

# FINANCIAL

## WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The clearing house returns this week compared with the corresponding week in previous years, show as follows:

Week ended March 23, 1899.....\$15,6305  
Corresponding week, 1898.....4,231,415  
" " 1897.....4,031,932

Following shows the bank clearings at Winnipeg by months, for four years:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan. ...	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,819	\$4,977,200
Feb. ...	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
March ...	5,908,000	4,289,000	4,280,000
April ...	5,240,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May ...	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,246,201
June ...	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July ...	6,316,238	5,616,003	4,961,277
Aug. ...	6,189,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept. ...	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct. ...	9,347,692	12,291,879	7,585,472
Nov. ...	11,353,669	13,550,761	8,895,175
Dec. ...	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,945

Year ..90,672,798 83,495,121 64,148,935  
1899.

Jan. ... .. \$7,683,052  
Feb. ... .. 5,209,471

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

F. N. Bell & Co. have recently opened a private bank at Morris.

The reserve fund of the Bank of British North America has been increased to £300,000.

S. L. Jones has been appointed manager of the branch of the Dominion bank, which was opened this week in the north end of Winnipeg.

A deputation from the town of Morris waited upon the Manitoba government this week to make further representations regarding the proposed settlement of the town's financial difficulties.

The delegation from Morris, Man., which waited upon the local government this week to ask for assistance in wiping out the debt of the town estimated the amount necessary at \$8,000.

Sealed tenders will be received up till the 2nd May for the purchase of \$2,000 worth of debentures of the Pipestone school district of Pipestone, Man., for the erection of a school building, repayable in twenty annual instalments; rate of interest 5 per cent. W. J. Rattray is the secretary.

## The Commercial Men.

A. E. Curran, representing Jones Bros. & Co., barbers' supplies, Toronto, is in the city.

Harry Kite, of the W. E. Sanford Co., arrived from the east this week with his fall clothing samples.

J. H. Galbraith, western manager for Belding, Paul & Co., of Montreal, has returned to Winnipeg from the east.

T. B. Devaney, western representative of W. R. Brock & Co., has returned from a trip to headquarters.

W. J. Wilson, of R. C. Struthers & Co., London, Ont., was in the city this week. He is located in the Ryan block.

W. W. Burke, who acted as city traveller at Winnipeg, for J. Y. Griffin & Co., has accepted a position at the coast.

L. F. Money Penny, representing E.

J. Dignum & Co., Toronto, arrived in Winnipeg on his first western trip this week.

B. J. Walker opened his samples in the Sanford block this week. He represents Arthur & Co., dry goods, of Glasgow, Scotland.

C. O. Douglas, representing Chas. Reid & Co., Toronto, arrived in the city this week and has opened his samples in the Nanton block.

A. W. Lasher, of W. R. Johnston & Co., clothing, Toronto, is at the Leland this week, having arrived from the east with his fall samples.

M. B. Stein, representing W. B. Hamilton, Sons & Co., Toronto, opened his samples in the Sanford block, this week. He goes on west shortly.

Charles H. Harris, representing Brophy, Cairns & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week in the interests of his house.

Arthur E. Ibbotson, representing Wm. Strachan & Co., Montreal proprietors of the Gilt Edge brand of soups, left Winnipeg for the east this week.

C. S. Jaquith is in Winnipeg this week on his way home from a western trip. He has the fancy goods samples of Warwick Bros. & Cutler, Toronto.

W. G. Spera and W. G. Pennington, western representatives of McKenna, Thomson & Co., Montreal, have returned from the east with their fall clothing samples.

Thos. Blake, representing Rylands, Sons & Co., dry goods, Manchester, Eng., arrived in the city this week, and will later go westward to the coast. This is his first visit to Western Canada.

R. H. Chumie, a well known western traveller, will represent Gordon, Mackay & Co., of Toronto, this season—one of the oldest and best known Canadian dry goods houses.

