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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, October, 12 In the Western business world ac tivity prevails to an almost undiminished degree, nothwithstanding the fact that the weather is still unsettled and the crops suffering from excessive moisture. Threshing was resumed seemed to prevail that there would be no further serious interruptions but the weather broke again on Wednesday and at the time of writing it is still threatening. Wholesale houses report a good demand for all sorts of goods for immediate consumption and travellers are also booking a large amount of spring business. Values for staple lines are holding steady. Hardware and metals show decided firmness. In the country busi decided is being interfered Collections are har nearly so good as they should not be, but this is accounted for by the delay in the grain movement. cattle movement is being delayed by want of railway cars and a serious controversy is now on over this matter between the dealers and the Cana-

factory rate of increase over previous WINNIPEG MARKETS

dian Pacific Company. Bank clearings at Winnings continue to show a satis-

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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.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

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Travellers are still out with spring samples and booking a fine line of business. All kinds of footwear will be in as big demand as ever next spring, the beter qualities being particularly wanted. So far orders are showing a being taken to only a very small extent as compared with two or three years ago. Their place is being taken by patent leathers and enamel goods. In the trade, opinion is divided as to the with these other lines.

BUILDING MATERIAL

Demand is skeady and there are no changes in prices which we quote as follows: Rubble stone, 44.00 per cord; footings, 45.50 per cubic process, and the stone, 41.25 per cubic yard; white lime, 20c per bushel; grey lime, 15 to 16c per bushel. Veneer brick \$11 per thousand, klin run, \$9 per thousand.

DRUGS.

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Local houses have had an active week and trade is good in all seasonable lines. Prices hold steady at figures given on our prices current page. The New York Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter gives the following list of chances there in the issue of Monical Control of the c

FISH

Demand is good and market steady Demand is good and market steady at the following prices: Whitefish, deper pound; pickerel, 4e per pound; pick, 3c, trout. Be: salmon, 129; to 46e per dozen, fresh cod, 7e per pound salt cod, 63/9c, Labradon herring, per barrel, \$4; salt mackerel, \$1.50 per kit; Hölland herring, fin kis, \$1.90; bundless fish, 63/9c per pound; salt for per gallon for selects.

EITEL.

The demand for fuel is beginning to assume cold weather dimensions. Oad is being freely taken for both cooking and heating requirements and many people are buying their winter's supply now. in anticipation of higher prices. Pennsylvania anthracite is re-

garded as good value at present figures. United States bituminous has advanced 10 to 25e per ton at southern centres within the past two weeks, hard coal market. Hocking Valley is now worth \$2.80 per ton in cariots at points in the Northwestern States. Souris lightle holds steady at \$4.75 per ton retail here, but there is some talk \$7.69 per ton unscreened. We quote prices as follows: Pennsylvania anthractic states are souris lightly and No. 1 nut, \$10.50 per ton delivered, retail, No. 2 nut, \$8.00. Canadian arthractic, \$5.30 per ton; Bourle Gatake, bituminous, \$7.30 per ton; Cuited States, bituminous, \$7.30 per ton; Souris, lightly, \$1.50 per ton; cariots at the mine, \$1.30, rut of the mine, \$1.35, and servenings, rut is selling retail at \$8.000 per cord.

GREEN FRUITS.

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Leannath and the market remains unchanged. Last shipments of Ontario grapes are now on the way here. We quote: Apples, per less, per hashet, Tic. grapes, per hashet, Tic. grapes, and Niagaras, and 40c for Red Rodgers; Washington Italian prunes, \$1.25, pears, \$2.75 box, behanded to the state of the sta

GROCERIES.

Trade is good and the market steady. Collections are poor. Canned goods remain unchanged this week. Green Rio coffee is still stronger and advancing at primary points owing to hish rates of exchange and under the control of the con Trade is good and the market stead;

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Demand is steady and most lines unchanged in price. We have to note an advance in the price of boils, note an advance in the price of boils. The steady of the steady of 55 and 5; on machine, 60 and 5; nates of 55 and 5; rope is 1/2 per pound, advances from Pitcheure state that the ron derable advances. state that the mon markets are strong but show no considerable advances. Structural material is in particularly good demand; steel rails are already being bought for 1902 delivery. Wan-nipeg wholesale prices will be found on another page of this issue.

IMPLEMENTS AND VEHICLES

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Dealers have been shipping a few
threshing machines this week to fill
belaced orders and there is also some
fall plow trade moving. Travellers
out for sleigh and cutter orders are
booking a good line of business. Colections are slow owing to bad wellections are slow owing to bad wel-

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Lumber trade is suffering to some extent from the effects of the backward weather. Building operations ward weather. Building operations the same headway with wet weather as they otherwise would and lumber trade suffers proportionately. There is one of the part of mil agents to book orders than was the case two months ago. Sash and door trade is also duller than it was. Prices remain unchanged but easier terms are now procurable.

PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS.
The market here remains urchanged. Prices are steady and business only fairly good. The weather is not favorable for painting. New lineed

oil of local manufacture is not in the market yet, as the flax crop is still in the fields. Prices are given on an-other page.

SCIDAD

We quote prices as follows.

No. 1 cast fron, free from wrought and malleable, 81300 to 81400 per ton; No. 2, 8500 to 8500 per ton; No. 2, 8500 to 8500 per ton; wrought non scrapper pound; copper bottoms, 10 to 11: per pound; red brass, 10 to 11: pound; yellow brass, heavy. Se per pound; per pound; red brass, 10 to 11: pound; per pound; red brass, 10 to 11: pound; per pound; red, 20 to 20; per pound; rags, country mixed, 50t per pound; rags, country mixed, 50t per pound; rags, country mixed, 50t per pound; grand beached, 85 to 8t ton; bor tees, quarts, 25c per dozen; pints, 15c per dozen.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

WHEAT—There has been a little pasmodic activity in the wheat mar-ets the past week. At the end of list week they closed extremely flat and duil, but on Monday a better list week they closed extremely flat and duil, but on Monday a better tone was manifested and an advance of the recorded. The strength was markets added another than the strength was markets added another \$10.00 \text{ to the value.} On Wednesday, however, those was a hull in the upward tenter to the value. On Wednesday, however, those was a hull in the upward tenter that the previous advance. Translady was without material change, but on Pholay releved strength was again to \$10 \text{ per week of the previous advance.} The third was without material change, but on Pholay releved strength was again to \$10 \text{ per week of the previous advance.} The provided strength was again to \$10 \text{ per week of the previous advance.} The provided strength was again to \$10 \text{ per week of the previous advance.} The provided strength was again to \$10 \text{ per week of the previous advance.} The provided strength of the provided strength of the previous advance of the previous advance. Poday renewed strength was again shewn, and caused an advance of Sge to 'ke' per bushel. No material change has taken place in the situation to get to 'ke' per bushel. No material change has taken place in the situation to sentime in his benefit and the sentiment has bended that way. The primary receipts in the States continue larger than last year. Export clearances are not so heavy as relicitive, but at same time there is a considerable movement of wheat from day to day. The United Scates government report for October was published in the state of the sent of the corn crop, which is stated at 521, against 341, on Septimization of importance given was the condition of importance given was the condition of importance given was the condition of importance place in the stated at 521, against 341, on Septimization of the stated at 521, again The situation in Europe has not changed as regards the requirements of importing countries, and exports since 1st July to date hive been in several to the s vious week, and a decrease of 8,000 bushes same week inst year. The world's shipments were 10,127,089 previous week, and 8,15,000 bushes same week last year. The world's visible supply, according 19 Bradstreef's, increased 1,748,000 bushels, etc. the previous week and 8,15,000 bushels same week last year. The world's visible supply, according 19 Bradstreef's, increased 1,748,000 bushels last year. Manitoba wheat has been steady but demand inactive. Exporters complain prices, and they show very little disposition to engage actively in business, but when outside markets advance buyers are more ready to take quiet, a fair average quantity of wheat didly changes hands. At end of last week the price of 1 hard was at thas for the intere Port Williams in the property of the prop until yesterday it reached up to 80%c. I northern has sold from 64%c and 3 northern has sold from 64%c and 3 northern fit, all in store Fort Well (1980) and 1 northern fit, all in store Fort Well (1980) and 1 northern forward freely, but there are few buyers for it. Yesterday 60%c was paid for tough 1 northern, and 57%c for found 2 northern, all in store for the fit of th FLOUR—Demand is steady and the market without change. We quote: Ogilvies' Hungarian Patent, \$2 per

sack of 38 pounds; Glenora Patent \$1.85; Alberta, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses brand, \$2 per lead to the Woods Five Roses Rose

FLAX—The market has not open

yet.

CORN-None offering.

HAY-Fresh baled is worth from \$6.50 to \$7 per ton in car lots of track here and loose hay \$6 to \$7 per

track here and house by \$6 to \$7 petron on the street,
ROLLED OATS-The trade is not sheen supplied with meal by Minto the refull dealer for 85 pound sacks of rolled oatmeal +
\$2.20. Forty pound sacks are words
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regularly bidding 105g to 165g by pound for whose creamory 5, o. b. in pound for whose creamory 5, o. b. in 1817FBH—batry—The demand is feologic table goods. Inferror stock is plentful and not much wanted, From the stock of th

5c per dozen. VEGETABLES—Prices hold steady a Deep roboth.

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DRESSED MEATS—Beef is plentif

TALLOW—The local price for many low is 5c per pound, but buyers for shipment east say they cannot poymore than 45g and make any money. WOOL—None offering.

SENECA—Root is still soaring in