

## Manitoba.

The Lac Du Bonnet Co. has opened an office in Winnipeg.

The work on St. Andrew's locks seems to be proceeding rapidly.

A new addition is to be made to the Winnipeg hotel, at Winnipeg.

Robert D. Young has been appointed collector of customs at Neepawa.

The J. K. McKenzie Fish Company, Limited, of Selkirk, has been incorporated.

W. Wallace, late of Arden, has opened a harness shop in the village of Macdonald.

Maurice Noakes is succeeding H. McKittrick in the National hotel business, Winnipeg.

A private bank has been opened at Swan River by Fred Beattie, late of Portage la Prairie.

The Leland Hotel business at Dauphin has been bought by J. W. Poyntz, from D. C. McKinnon.

W. G. McLaren, general merchant, Souris, will erect a new business block in that town this summer.

John Clark and W. J. Swain have entered into partnership and bought out the general store business of S. Mitchell at Grand View.

The Winnipeg Bill Posting Company, Limited, is applying for incorporation. The local applicants are C. P. Walker and C. C. Lindsay.

R. W. Gardiner, who has recently been representing the McCall Bros. & Co. of Toronto, in Winnipeg, but who for two years was cashier of the western branch of the Northern Life Assurance Co., has entered the firm of Gilnes & Co., real estate brokers, as junior partner.

A meeting of the creditors of Fredrick Couse, milliner, Winnipeg, was held on Wednesday, when it was decided to advertise the entire stock for sale. The sale will take place as soon as arrangements are completed.

Contracts for a new Presbyterian church and for a residence for R. H. Myers, at Minnedosa, have been let to T. M. Harrington & Co. of Brandon. The Baptist congregation have also begun the erection of a new church in that town.

Building Inspector Rogers, of Winnipeg, reports that up to date he had issued 26 building permits, the estimated value of the work they represent aggregating \$852,500. On the same date last year 188 permits had been issued, the value aggregating \$268,251.

The citizens of St. Boniface are seriously considering the erection of a new traffic bridge between that town and Winnipeg. They want a bridge which will give convenient access to the business portions of both places for foot and passenger traffic. The town engineer has been instructed to give an estimate of the cost. The bridge is to be a free one. The local government and Winnipeg city council will be asked to contribute towards its cost.

## Assiniboia.

R. Bogue, general merchant, Moose Jaw, will erect a substantial brick building upon the site of his present premises this year. The building will be 25x125 feet.

Taylor & Methel, of Yellow Grass, wrote The Commercial under date of June 12 as follows: "We are pleased to be able to report a heavy rainfall during for seven hours. Crops are looking well."

Sanbury Bros. of Wolseley, wrote The Commercial on June 12 as follows: "We have had eighteen hours' heavy rain during the last twenty-four hours. The ground is thoroughly saturated and crops never looked so promising."

## Alberta.

Alexander Allen has been appointed collector of customs at Calgary.

The Dominion Securities Corporation of Toronto has purchased the Edmonton school debentures, \$30,000 worth at 105.

## Saskatchewan.

The stock, book debts and fixtures of J. H. Lee, general merchant, Rosalia, will be sold by auction at a rate of one dollar on the 21st inst. The stock is valued at \$6,220, the books at \$26, and the fixtures at \$390.

## First Government Crop Report.

On Thursday the first government crop report for the season, up to June 10, was issued by the department of agriculture and immigration. The information deals with the acreage and the condition of the crops, live stock, etc., rainfall and other climatic conditions, being summarized from returns received from about 350 regular correspondents of the department.

In order that the report may be more readily understood the province is divided into districts as follows:

The northwestern district comprises the municipalities of Shell River, Boulton, Russell, Silver Creek, Rossburn, Ellice, Birtle, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Harrison, Clamville, Archie, Minnola, Hamiota, Blanchard, Saskatchewan, Odanah, Dauphin, Gilbert Plains, Swan River.

Southwestern.—Wallace, Woodworth, Daly, Cornwallis, Whitehead, Sifton, Pipestone, Glenwood, Oakland, Arthur, Winchester, Turtle Mountain, Cameron, Whitewater, and Riverside.

