

Company's New Stores at Winnipeg and other towns in the Province of Manitoba, the population of which continues to increase rapidly. Unfortunately, in April last the Spring Trade was retarded, and railway communication interrupted by an overflow of water from the Red River, which rose to an unusual height upon the breaking up of ice in the river, and caused some damage to property. A bridge across the Red River, in which, as mentioned in June last, the Company are interested to an extent of £5,000, was partially destroyed. The traffic of the bridge, which had been opened a few weeks previously, had been large, and it was expected to be resumed at an early date by means of a temporary roadway placed on piles, pending the reconstruction of the three spans which had been carried away by the flood.

The Governor and Committee have sanctioned an arrangement recommended to them by the Commissioners of the Company, under which the steamers "Northcote," "Lily," and "Colville" have been made over to a local Steamboat Company, formed for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers on Lake Winnipeg and the rivers in Manitoba and the North-West Territory. The terms under which the Steamers have been transferred include the retention, on behalf of the Company, of an interest in the Steamboat Company in proportion to the valuation of their own Steamers, and an arrangement for the carriage of the Company's goods and supplies in accordance with the requirements of the trade.

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The Governor and Committee have now much pleasure in congratulating the Shareholders on the successful results of the recent sales of land which have been effected on behalf of the Company.

The table in the Appendix to this Report shows the amount of the sales of Town Lots and of Agricultural