

BUSINESS HAS GAINED

of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

TRADE IN MERCHANDISE HAS GREATLY INCREASED.

Large Production of Pig Iron—Heavy Speculation in Food-Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 12.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade will say tomorrow: The tone of general business has been better this week. Marked activity in the distribution of merchandise is reflected in the gains of 45.9 per cent in bank clearings at New York, compared with 1900, and 20.8 per cent compared with 1901, with gains of 11.5 and 10.8 for the same period at leading cities outside New York.

Even the textile market shows gains. The activity of the metal division has taken pig iron production to near record figures, and some dealers do not see how production of partly finished forms this year is to be made to meet the demand.

The government report of the production of wheat on April 1 is the surest possible basis upon which expectation of continued commercial prosperity could be founded. Stringency of money is largely local in New York, and does not alter reports from most of the larger cities of favorable conditions in collections. Railroad earnings, in March, were 7.4 per cent greater than last year, and 1.5 per cent over 1899, according to practically complete returns. Pig iron production on April 1, according to the Iron Age, was at the rate of 220,000 tons.

This quantity has been exceeded twice in the history of the industry, on December 1, 1898, when 226,369 tons were produced, and on February 1, 1900, when the output was 238,074 tons. The remarkable feature of the situation is the decrease of 58,568 tons in furnace stocks during March, in the face of the enormous production, while in six months the loss in supplies amounted to 203,256 tons. Quotations are generally steady for all forms except plates, on which \$2 a ton more is demanded than last year.

Contracts for delivery of pig iron do not, as a rule, extend beyond this month, and furnace stocks cannot be expected to continue decreasing. Purchasing agents are coming forward, for many furnaces have gone into blast since the month opened, and production on May 1 will probably be at a new high record.

The Wheat Market. Speculation has been unusually heavy in food stuffs, the local market averaging over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat daily. Prices receded sharply from the top point of two weeks ago, wheat losing about 4c for spot. Realizing sales were accelerated by expectation of a high percentage of winter wheat condition in the official report.

Two elements of strength appeared to check the decline, one caused some recovery. Insects were reported numerous in the Southwestern section, and foreign buying was sufficient to make Atlantic exports, flour included, 4,730,000 bushels in two weeks, against 4,250,000 bushels and 3,890,430 in 1900. In silk goods more activity is reported, and another trifling advance occurred in raw materials.

POSTAGE HIGH IN 1905

INFORMATION GIVEN BY A NEW ENGLAND ALMANAC.

Men Made Weather Predictions a Year in Advance, and, as Now, Hit It Occasionally.

Through the kindness of J. E. Haseltine, of this city, a copy of New England almanac for 1905 has been placed in the custody of the Oregon Historical Society. In addition to the usual calendar pages, giving the days of the week, the "courts, aspects, weather, etc.," the author gives the following observations, which, in addition to what has been said in the calendar pages, makes up the sum of his judgment of the weather for the year 1905:

January—Snow or rain perhaps the 6th, 10th, 13th and 21st days of this month, a little before or after.

February—Snow or rain the 5th, 10th, 17th and 24th days of this month, a little before or a little after.

March—Snow or rain the 8th and 30th days of this month, a little before or a little after.

April—Snow or rain the 3d, 7th, 14th and 23d days of this month, a little before or a little after.

May—Rain or snow, perhaps the 1st, 8th and 18th days of this month, a little before or a little after.

June—Rain or snow, perhaps the 2d, 13th and 23d days of this month, a little before or a little after.

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They Prescribe It Exclusively as a Tonic and Stimulant When the System is Weak and Run Down from Disease or Overwork.

The following letters from prominent physicians were taken at random from many thousands who have received from doctors who have made their great successes with DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY.

Dr. Phillip Taylor, 502 E. Grace St., Richmond, Va., writes us, on Dec. 7, 1900, as follows: "Gentlemen: I have used Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey in my family and practice for many years, and have learned that it does not pay to buy any other tonic, invigorating stimulant and tonic to be used exclusively in all cases where the system needs to be sustained.

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Dr. J. A. Hammond, Schuylerville, N. Y., writes us, on Jan. 2, 1901: "I have used Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey in my family and practice for many years, and have learned that it does not pay to buy any other tonic, invigorating stimulant and tonic to be used exclusively in all cases where the system needs to be sustained.

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