

A correspondent at Birtle, Man., over the signature of "A Sufferer," writes to THE COMMERCIAL as follows: "Your review of the C.P.R. rates in THE COMMERCIAL of the 8th is a very interesting article. An addendum might be considered when the M. & N.W. Railway acts in partnership. One thousand (1000) brick from Winnipeg were delivered here last week—freight charges, seventeen and 60/100 dollars (\$17.60). This ought to be emphasized."

A Brandon despatch says: "A telegram was received from Portage la Prairie, asking for a delegation to go from here to co-operate with one sent from that place, to wait upon the Local Government, asking that a bonus of \$200,000 be granted, to assist in making a western connection for the Red River Valley Railway. The board of trade appointed Messrs. A. C. Larkin, C. A. Moore and J. C. Robinson, and Mayor Adams and Messrs. Hughes, Smart and Kirchoffer will also attend. Rapid City will be represented by Mayor Head.

Another crop bulletin has been issued by the Manitoba provincial board of agriculture. The wheat harvest was expected to be general during the second week in August, if favorable ripening weather ensued. Gophers are doing some damage, but not apparently so much as in 1886. Indications all point to a very large return; the approximate yields reported by correspondents give an average of 25.6 bushels per acre over the province. In the eastern group of counties the average is approximated at 24.8 bushels per acre; in the southwestern, 24.6; in the central, 25.8, and in the northwestern, 27.1. The averages in the different counties range from 19.4 to 28.6 bushels per acre.

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