L. Gilpin, western representative of the Galt Knitting Co., the Brook Woollen Co., of Simcoe, and Flett, Lounsbury & Co., Toronto, took permanent sample rooms in the Nanton block this week.

E. M. Hird, who has been with Henry Morgan & Co., Montreal, for the past five years, has accepted a position with J. M. Macdonald, commission and manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg. He arrived here a few days ago.

Fred. C. Fahey, of J. W. Peck & Co., has fully recovered from the effects of the severe operation which he was recently compelled to undergo. His commercial and other friends will be glad to learn that he is now looking quite hearty and expects to take the road for a western trip about the first of the month.

W. J. Anderson arrived in the city this week with the fancy goods samples of the Fancy Goods Company of Canada. This company succeeded H. H. Fudger, Toronto, the first of the year. Mr. Anderson represented the old house in the West for many years past. All the old staff, he says, are interested in the new company as stockholders.

John Damer, Jr., and Will A. Walker, representing The J. D. King Co., Toronto, are in Winnipeg this week. Mr. Damer will go on through to the coast and Mr. Walker will work the branch lines in Manitoba. They have the samples of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Co., of Toronto,

The J. D. King Co., having been appointed selling agents for these goods for Canada.

Karl A. Albert, of the firm of Watt & Albert, Winnipeg, general agents for Victor sales and Wilson's computing scales, is travelling through Manitoba and the Territories in the interest of the firm. He carries with him a full line of samples. Mr. Albert states that their business has increased so much in the last year that they have had to secure more commodious quarters at No. 226 Market street west.

D. E. Fraser, traveller for Jas. Hall & Co., Winnipeg, has been promoted to the management of the Winnipeg branch of this concern. It is the intention to increase the stock carried here so as to afford every convenience to western trade. Mr. Hall, late manager of the Winnipeg branch, has returned to the east to reside.

J. K. Wallace, representing the Merchants' Dyeing and Finishing Co., of Toronto, has opened a permanent sample room in the Nanton block, Winnipeg. Mr. Wallace also represents the Anchor Knitting Mills, of Amherst, Ontario, the Maple Leaf Woollen Mills, of Toronto, and Macfarland, Gray & Sculligate, manufacturers of men's and boys' pants and overalls, Toronto.

John Marshall, of St. Catharines, Ont., was in the city this week on a western trip for Rams & Latham, Toronto. He will go to the coast. Mr. Marshall visited Winnipeg in 1893 and '94, with hat and cap samples, but at that time he has been in business in St. Catharines. He says there was no snow in Winnipeg when he made his first trip here, and in order to reach this point they had to come by stage all the way from Moorehead, Minn.

J. M. Macdonald, commission and manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has taken commodious sample rooms in the new McIntyre block, which he will occupy as soon as the apartments are ready, next month. Mr. Macdonald represents the following houses: McIntyre, Son & Co., importers of dry goods, Montreal; Geo. D. Ross & Co., manufacturers and selling agents of foreign and domestic goods, Montreal; The Alaska Feather & Down Co., comforters, quilts, pillows, etc., Montreal; Hecht, Loeb & Co., manufacturers and importers, mantles, capes, hosiery, trimmings, Berlin, Germany and Montreal; Michael Mairn & Co., manufacturers linens, oilcloths, etc., Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and Ferris Bros., manufacturers Good Sense corsets, of New York.

Commercial travellers are frequently heard to complain about the lack of sample room accommodation at many points throughout the country. Travellers sometimes have to wait two or three days before they can secure a sample room in cases where several travellers arrive at one time and have to await their turn. At several of the larger towns it would be a profitable investment for some enterprising citizen to have a few good sample rooms fitted up. The travellers would be glad to pay for a room in preference to being obliged to wait a length of time when the rooms in connection with the hotels are engaged. At points like Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Calgary, Prince Albert, etc., it would probably be found a profitable investment for some resident to fit up a few good rooms for the commercial men.