

Winnipeg are the most irrefragable proofs of the prosperity and constant increase of the agricultural population throughout the country west of it.

What, then, are the facts as regards Winnipeg, which, according to some of the letters referred to has "collapsed," and "whose doom is sealed"?

THE POPULATION OF WINNIPEG

in 1872 was 1,000; in 1875 it was 3,000; in 1879, 7,000, and in 1882, 25,000. Such a rate of increase was never approached before in Canada, and has never been excelled in the wonderful growth of cities in the United States.

The value of the assessed property in the City shews equally wonderful strides:

In 1875 it was	\$ 2,635,000.
" 1879 "	3,451,000.
" 1881 "	9,000,000.
" 1882 "	30,000,000.

The extent of buildings erected in 1882 was equally wonderful. They aggregated a total of 1368, and cost no less than upwards of \$5,000,000 in one year.

The increase in the trade of the city is shown in the returns of the Custom House. In 1881 the dutiable goods imported from England and the United States reached a total value of \$2,847,000, and in 1882 they amounted to \$8,222,000, being an increase of \$5,385,000, or nearly 200 per cent. in one year.

THE DUTIES COLLECTED

In 1872 amounted to	\$ 47,840.
" 1875 "	171,421.
" 1879 "	265,828.
" 1881 "	651,892.
" 1882 "	1,587,327.

The duties in 1881 were as above, \$651,892, and in 1882 they were \$1,587,317, an increase of \$935,535 for the year, or about 150 per cent.

The revenue from Customs in the Port of Winnipeg places it third on the list for the whole of Canada, it being only exceeded by the receipts at Montreal and Toronto.

Export trade has not yet commenced, and yet the trade carried on by the merchants of Winnipeg is already an aggregate of from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 in a year.

The total amount of

POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS

issued in Winnipeg during the year 1882 amounted to a total of \$650,000, being largely remittances sent by people in Manitoba and the North-West to their friends in Canada and Great Britain. That large amount is three times as great as the sums issued in either of the Cities of Montreal or Toronto, and places Winnipeg at the head of the offices throughout Canada issuing Post Office money orders.

Winnipeg has now branches of no less than eight of the chartered banks of Canada, viz: Bank of Montreal, Merchants, Ottawa, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Union Bank of Lower Canada, Federal and Imperial, and branches