

Manitoba.

H. H. Myers, lawyer, Minnedosa, has admitted H. B. Robinson as a partner.

A. H. McIntyre, of Portage la Prairie, has opened a jewelry store at Dauphin.

Edward Ramsay will build a store at Glenella, northern Manitoba, and open in the hardware business.

Geo. H. Cameron, druggist, Dauphin, is opening a branch store at Gilbert Plains.

Frank McDonald, druggist, Minnedosa, died suddenly on Christmas morning. The cause was apoplexy. He was a partner of Dr. Roche.

Chas. Evans, late of Dauphin, has opened a general store at Norva, one of the new towns on the northern extension of the Dauphin road.

Elizabeth Embleton, who has been carrying on business in stationery and fancy goods, at Winnipeg, has made an assignment to C. H. Newton.

H. Sheppard, formerly employed as watchmaker with A. H. McIntyre, of Portage la Prairie, has opened in business for himself at Grand View.

Davidson Bros., photographers, Brandon, have purchased the photographic outfit of W. Foxall, and will consolidate it with their own gallery.

Fire broke out in the cellar of Gallagher & Son's meat stall, in the city market, on Thursday, but was extinguished before serious damage was done.

Fire occurred at Roland on Christmas morning in Cameron's furniture store, a large two-story building and spread to H. S. Shilson & Co.'s general store, both buildings being soon destroyed. Cameron's stock also became a total loss but a large portion of Shilson's stock was saved. Mrs. J. D. Sloan, dressmaker, who occupied a part of the upstairs in one of the buildings was also a loser. The Shilson loss is covered by insurance. Cameron's is not. The insurance companies interested are the Lancashire, North British and Mercantile Northern and the Victoria of Montreal.

Assiniboia.

Work on the new woolen mill at Medicine Hat is going ahead rapidly. The brickwork is up ready for the window frames on the second story.

A by-law to grant tax exemption to the mill and plant of the Western Canada Woolen Mills Company for ten years was carried by the ratepayers of Medicine Hat with only five adverse votes.

A contributor to the Medicine Hat News has compiled statistics of the amount spent in new buildings in the town of Maple Creek this year, which shows a total investment of \$35,000, or an increase of 35 per cent. The bulk of the money was spent on residences.

Alberta.

The Calgary board of trade met on the 14th inst., with R. J. Hutchings in the chair. In response to a communication from the Vancouver board of trade advocating united action for the purpose of having a general insolvency act passed by the Dominion parliament, it was resolved to write Mr. F. Oliver, M. P., urging the necessity of having such an act passed.

Saskatchewan.

Moore, Bradshaw, Clinch & Co., Prince Albert, have disposed of their branch general store at Saskatoon, to Young & Brown.

It is announced that F. H. Clinch has withdrawn from the firm of Moore, Bradshaw, Clinch & Co., general merchants, Prince Albert.

Joseph Anderson, acting manager of the Union bank, at Mooseomin, is spending a few days in the city.

The Ottawa government has received a copy of a resolution passed by the British Columbia Mining Association at Nelson, B. C., asking that a minister of mines be appointed for the Dominion.

Oldfield & Gardner have been appointed agents of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company at Winnipeg and vicinity, and will take over the agency on Jan. 1. This vacancy was left vacant by the death of Robert Strang.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Dec. 27, 1900 \$1,381,800
Corresponding week, 1899 .. 2,305,825
Corresponding week, 1898 .. 1,814,758

The monthly totals are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	1898.
Jan. ..	\$3,000,607	\$7,083,052	\$6,347,168
Feb. ..	6,702,640	6,209,471	5,517,310
Mar. ..	7,320,642	6,756,121	5,968,275
April ..	7,001,611	6,916,131	6,100,112
May ..	9,702,579	9,472,355	8,683,304
June ..	9,612,034	8,211,716	7,390,709
July ..	9,335,423	8,169,595	6,316,238
Aug. ..	8,173,036	7,995,291	6,180,385
Sept. ..	7,320,147	8,281,159	6,414,551
Oct. ..	9,183,477	12,689,000	9,347,692
Nov. ..	11,618,985	14,456,219	11,533,620
Dec. ..	12,066,905	10,708,731	
Totals ..	\$107,786,814	\$90,674,323	

THE MONEY MARKET.

Canadian money markets have been quiet—this week owing to holiday festivities, but there has still been a fair volume of business done. Money is being invested in popular stocks of all kinds especially industrials by small investors who are looking for interest rather than speculative gains. As far as the local situation is concerned the week has been a quiet one. Banks are not encouraging new business to any extent and are holding a tight rein upon their funds. The bank rate remains at from 6 to 8 per cent. according to security, the former figure being only obtainable by gilt-edged paper. Loan companies are asking from 6 to 7 per cent. for city property loans and 7 to 8 per cent. for farm loans.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

Mandaley Foote, of the Bank of Commerce staff, left this week for Victoria, B. C., where he has been transferred to fill an important position in the branch there.

The second dividend of the Bank of Ville Marie will be paid in February. About \$500,000 of the bank's note circulation has been paid off, though note circulation was supposed to amount to only \$200,000.

The Bank of Montreal will spend nearly \$1,000,000 on improvements in their building at Montreal during 1901. The enlarged building will occupy 191½ feet on Craig street and 94 feet on Fortification Lane.

