

FINANCIAL

Winnipeg Clearing House.

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

Week ended Dec. 1, 1898 \$3,261,284
Corresponding week, 1897 2,275,360
1896 2,105,968

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

| | 1898 | 1897 | 1896 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| January | 6,347,168 | 5,009,819 | 4,977,200 |
| February | 5,517,000 | 3,851,000 | 4,052,000 |
| March | 5,663,000 | 4,259,000 | 4,286,000 |
| April | 6,240,000 | 4,162,000 | 4,032,000 |
| May | 8,633,364 | 5,014,786 | 4,226,201 |
| June | 7,397,000 | 5,531,000 | 4,094,000 |
| July | 6,316,238 | 5,616,603 | 4,061,277 |
| August | 6,180,385 | 6,298,574 | 4,616,059 |
| September | 6,414,551 | 8,015,201 | 4,630,706 |
| October | 9,347,672 | 12,291,579 | 7,835,472 |
| November | 11,553,669 | 13,550,761 | 8,825,175 |

Financial Notes.

The Bank of British North America has closed its branch at Slocan.

Some of the members of the local board of the Canadian Mutual Loan and Investment company at Prince Albert Sask., have decided to bring a test case against the company and will ask for an order to discharge a mortgage held by the company against the petitioners. It appears that these men became stockholders and borrowed money on their shares with the understanding that after paying certain stipulated sums monthly for a period of seven years, the company would cancel the mortgages. This the company has now refused to do. The case will be before the courts. do. The case will be before the courts.

Weather and Crops.

Roland, Nov. 26.—Threshing is over and all the outfits have pulled in the for the season. It is estimated that there was only five per cent. or less wheat lost around here from being wet. There remains a good deal to be sold yet.

Mr. Matheson, of Bready, Love & Tryon, states that the results of threshing have shown that the fears of the harvest time prophets were altogether groundless as to the amount of injury done by the rains. The amount of grain destroyed will be very small, under 3 per cent, and the amount damaged is also much lower than was ever considered possible after the amount of rain that fell.

Tenders.

Tenders are being called for by Reeve McNabb, Neepawa, for the supply of 200 tamarac piles, 16 feet long, 7 inches or more in dimension, to be delivered by March 1st, 1899.

The Manitoba provincial public works department will shortly call for tenders for all the different supplies needed in the parliament buildings, government house, land titles office, and court house, and jail in this city, the asylums at Brandon and Selkirk and Home for Incurables, Portage la Prairie.

A train load of cattle arrived in Winnipeg from the west this week en route for the old country.

Literary Notes.

The Great West Magazine for November is a number of unusual interest owing to the prominence which is given to two articles relating to the Yukon country, which are accompanied by a series of original photo engravings of scenes in and around Dawson City. The first of these articles is entitled "Life in Dawson City," and the other is a short sketch of the establishment of the Bank of Commerce there. Photo-engravings of the first and present bank premises accompany the latter. There are a number of other articles and stories in this number and it is well printed and illustrated throughout.

The Commercial Men.

Jos. Tasse, of Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg this week.

Thos. Clearhue, of Brockville, is registered at the Leland.

Geo. M. Alkman, traveller for E. L. Drewry, is confined to his house with typhoid fever.

W. G. Rickert, representing James Corstine & Co., manufacturers of fine furs, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week in the interests of his house.

A. W. Lasher, western representative of W. B. Johnston & Co., of Toronto, is on his way east. The trip which he has just concluded is the thirty-eighth which this gentleman has taken to Western Canada.

Northwest Ontario.

The contractor for the first twenty miles of the Ontario and Rainy River railroad, west of Port Arthur, has completed the work up to the heavy rock work which part is now under construction.

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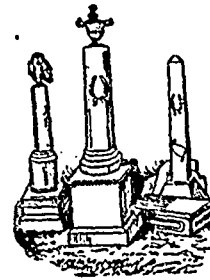
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