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during the past eleven years, and can now boast of over 33,500 inhabitants. Thousands of new settlers have been flocking into the country, and the fact that there is now scarcely a vacant house in Winnipeg, while new buildings are going up on every side, is conclusive proof that the city is going ahead with rapid strides. She has passed through her years of trial, and gone through the fire of depression and reaction consequent on the collapse of an unnatural and unhealthy real estate boom, and has now emerged from the struggle stronger than ever.

In building improvements, Winnipeg has been keeping pace with its progress in other respects. The era of cheap buildings belongs to the past. The structures put up during the past year, and the numerous ones now in course of erection, are of the most substantial character. The demand for wholesale warehouse room is being met by structures which are a credit to the city architecturally, and compare favorably with the best business blocks of older and larger cities in size, arrangement and perfection of detail. The money value of building improvements during the past six years is as follows:

1887	\$ 300,000
1888	350,000
1889	500,450
1890	650,000
1891	926,000
1892	1,000,000
Total	\$3,736,450

This year the demand for houses is considerably over the supply. The following statement shows pretty clearly the growth of the city during the past twelve months:

	1880.	1892.
Value of City Property	\$ 4,200,000	\$24,000,000
Volume Commercial Business ...	2,000,000	40,000,000
Bank Capital	10,000,000	40,000,000
Post-office Collect'n and Delivery	900,000	8,000,000
Value Public Improvements	100,000	2,000,000
Tons Coal handled	5,000	1,000,000
Population	6,173	30,000

	1880.	189
Number of Buildings	1,000	6,000
" Business Houses	95	400
" Factories	16	45
" Churches	8	26
" Schools	5	19
" Banks	4	12
" Newspapers	2	16
Miles of Sidewalk	20	122
" Graded Streets	10	85
" Paved Streets	0	10
" Sewers	2	22
" Water Mains	0	10
" Gas Mains	6	11
" Street Railway	0	9

In conclusion, THE MANITOBA assures its readers that there is not a city on the continent with a healthier business community or a more assured future than Winnipeg.

BLOOD-INDIAN SUN DANCE.

TO any who has never seen an Indian Sun Dance it would be of great attraction and interest, and those who have seen them longs to see one again.

Most people familiar with the Blood nation, know them to be sun worshipper's, and that the sun dance is their yearly thanks offering to their God, the sun. After the big men of the tribe decide upon a site, everyone is either on the move or preparing to follow those gone before. They have a happy go lucky way of lumping Sundays, so to speak, for counting in days spent in preparation it generally lasts about three weeks, commencing somewhere about the middle of June, or so soon as the service berries are ripe. Here they come, first the bucks, riding along ahead like gentlemen, then the squaws come straggling along with all their worldly possessions, consisting of tepee plow, travoies, papisio, old blankets, little grub, dogs and a few colts, whose mothers are unfortunate enough to be loaded with a travoie; squaw in the saddle riding behind the cross stricks, behind her a young daughter, in the pocket of the travoie two or three papooses. On they come, and as