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MARKDALE STANDARD.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1896.

Week's Commercial Summary.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade in the United States for the past week is as follows: The complete success of the government in the purchase of the gold reserve had not perceptibly affected business, nor prevented an advance in the exchange rate to the exporting point.

There were 36 failures in the Dominion last week, as against 31 the previous week, and 41 in Canada. The Dominion had 16, the same number as the week before, none of which were of any importance, and the liabilities considerably less than those of last week. Quebec had 14, an increase of 6; Nova Scotia 1, New Brunswick 2, Manitoba 2, and Ontario 1. Prince Edward Island had none.

Latest returns are more favorable to Canadian railways, and the net increase in October earnings of C.P.R. is a surprise. For the month the net earnings were \$1,010,248, or an increase of \$108,848 over the earnings of October, 1895. For the past ten months the net earnings are \$8,019,246, or a decrease of \$1,226,678. The economic pressure by the management will materially improve the net result for the year. The earnings of the Grand Trunk for the week ending November 29 show a decrease of only \$8,654.

October reached 26 cents last Saturday, and has declined three tenths since the week of the 12th. It is now 23 cents higher than a week ago, and western receipts still exceed last year's, amounting now to 100,000 bushels, against 100,000 last year, while exports from all ports have been about 1,000,000 bushels smaller.

The selling price of wheat is 80 cents per bushel, or 20 cents more than the selling price of last year, and costs just after a harvest year naturally to hold back for better returns. Corn is selling at 40 cents per bushel, or 10 cents larger than a year ago, and on the whole the outlook for farmers has not so improved as it appears. The price of wheat in the West and South is 70 cents, and the price of corn in the West and South is 40 cents, and the price of wheat in the West and South is 70 cents, and the price of corn in the West and South is 40 cents.

NEWSPAPER CANADIAN ITEMS.

THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

Winipeg citizens are moving to provide relief for the poor.

The Royal Mail & Paper Company, Montreal, has agreed to accept \$80,000 a year for the G.T.R. assessment for five years.

The defalcations of John M. Lord, late Treasurer of London West M. Ord, into aggregate \$2,022.

Four more British Columbia salmon canneries have been purchased by the English syndicate.

The St. Lawrence and Welland canal will now remain open on Sundays till the close of navigation.

The export cattle business in Manitoba and the Northwest this year shows an increase of 100 per cent.

The Hamilton Radial Railway Company has applied to the Ontario Railway Commission for a second tender in which they could put in figures that would be lower than the first tender.

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