

ing the channel. Consequently transportation will now be much more regular and prompt than it has been in the past.

It is also contemplated by the Government to effect similar improvements in the South Branch of the Saskatchewan. This will open up a most valuable section of country by providing it with means of transportation.

Southern Manitoba.

This is a very fine extent of country, lying between the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the International Boundary, distant about 60 miles apart. It extends westwards to the coal areas of the Souris district, about 250 miles west of the Red River. A branch of the C. P. R. is already running for upwards of 100 miles west of the Red River to Manitoba, and another branch runs about 50 miles south-west of Winnipeg. These lines are to be extended by way of Rock and White Water lakes, passing through the Pembina Valley and Turtle Mountain districts to the Souris coal fields.

Southern Manitoba is already well settled, and is one of the finest sections of country in the North-West. The soil is deep and rich; it is well watered by numerous rivers, lakes and ponds, and has a considerable extent of timber lands. On reaching the coal fields the railway will supply cheap fuel to the whole of that extensive and fertile tract of country.

Town Lots.

The Company has already had portions of its reserves at the different centres of trade surveyed into town lots, which they now offer for sale at reasonable prices and on easy terms of payment.

The City of Winnipeg,

which is the capital of the Province of Manitoba, is situated at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers.

It is the chief business centre of the Province.

In 1870 it had a population of not more than 500 souls.

It has since that date increased with marvellous rapidity, and at the present time has a population of upwards of 20,000.

It is the place of residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, and in it are located all the public departments of the Province.

The City covers an area of about 4,000 acres.

A handsome City Hall, which will cost upwards of \$100,000, is being built. A police station, which cost \$30,000, and handsome solid brick fire stations, well supplied with all the most improved appliances,

\$500,000 has so far been expended on its sewage system.

There are four bridges crossing the Red and Assiniboine rivers, including railroad and traffic bridges.

Seven lines of railway centre in Winnipeg, connecting it with all parts of the United States and Canada and also with the North West Territories. Winnipeg is also the educational centre of the North-West, being the seat of the University of Manitoba, also St. John's College and Manitoba College.

There are also two excellent ladies colleges.

It contains many handsome and commodious church edifices, amongst which may be mentioned, Knox Church, Presbyterian; St. Mary's, Roman Catholic; St. John's Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Christ Church, All Saints, St. George's, Episcopalian Grace Church, Zion Church, Methodist.

The warehouses and stores of Winnipeg are equal to those of any city in the Dominion of Canada. There are also a large number of comfortable hotels.

The city is lighted by electricity, has a satisfactory water supply, and has a system of street railways.