

THE NORTH-WEST.

A half lot was sold at Rat Portage this week for \$3,000.

The assessment of the county of *Portage la Prairie* costs up this year to over three million dollars.

The residents of *Moose Jaw*, Regina, Troy, Moosemin, Fort Qu' Appelle and Broadview are moving to have Assiniboia declared a province at an early date.

Swan Lake.—Range 12 north-west of this lake is rapidly filling up with settlers, mostly French-Canadians. The ground is hilly, but is well off for wood and water.

Eattleford.—A great many new buildings will be erected on the new town site, which will cause great activity in the neighbouring lumber region.

Regina can boast of having fifteen buildings used as stores, two banks, four large feed stables, two carriage shops, and four hotels that would be a credit to any city.

Moose Jaw is growing rapidly. It contains now about eighty-five buildings, besides a large number of tents, and it is expected that a month or two will see the principal streets lined with buildings.

Darlingford, Pembina Mountain District.—A large planing mill and a sash and door factory are shortly to be erected and the town is rapidly developing into a good business centre.

Mr. Andrew Stalker is about to establish a large planing mill and sash and door factory at Darlingford, the centre and distributing point of the rich Pembina Mountain district, and likely to develop into a solid business town very rapidly.

Brandon.—This section seems to have secured a large proportion of settlers. The land and climate being far superior to Minnesota, as well as it being able to produce a heavier wheat crop; land is consequently looking up, and fair prices maintained.

The assessment for the municipality of *Morris* shows the following result:—Acreage of taxable lands, 205,441; school sections, 12,880; total, 218,321. Of these 9,123 are under cultivation. Real estate assessment, \$1,452,683; personal property, \$46,580; total \$1,489,263.

Timber Limits Sold.—E. Mohr, of Mohr's Corners, has sold to Messrs. McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, the limit known as the Campbell limit on Trout Lake, a branch of the Petawawa River, containing 39½ square miles, for the sum of \$31,250.

Bonusing.—At a meeting of Brandon Council it was decided to give six lots and tax exemption for five years to Mr. Bauer for the erection of a brewery; also a \$2,000 bonus and two years exemption to Mr. David Johnson for the erection of an oatmeal mill; also a \$5,000 bonus and ten years exemption to Messrs. D. H. McMillan & Bros. for the erection of a grist mill and elevator.

At the Chancery Sittings.—on Tuesday the case of Craig vs. Corrigan was tried, arising out of the sale of four hundred lots in the paper town of Whitemouth, Manitoba, by the defendant to the plaintiff, for which plaintiff paid \$400 in cash, gave a promissory note for \$1,100, a row of brick dwellings in this city, some lots in Portage la Prairie and the Temperance Colonization section. Plaintiff sued for possession of the deed and to recover back the consideration paid therefor, on the ground of misrepresentation and fraud. His Lordship held defendant guilty of gross misrepresentation, and awarded \$200 damages against him, directed the deed to be set aside, and ordered the parties in other respects to be placed in *statu quo*.

The Prosperous Little Town of Virden is beautifully situated 50 miles west of Brandon, on the C. P. Railway, and is surrounded by a magnificent farming country on all sides. There is a post office, registry office, eight stores, four hotels, four feed stables, three lumber yards, one flour and feed store, two blacksmith shops, and a host of implement agents, and room for a good doctor and druggist, two first-class lawyers, and a tailor and shoemaker.

Prince Arthur's Landing.—In reply to a deputation which waited on the Minister of Public Works, to press on the Government the desirability of making certain improvements in the harbour at Prince Arthur's Landing, Sir Hector Langevin complimented the citizens of that port for their energy and public spirit, which he said he had heard of. About \$100,000 has been expended by private citizens on wharves and improvements at the Landing.

The Government has placed \$50,000 on the estimates for harbour improvements and \$6000 for the erection of Emigrants Sheds, thus definitely deciding the situation of the Port.

P. E. Landing.—Messrs. Thomas Marks and J. C. Gough, of Prince Arthur's Landing, accompanied by Mr. Dawson, M.P., waited upon the Minister of Public Works in reference to needed harbour improvements at Thunder Bay. They represented that the opening up of railway communication to Manitoba and the North-West rendered it necessary that there should be ample accommodation for vessels at that port. A larger number of immigrants were expected to pass that way than *via* Duluth, as it was much shorter and cheaper. They represented also that private individuals had expended \$100,000 in making docks, and this was required to be supplemented by some further expenditures on the part of the Government. Sir Hector Langevin received the deputation courteously, and promised to give the request his careful consideration. He expressed himself fully alive to the importance of Prince Arthur's Landing as a port, and was glad to learn that the inhabitants generally had been so active and enterprising, a fact which hitherto had escaped his notice.

Our Advertising Column.—We beg to call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Banks Bros., especially to the notice of our European readers. Messrs. Banks have properties in all parts of the Dominion, and we can confidently recommend them to those desirous of purchasing Canadian properties.

Mr. T. D. Ledyard calls attention to his specialty in lands at our Canadian Chicago, as P. A. Landing is now called, also to mining properties in the North West. To those interested in speculations of this nature we would advise them to communicate with this gentleman.

Sales by Auction.—We intend publishing a complete list in future of all Real Estate Sales in Toronto, as well as in other localities, when practicable. We regret that this month's returns are not so complete as they otherwise would be.

PRINCE ARTHURS LANDING.

Railways.—Railways centering here will build up a city. The C. P. R. West now runs for more than 1,000 miles West of this Port, and soon will be opened through to the Pacific Ocean; the C. P. R. East is being built as rapidly as possible, and will open communication with Toronto, Montreal, other Eastern Cities and the Atlantic seaboard. A charter has been obtained for "The Thunder Bay Colonization Railway Co.," running West from the Landing through a rich timber and mineral country to the United States boundary line there to connect with a Railway from Duluth.