The November bank statement of Canadian bank shows the total assets to be \$500,000,770 and liabilities \$381,124,133. The amount of their money in circulation totaled \$1,947,282, as compared with \$1,782,000 a year ago. The deposits subject to demand amount to \$107,025,453 and on notice \$186,520,767, both of which items increased during the month and also as compared with the previous years. They also hold \$21,222,627 of funds deposited by persons outside of Canada. The largest item of assets is current loans due in Canada, which amounts to \$276,464,126 or over half the assets. Call loans total over \$64,000,000 and current loans out of Canada over \$11,000,000.

Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 1,483,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Dec. 22. Receipts for the week were 121,000 bushels and shipments were 24,500 bushels compared with receipts of 522,000 and shipments of 618,000 bushels for the corresponding week last year. A year ago stocks in store at Fort William were 1,324,000 bushels. Stocks in store at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points were estimated approximately at 3,000,000 bushels, compared with 3,500,000 bushels a year ago, and 7,500,000 bushels two years ago.

Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

For the week ending Dec. 21 there were 207 cars of grain inspected which graded as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 0; 2 hard, 22; 3 hard, 72; 2 white soft, 1; rejected, 16; no grade, 143 cars.

Barley—No. 3, 1 car.

Oats—No grade, 7; rejected, 5 cars.

Flax seed—Rejected 1; no grade, 2 cars.

For the corresponding week of last

year there were 733 cars of grain inspected, of which 393 graded 1 hard.

BRITISH LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Dec. 21.—The trade in States cattle was fair considering the holiday, but the tone of the market since this day week has been weak, as prices show a decline of 3½c, choice selling at 12½c.

Statistical Wheat Report.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal ..	80,000
Toronto ..	10,000
Coteau, Que.	10,000
Deport Harbor, Ont.	434,000
Kingston ..	30,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin ..	1,526,000
Winnipeg ..	351,000
Manitoba elevators ..	3,200,000

Total Dec. 15 .. 5,766,000
Total previous week .. 5,468,000
Total a year ago .. 3,500,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's, Dec. 15, were 86,320,000 bushels, being a gain of 181,000 bushels, compared with the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 57,200,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report.

Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Dec. 1, were 10,057,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Chicago visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ended Dec. 22, was 61,473,000 bushels, being an increase of 291,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 58,750,000 bushels, two years ago 58,000 bushels, three years ago 56,616,000 bushels, four years ago 54,145,000 bushels, five years ago 62,658,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains is 9,357,000 bushels, compared with 3,474,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 7,564,000 bushels, compared with 12,361,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe and allot for Europe Dec. 1 in each year, for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

	Bushels.
1900 ..	170,348,000
1899 ..	168,465,000
1898 ..	106,610,000
1897 ..	127,503,000
1896 ..	172,181,000
1895 ..	185,364,000

CROP MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop
Minneapolis ..	40,983,330	41,521,480
Winnipeg ..	4,110,520	5,501,102
Duluth ..	11,074,887	12,476,800
Chicago ..	28,002,274	15,946,550

Total .. 84,169,011 85,445,932

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1900, to date, compared with the same period of last year:

	This Crop.	Last Crop.
Toledo ..	6,973,164	9,917,324
St. Louis ..	12,913,615	6,811,589
Detroit ..	2,115,089	2,828,848
Kansas City ..	25,087,417	10,149,940

Total .. 47,089,285 29,707,601

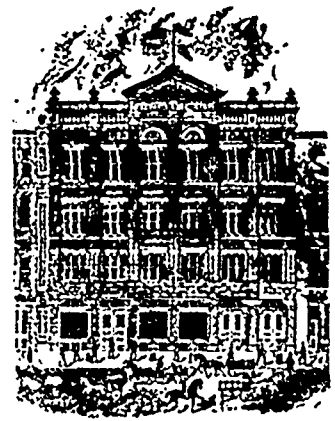
Grain and Milling Notes.

It is understood that Mackenzie & Mann contemplate erecting a grain elevator at Port Arthur, with capacity of one million bushels.

The stock of flaxseed in store at Chicago on December 15, was 142,999 bushels, at Duluth, 1167,408 bushels, and at Minneapolis 749,000 bushels, making a total of 1,059,407 bushels, as against 984,478 bushels the previous week and 1,067,006 last year.

The warehouse of Watt, Scott & Goodacre at Montreal, was damaged by fire on Thursday morning. Much damage was also done by smoke and water.

The Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association was to hold a meeting at Minneapolis on Thursday to consider the price situation. Results had not been announced at time of writing, but it was not anticipated that there will be any general advance.



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NOTES OF THE DAY.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, the English chancellor of the exchequer, has a horror of tobacco, is never seen in the smoking room of the House, but is frequently to be found in the members' tea room.

Rifaat Bey, the Turkish minister at Athens, and the secretaries to the Turkish and Austrian legations there have been bitten by a mad dog belonging to Rifaat Bey's wife. They have gone to Paris, in order to be treated at the Pasteur Institute.

Queen Victoria enjoys receiving presents of dogs from the furthestmost ends of the earth. Some fifty years ago Lord Hardinge sent the Queen a cashmere dog rejoicing in the name of Bhut. It was about the same time that the first Russian hound arrived at Windsor, a present from the Emperor of Russia. When the Queen was a girl she was quite devoted to spaniels, her favorite being a quaint little creature named Dash. It was Dash who had the honor of being given his bath by the Queen on the day of her coronation. Dash died soon after the Queen's marriage and she herself composed the little epitaph which may still be seen in the garden of Adelaide Lodge: "His attachment was without selfishness, his playfulness without malice, his fidelity without deceit."