THE COMMERCIAL.



The Regina Board of Trade.

A short report of the annual meeting of the board of trade of Regina, Assa., was given last week. Eollowing is the annual address of President Mowat, delivered at the meeting referred to :--

GENTLEMEN,—It has again become my very pleasant duty to report to you what has been accomplished by myself and the gentlemen whom you placed upon the council to carry out any work that might arise during the year within the scope of the board of trade.

Our first work was the distributing of small sacks of Red Fyfe wheat of about 9 ounces to all enquirers for such, circulars having previously been distributed to all rural post masters in Canadian. About 1000 such samples were seut out in all.

So numerous were the enquiries from intending settlers causing much of correspondence, that your council has a list of questions compiled from the various correspondents. A committee was appointed to give answers to such and the council has 5,000 forms of questions and answers printed which with other pamph lets of informatian have been sent to all enquirers. I may here state that the delegated to Ontario on immigration last spring, our exhibit to the Eastern Fairs last fall, and latterly the agricultural delegates to Great Britain were all amply supplied with suitable pamphlets, and maps, fully describing the resources of the Regina district and we have reason to believe good results will follow our exertions in behalf of bringing to our district a good class of settlers. Memorials were forwarded to Minister of Agriculture re Immigration Agent being employed permanently, which was successful, also to Minister of Justice re Registry office requesting more clerical help which was grant. ed, also to Minister of Interior re Land office which has been temporarily remedied.

A request was sent to two or three chartered banks asking them to open a branch in Regina which has not been realized as yet although very much needed.

Such action though, has no doubt induced the bank of Montreal to erect a handsome office in the centre of business, thereby to some extent doing away with the grievance we had, although it is still desirable that there should be another chartered bank located here.

Your council undertook the very laborious work of sending an exhibition car to the Eastern Fairs. Committees were struck on collect ing samples, arranging exhibits and printing. All the work was satisfactorily performed. The exhibit was pronounced a great success, and we have reason to believe good results will be obtained through it. George Brown left in charge of the car; we are very much indebted to him for the careful and satisfactory manner in which he carried out the work entrusted to him. In connection with the work the Rev. Mr. Harrison delivered a number of useful lectures on this district to large audiences in Ontario. To him we are also very much indebted, also to the Canadian Pacific railway for their kindness in placing a car at our disposal, and their many otherals here, at Winnipeg, and at Toronto. I would recommend that the incoming council would prepare for this work earlier in the season.

Your council also undertook the improvement of a trail to Touchwood Hills, but for lack of funds were unable to proceed with it. A well was sunk on the Wood Mountain trail, about 16 miles out from town. Water was found, and a serviceable well is now there, proving that water can be had in that district, which no doubt will stimulate sectlement in that part. It is also a great boon to travellers on the Wood Mountain trail and will be the means of encouaging travel via this route.

Your council also took action re-establishing a fire limit in the town.

Also their recommendation re discount on American silver dollar was generally adopted.

The thanks of this board are due to Mr. John Secord, M.L.A., and to D. F. Jelly, M.L.A., for the very tangible assistance rendered the council from their legislative grant, to enable it to carry out our exhibit and other agricultural enterprises.

I would recommend to the incoming council that another pamphlet be prepared and printed at once, the former edition having been exhausted. Such good results were obtained it should not be delayed.

At the instigation of this board Mr. Stemshorn was sent to Dakota to see the condition of set-

tlers there and if possible to induce them to come to this country. Our action was followed by the Manitoba and Dominion Governments sending parties there and I believe a large influx of people will leave that state and settle in the west.

Already this spring we are experiencing the result of our last years efforts, for this early we have seen some intending settlers arrive from Ontario, Great Britain, and better still a few from New York state who are already located.

During the past year Regina has made substantial progress; a large number of brick blocks for business purposes have been erected and a great many private residences have been built by our citizens.

Our farmers have mot with only partial success; in the early part of the season prospects were never better, but a portion of our district w_{18} visited by two separate hail storms, which set the grain back considerably reducing the bulk. It also caused it to be late in maturing and consequently was caught by the autumn frosts; then the weather during harvest was wet and cold causing considerable damage. With all these drawbacks still in some sections of our district the farmers were favored with good crops. Some very fine samples of No. I hard were marketed here. On the whole our district has fared no worse in this respect than elsewhere in the Territories.

A Large Cattle Purchase.

• A report from Toronto dated March 20 says, "Pickordike & Goldsmith, New York, have bought Toronto, Walke ville, Hamilton, Belle ville, and Prescott distillery cattle and 3,000 farmers' fed cattle, in all about 10,000 head, for export between now and July. Prices ranged from \$4 50 for bulls to \$5.75 per cwt. for choice steers. This is the largest transaction that has ever taken place in Canadian cattle, representing as it does fully eight hun dred thousand dollars. They did not buy Duon & Frankland's cattle here, being held above their views Mr. Bickerdike says he has not yet engaged space. They left for Montreal this evening."

Minnesota and Dakota Wheat,

The wheat crop of Minnesota and Dakota for 1990 is summed up as follows by the Minneapolis Market Record:

51,000,000
6,000,000
10,000,000
7,000,000
3,500,000
7,500.000
5,000,000

Total .

90,000,000

Farmers marketed last year after this time, for shipment to Minneapolis and Duluth, 6,000, 000 bushels and sold to country millers and to go out by the southern roads, 3,000,000 bushels. If they do as well this year the result would be a crop of 94,000,000 bushels, less the 1,500,000 bushels of wheat received at Minneapolis from the state of Washington, making a total yield of 92,500,000 bushels.

Fancy tea is becoming a mania in London similiar to that old time mania under which Dutch bulbs were run up to cuormous prices. Fifty-three dollars a pound was paid for some tea of an extra fancy quality.