North Central.—Rosedale, Lansdowne, Westbourne, North Cypress, North Norfolk, Langford, Portage la Prairie, St. Francois Xavier, Woodlands, St. Laurent, Posen, and Ochre River.

South Central.—South Cypress, South Norfolk, Dufferin, Rhineland, Stanley, Penbina, Lorne, Louise and Argyle.

Eastern.—Gimli, Rockwood, St. Andrews, St. Clements, St. Pauls, Springfield, Kildonan, St. Boniface, Assinibola, Tache, Richot, DeSalaberry, Hanover, La Broquerie, Rosser, Morris, Montcalm, and Macdonald.

## AREA UNDER CROP.

District.	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
N. W. ....	1,222,100	1,436,100	25,400
S. W. ....	794,800	225,120	43,900
N. C. ....	345,100	106,500	45,100
S. C. ....	222,500	151,000	62,400
Eastern .....	153,000	78,000	11,000

Province .....	2,011,500	2,800,700	191,000
Total area under grain .....	2,011,500	2,800,700	191,000
Total area under crops .....	2,011,500	2,800,700	191,000
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District.	Potatoes.	Roots.
Northwestern .....	4,800	1,600
Southwestern .....	5,100	3,200
North Central .....	4,200	1,500
South Central .....	3,000	1,200
Eastern .....	5,000	2,400

Province .....	24,900	10,900
Total area under grain crops .....	24,900	10,900
Total area under all crops .....	24,900	10,900

## PREVIOUS YEARS COMPARED.

The following table for convenience of reference gives a comparison of the area in crop for 1901 with that of 1899 and 1900 (area harvested):

	1899.	1900.	1901.
Wheat .....	1,629,000	1,457,300	2,011,500
Oats .....	1,753,100	1,424,100	2,800,700
Barley .....	182,000	155,111	191,000
Flax .....	21,700	20,400	20,900
Potatoes .....	19,100	16,800	24,900
Roots .....	10,600	7,400	10,900
Total crop .....	2,440,500	2,122,500	2,963,400

## LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle Fattened.	During Winter.
North-Western District .....	1,570	22,300
North-Western District .....	2,100	19,000
North Central District .....	1,500	16,000
South Central District .....	1,500	19,700
Eastern District .....	1,100	22,300

Province ..... 8,948 | 110,400 |

There is a marked increase of area under crop this year, as compared with any year in the past history of the province. This is accounted for in various ways. Thousands of acres of last year's sown crop were plowed down for reasons given in last year's bulletins; these lands were ready for this year's crop. Increased settlements in all parts of the province, and more particularly in the Dauphin, Gilbert Plains, and Swan River districts, added much to the acreage under cultivation. Again, last year's crop was far below the average, and as farmers have confidence in the province they have been inspired with the belief that Manitoba will have a big crop this year and have, therefore, exerted all their energies to put in a large area.

## SEED TIME.

Seeding commenced in some parts of the province as early as the first day of April, and was general over the province by the 20th. In most places all grain was sown by the 24th of May, though barley and late oats, to be cut green for feed, were sown up

to the 10th of June. Many farmers will sow green crops of grain or rape on their summer fallows for fall pasture.

## WEATHER CROP PROSPECTS.

From all parts of the province correspondents report an almost perfect seed time experienced in Manitoba this year. There was no delay from floods when snow melted. The ground was in fine condition for seed and with warm weather at the first of May it seemed as if every seed sown germinated, showing a regular, even crop. Rain fell during the early part of May, retarding seeding for a day or two, but farmers were invariably delighted with it, as seeding was well advanced. During the latter part of May the weather was dry and warm, even hot for the time of year. Seeding was finished by the close of the month and farmers were anxiously looking for rain. Since the first of June there has been a week of cloudy, misty days with copious rainfall in all parts of the province and an unusual snow storm on the night of the 5th of June in many parts of the province. Snow disappeared the following day and farmers are jubilant over the prospect of a wet, growing June that always assures a good crop and a prosperous year.

## CONDITION OF STOCK.

Stock of all kinds wintered, as reported by correspondents, from "fair" to "good." Grain for feed was scarce. Horses suffered most from this scarcity, and when seeding was completed are reported "thin."

