

ing but the railway section house and one small building used as a general store. The writer can remember when a few years ago Westbourne was in exactly the same condition. Fifty families settling in this immediate neighborhood would mean a blacksmith's shop, a church, postoffice and school there immediately, and make it an important shipping point in the course of a very few years.

In regard to cost of making a start on a farm in this County, this will vary very much according to the circumstances and requirements of the individual. There is a saw and planing mill on the river a mile and a half below Westbourne, at which all kinds of rough and dressed lumber can be purchased at prices varying from \$15 to \$30 per thousand. A young man, who is batching it, can build a shanty, double-boarded, with tar paper between, in which he can make himself comfortable for a couple of years, for an expenditure of from \$50 to \$75; and many of the most successful farmers in Manitoba put in their first two or three years in just such places. A comfortable house can be built all the way from \$500 to \$1,000. A percentage of from 10 to 25 per cent can be added to the price paid for a similar building in various parts of Ontario, as hardware costs a little more, as also labor and material. In erecting buildings we would strongly advise that a stone foundation wall should be laid on the prairie sod, and the sills laid on this stone, as it is found the sills rot very quickly if laid on the sod without such protection, and builders will find they are amply repaid for this little additional cost. Stone is to be had within a reasonable distance in any part of the County, not quarried stone but surface lime stone. Lime was at one time burned along the river banks, but this has been given up, as the stones are not sufficiently plentiful. Lime can be purchased, and costs from 40c. to 50c. per bushel laid down at Westbourne.

A special rate is given by the C. P. R. for settlers' effects, and new-comers should bring with them everything that is of any value, as a great many old articles that have been in use a good many years and have little value to sell in Ontario, will take the place of more expensive new articles here. The cost of bringing them in is trifling.