

of the leading inducements now offered to the capitalist, instead of loss being one of the almost unavoidable consequences of investment as in boom days. While the city and its affairs were in the hands of reckless speculators, the funds of the speculative visitor were freely invested, and as freely lost here. But it is the funds of the thrifty and prudent, that are now solicited, and investments suitable only to such people's ideas are offered. The work of wresting the city and its affairs from the hands of speculative schemers, difficult though it has been, is now accomplished. They have been steadily weeded out of every branch of business, and in the month of December, 1884, the citizens headed and led by the Board of Trade, at their municipal election, swept the last vestige of reckless, extravagance and dishonesty from civic government, and placed reliable and competent business men in charge of their municipal affairs, thus dealing a death blow to a class, who had long weighed like a load upon the city, and retarded its progress. Winnipeg has had its day of rule by gambling speculators and scheming adventurers, but that day is gone. Its merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, financiers and such like are now the power that shape its destinies. In short Winnipeg is now safe in the power of its industrial population, and a city ruled by this class cannot but offer safe and profitable investment for the funds of capitalists.

