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Notes and Comments.



AS is indicated by the name of our new monthly paper, we intend from the start to be a Manitoba and Northwest Magazine. We have faith in the unbounded prosperity of our country for the future as in the past, and believe that any province with two thousand farmers who can produce 24,000,000 bushels of wheat for export, as the returns for 1891 show, cannot be too much placed before the eyes of the world. Believing that we can do our little share towards diverting attention, not only to the country, but to Winnipeg, the "Bull's Eye" of the Dominion, we ask for a liberal share of that patronage which is characteristic of the people and the nation to whom we have the proud honor to belong. Believing also that an independent paper is better able to be of service to its country than one strictly devoted and tied down to party lines and rules, we as such, will be able to exercise that freedom which is as free and untrammelled as the virgin soil of

our beautiful prairie. As we intend this paper to find a place in every home throughout Manitoba, we will with the help of our readers endeavor to place before them items of interest more especially relating to our own country, believing that they will appreciate our efforts in this direction. Several original articles, written especially for this paper will, appear from month to month, and from time to time as occasion may demand new features will be added. We do not claim to be infallible, nor yet perfection, but we will try and do our utmost to benefit our readers, always keeping before us the maxim "our country first, the world afterwards."

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ONCE again old Father Time has nearly completed his round, and as we glance back over the year now fast drawing to a close, we can see the swathes of grain laid low by the reaper. Some have gone down in their infancy, some in their youth, some in their prime of manhood and others in their old age. None have been spared. The sickle of the reaper is keen and sharp and before his deadly thrust all have to succumb,