

The General trade conducted at Winnipeg in Outfit 1381 embraced a period of eight and a half months in Fort Garry, and three and a half months in the Company's New Store, where a larger and much more varied description of trade is carried on than formerly. A careful investigation has been made into the business and the system under which it is now conducted, and the Committee are glad to find that the prospects are sufficiently satisfactory to justify an extension of the trade in the Districts west of Winnipeg, which are now being opened up for settlement. The arrangements required for this purpose are engaging the careful attention of the Governor and Committee.

During the past season the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been carried on with extraordinary vigor. Nearly 500 miles west of Winnipeg can now be traversed by means of the railway, which will probably be extended to the base of the Rocky Mountains in the course of another year, while the section of the line between Lake Superior and Winnipeg, recently opened, will be of great service in affording further means of communication to and from the Prairie Country.

Favorable reports have recently been received from Manitoba concerning the crops of last season, which have been secured in good order; and it is satisfactory to add that steady progress continues to be made in extending the area of the country brought under cultivation, and in developing its agricultural resources. These facts cannot fail, in the opinion of the Committee, to prove beneficial to the interests of the Company.

In the Committee's Report, published in June last, the attention of the Proprietors was directed to the large sales