

FINANCIAL

Winnipeg Clearing House.

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

Week ended Sept. 8, 1898 \$1,345,882
Corresponding week, 1897 1,425,275
1895 962,432

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

	1898	1897	1896
January	6,317,168	5,009,819	4,977,200
February	5,517,000	3,551,000	4,052,000
March	5,968,000	4,259,000	4,286,000
April	6,210,000	4,162,000	4,032,000
May	8,683,364	5,014,786	4,216,201
June	7,396,000	5,531,000	4,094,000
July	6,316,238	5,616,603	4,961,277
August	6,180,355	6,298,574	4,616,959

Bank Clearings.

New York, Sept. 9.—Bank clearances for the Dominion of Canada were: Montreal, \$14,000,711, increase 17 per cent.; Toronto, \$182,680, increase 10.7 per cent.; Winnipeg \$1,345,882, decrease 5.6 per cent.; Halifax \$1,093,856, increase 1.1 per cent.; Hamilton \$518,910, decrease 13.5 per cent.; St. John \$50,945, decrease 14.7 per cent.

Financial Notes.

Mr. Pambrun, late manager of the Banque d'Hochelaga, Winnipeg, has mysteriously disappeared. He went to Europe a short time ago, and returned as far as New York, on his way home, but from that point no trace can be had of him. The case is considered a very mysterious one.

Canadian Trade.

New York, Sept. 9. — Bradstreet's review says: Business is active in the Dominion of Canada, except in the maritime provinces. Toronto reports business active, buyers numerous, orders liberal, failures few, immigration large, and manufacturers busy. Montreal reports increased activity, especially in dry goods, with an active fall trade expected, and the outlook for freights improving. Trade is active at Victoria and Vancouver and shipments to Alaska are very heavy.

Business failures in the Dominion of Canada number 17, against 23 last week, and 33 in the week a year ago.

New York, Sept. 9.—Dun & Co's Canadian reports shows very little change in the course of business, compared with a week ago. At St. John business continues quiet and inactive, and same at Halifax and Quebec. Payments on the fourth at Montreal were well met and general business is healthy, with good prospects for the fall. Cheese exports show some decline, though prices are fairly held, and the money market is a little firm. The wholesale trade is very active and manufacturers are kept busy with fair prospects.

The feeling in Winnipeg is for a substantial fall trade, although unfavorable weather has interfered this

week with harvesting operations. Retail trade in groceries and hardware continues only fair at Victoria, but is quite satisfactory in clothing, and wholesale trade at Vancouver, in leading lines, is about the average, and retail trade is steady in dry goods and groceries, but rather quiet in other lines.

Wheat Situation.

New York, Sept. 9.—R. G. Dun & Company's will say to-morrow: Wheat has been about one cent higher in price for September, with western receipts everywhere about as large as those of last year for the week. No doubt some farmers have learned that it is a poor business to hold back for higher prices, and very many are storing it, and so are making inevitable a more disastrous decline in prices after a time. The latest estimates range from 665,000,000 to 700,000,000 bushels, foreshadowing a somewhat smaller crop than was indicated a month ago, but large enough, nevertheless, to distribute 100,000,000 bushels for replenishing the world's depleted stocks; to meet all domestic consumption, and probably foreign demand, and still leave a sufficient surplus to depress the market.

Wheat Shipments.

New York, Sept. 9.—Wheat shipments for the week, including flour, aggregate 3,100,208 bushels, as against 3,687,040 last week, and 5,461,506 in this week a year ago. Since July 1, wheat exports aggregate 32,493,800 bushels, against 33,311,752 during the same period of 1897.

The Live Stock Trade.

A train of seventeen cars of cattle from around Whitewood and Moose Mountain was shipped east Thursday of last week by Mullins & Wilson.

A shipment of seventeen cars of cattle from M. & N. W. railway points the property of John Wake, passed through eastward Wednesday morning of last week for Liverpool.

John Wake, of Minnesota, arrived in Winnipeg Wednesday with a train load of cattle for the British markets. He purchased the stock in the Yorkton district.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Sept. 5.—There was an easier undertone to the market for American cattle, owing to increased supplies and prices for such were 1-1c lower, while values for Canadian stock were steady. Choice States sold at 11 1-2c; choice Canadians at 10 3-4c; Ranchers at 8 1-2c to 9 3-4c; and Argentine at 10c. Canadian sheep were unchanged at 11c, but Argentine were lower at 10 1-2c.

Liverpool, Sept. 5.—A private cable received reported the market steady. Choice Canadians sold at 10c to 10 1-2c, and sheep at 11c.

Northwest Ontario.

John King, of the departmental store, Fort William, says the Journal, contemplates selling out his grocery, hardware, clothing and other departments, and retaining the liquor department. The departments will be offered for sale en bloc.

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