount to very much. We quote: Pennsylvania anthracite, egg, stove and No. 1 nut. Sit.05 per ton, delivered, retail; No. 2 nut. Sit. Candelivered, retail candelivered, r tuminous, screen per ton; Tritted states bituminous, 88 per ton; Souris lignite, \$4.30 per ton; carlots at the mine, \$1.60; run of the mine, \$1.35, and screenings, 60c per ton. Wood in car-lots on track is worth about the following prices: Tamarac, per cord, \$4 to \$4.25; fack pine, \$3.25; poplar, \$3; oak, \$4.25 to \$4.50; slabs, \$2.50.

GREEN FRUITS.

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The demand for groceries in a wholesale way is large and jobbing houses are all busy. The general tone houses are all busy. The general tone to the control of the growth per hundred lower since the 21st with the exception of B. C. sugar is only 20c lower. The action inst. with the exception of B. C. sugar which is only 20e lower. The action of the B. C. refinery in reducing prices 5c less than eastern refineries seem to indicate that it will abandon the Winnipeg market for the sake of securing a better price at western points. A list of staple prices at Winnipeg will be found on another page of this issue.

HARDWARE

The demand for all kinds of hardware is very active. New stores are scarting at a number of points in the starting at a number of points in the starting at a number of points in the feely. The only change to note in prices this week is a further advance in the price of harvest tools. The discount on these is now 60 per cent. instead of 90 and 10.

IMPLEMENTS.

Wholesale dealers here are still very busy with spring business, although of course, the heavy part of the trade is over. There has been so much delay in securing goods from the factories that deliveries have been later than usual in many cases. Prices are holding steady on all leading lines, but the pressure of business may lead to advances later on. Harvest orders will begin to receive attention from now on.

LUMBER.

The feature of the lumber market has been a ger-ral advance in prices of white pine 'amber amounting to 5de per thousand feet on the whois-sale list. Timber and dimension, boards, shiplap, flooring, siding, cell-ing, and casings have all been advanc-ed that amount. Simultaneously with this advance in wholesale prices the this advance in wholesale prices the cetall dealers in Wimipeg put up their list, as the present and pros-pective demand here makes it impos-sible to do business longer on the old business longer on the old hard prices may be looked for next week, as the mills claim that logs and labor are to the control of the con-labor are to the con-trol conlabor are costing them so much mo money now that they are obliged self-protection to put up the prices.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

The active demand for these goods ontinues and jobbing houses are very usy. No changes in prices have

been made this week, but an advance is predicted in the price of gasoline, as the United States market has gone up le within the past few weeks, and this market is governed by the same concern that controls the business in

RAW FURS

We quote Badger, prime. 25: to \$1; bear black, small, \$5:00 to \$5.1; bear black, small, \$5:00 to \$1.5; bear, brown, small, \$5:00 to \$1.5; bear, brown, small, \$5:0 to \$1.0; bear brown, iarge, \$15: to \$2.2; beaver, small, \$1.00 to \$1.5; beaver, small, \$1.00 to \$1.5; beaver, small, \$1.00 to \$1.5; beaver, small, \$1.00 to \$1.0; beaver, small, \$1.00 to \$1.00

SCRAP

ts good and dry and blead 15c per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The increased activity which we reported last week as being exhibited in the American speculative markets developed this week into an excited bulge in prices. The continued dry and windy weather in lative markets developed this week into an excited buge in prices. The continued dry and windy weather in wheat country, which had also obtained to some extent up into the southern part of the spring wheat country in South Dakota and Southern Minnesott Each been the means of administration of the spring wheat country in South Dakota and Southern Minnesott Each been the means of advanced by the spring which was a spring the way for speculative public to begin to take hold on the buying side of wheat. When, therefore, with the beautiful the spring was sufficient to set speculative pulse from the dry weather was apparent, the further advance that took place was sufficient to set speculative buyers on fire, and on Wednesday, at the very time when good rains came advance took place in the markets, putting them up 2c, to 2½ higher than the day before. On Thursday the active buyers of Wednesday hegan to brow their wheat back on the than the day before. On Thursday the active buyers of Weelmeday began to throw their wheat back on the third was the buyers of the week to be buyers of the buy conditions to excounter before being safely harvested. The export requirements are still considerable, but the crops in Europe are in excellent control of the control of t

and a decrease of 2,005,000 last year. The world's were 7,450,000 bushels again 000 bushels last week and bushels last year. The world supply, according to Bradst creased 6,650,000 bushels (0.000 bushels are 3,241,000 bushels)

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FLOUR—The feature of FLOUR—The feature of has been an advance of 10, has been an advances in wheat an the large export demand four. We quote prices not lows: Hungarian Patent, suck of 98 pounds; Glenora, berta, \$1.70. Manitoba, \$1 XXXX, \$1.20. XXX, \$1.20. MILLFEED—The market

MILLEEED—The market remains unchanged at \$14.50 in bulk, and \$16.50 for shor GROUND FEED—Demand and prices remain unchange lows: Oat chop, per ton, \$2 ley chop, \$21.50; mixed h, oats, \$24.50; oatmeal free chopped screenings, \$14.50; \$27.

OATS-Prices for oats by OATS—Prices for oats have little firmer during the past w-ing to the good export dema-quote: No. 1 white, in ca-track, Winnipeg, per bushel, i-No. 2 white, 38c; seed oats, 4; No. 2 white, 38c; seed oats. At country points farmers 28 to 30c for No. 2 white cours are bringing 32 to 34c BARLEY—Receipts are

GARLEY—Receipts are very bg and the market holds firm at 12 to 45 or best grades.
FLANNEED—Dealers are askn. 200 per bushels for seed flax SPELTZ—Dealers are asking to bushel of 50 pounds for seeding. speltz.

HAY—Receipts are only moderate

and the market continues firm at \$6.50 per ton for fresh baled Loos hay is worth \$6 to \$6.50 per ton ROLLED OATS—Milling companies

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CHEENE—Some of the factories re-port that they will have now chees to ship by the first of May. In the meantime jobbers are surrelying their trade with Ontario stock at 1819c per pound.

pound.

EGGS—Receipts are still only emoderate volume and the markeholds steady at 10c per dozen net delivered here.

VEGETARLES - The worket visit and prices rule about as follows Potatoes, farmers' loads, delivered here, 25 to 30c per bushel; carrots 8 per bushel; betts, 60c per bushel; tu-nips, 40c per bushel; lettuce and rad-