Cattle came out of winter quarters poorer than usual. The sudden leap from winter to summer heat at the first of May was a blessing fully appreciated by those whose stacks of hay had vanished, and whose grain had been doled out sparingly during the winter from bins that had not been as full as usual when the winter set in. The rapid and luxuriant growth of grass on the prairies at once relieved farmers from further anxiety regarding feed, and by the first of June cows in milk were giving a full summer flow, while young stock are improving rapidly.

## DAIRYING.

The majority of the creameries and cheese factories opened this season between the first and fifteenth of May. The success of last year's operations has been such as to induce the patrons to increase their herds, and the fine condition of the pasture up to the present time assures an increase in all lines of dairy products over last year's production. Improvements in factories and equipment, increased attention to cows, and more care in handling milk, are indications that the dairy work of the province is in a prosperous condition. Many enquiries are made of the department asking for information about starting new factories, so the prospects are that a number of new factories will be established the coming winter for next year's work. The quality of the butter made this season has been very good and no complaints have reached the department.

## FARM LABOR.

The demand for farm laborers has been well supplied by new arrivals during the months of March and April. The number of men employed is estimated at 11,500, and reports indicate that very few more will be required until harvest.

## RAINFALL.

	April.	May.
Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Awenae .....	80	42
Belmont .....	13	98
Bowyer .....	70	17
Cartwright .....	10	26
Deloraine .....	101	31
Hillview .....	114	15
Manitou .....	20	35
Morden .....	45	35
Norquay .....	121	37
Oak Lake .....	70	35
Portage la Prairie .....	12	35
Roselle .....	119	36
Saskatoon .....	80	37
Winnipeg .....	80	37
Average .....	80	37

\*Rain and melted snow.

## Financial Notes.

The directors' statement at the forthcoming meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce will show the profits for the past year to have been \$851,221.7, and the net cash income, \$1,451,920.22. The report will be one of the most favorable ever presented to the shareholders of this bank.

The new rates adopted by the Canadian Post Office Department for the sale of money orders, payable either in Canada or the United States, are as follows: Up to \$5, 3c; \$10, 6c; \$20, 10c; \$50, 15c; \$75, 25c; and \$100, 30c. This change has been made to compete with the express companies.

Following are the dates of the annual meetings of some of the Canadian banks which are to be held this month: Union Bank (to-day), June 15th; Bank of Hamilton, Monday, 17th June; Bank of Commerce, Tuesday, 18th June; Imperial Bank, Wednesday, 19th June; Merchants Bank, Wednesday, 19th June.

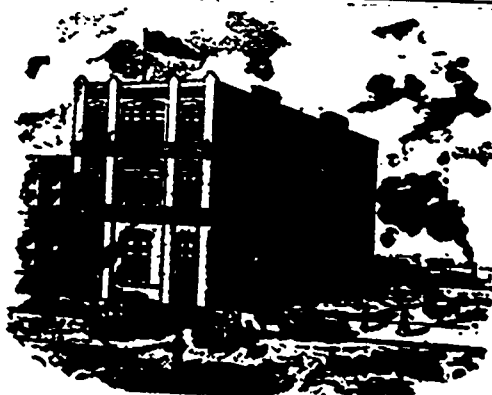
The reduction of the Bank of England rate from 4 per cent. to 3½ per cent. last week is considered as indicating that pressure in the foreign financial situation has for the time being ended. The 4 per cent. rate has been maintained for about four months, and was established for the purpose of preventing withdrawals of money from London to the continent and facilitating the placing of the recent British war loan.

## Movements of Business Men.

J. J. Kilgour, of the firm of Kilgour & Rimer, Winnipeg, left for the south this week. He will visit Toronto and Montreal before returning.

Among the passengers arriving from the Pacific coast on last Saturday's train was Wm. Stitt, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg, who has been absent from the city for the past four months in Australia and New Zealand. He has been greatly improved in health by his trip and states that though he had a very enjoyable trip he is not sorry to be home again. Mr. Stitt's mission abroad was to establish closer relationship between Australia, New Zealand and Canada in the interchange of traffic via Canada to other parts of the world and in this he has been very successful.

The stock, fixtures and book accounts of James Dresser, clothier, Winnipeg, who recently made an assignment, will be sold by auction at a rate on the dollar on the 21st day of this month, by Newton & Davidson, the assignees.



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