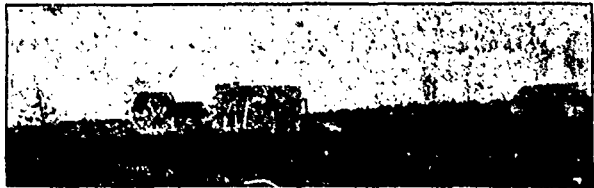


9, township 47. Indeed Pasqua Hills means "Prairie Hills." Good land for a few miles on each bank is general up the Red Deer to the Fir and Etoimami rivers. In that tract white poplar two and two and a half feet thick and fully eighty feet high were seen. There are four groves of excellent maple about township 45, range 1, i. e., if the map be nearly correct. The sand ridge above noted is at this point thickly overgrown with jackpine or fir as it is there termed. This ridge averages about 60 to 100 yards in width.

"West of Etoimami and Fir for several miles on each side the country is magnificent clay or heavy sandy clay with rich loam top. On the south side is an area embracing eight to ten townships already cleared by fire, and Beaver meadows now as dry and beautiful for farming as any land in Can-

worthy of note that that was the only territory where beaver were found actually at work. Fresh dams flooding great areas which were theretofore dry, were met and photographed. Judging by comparison with what the Swan River Valley and the Melfort and Carrot River tracts were like a few years ago, where wheat now grows, duck hunters once paddled canoes, there is every reason to suppose that once the streams find free access to the lake, those tracts will become quite dry. In the narrow tract between the Red Deer River and the Porcupines, five large creeks cross the chief sand-ridge spoken of before, and turning eastward becomes absolutely lost for miles in swamps and meadows formed by beaver dams.

Ultimately these reappear close to the lake.



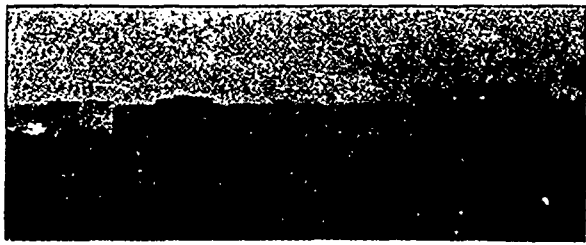
Gilbert Plains, Man., on Canadian Northern Railway.

ada. This rich land continues in one unbroken plain westward to Fort a la Corne and Prince Albert. The timber is found north and west of the Red Deer as far as west Dog Hilde river. It is also timbered east of the Etoimami and Fir rivers. Spruce is found in "bluffs" or "clumps" here and there over the whole district. Especially are good "bunches" found in the Porcupines, down the Etoimami, near Red Deer lake and in places north and west of the Red Deer. In townships 43, 44 and 45, ranges 10, 11 and 12 some good spruce also stands, while in township 42, range 15, are a few good clumps. Millions of dollars worth of the finest spruce lie burned north-west of the Porcupines towards the Red Deer river.

The tract between the Carrot and the Saskatchewan, excepting a few townships near a la Corne, is not adapted to agriculture though it forms an ideal ranching ground. Innumerable lakes from one hundred feet to five miles across cover the surface and occupy fully one-half the area. The soil among the lakes is excellent and in future years when the lakes become

The fact that the maple tree is found here and there in large groves in the Red Deer Valley as far west at least as range 2; that spruce grow to a thickness of 3 feet 6 inches; that white poplar 2 feet 6 inches and 30 feet high are not uncommon, that black poplar fully as large is found in moist flats, that wild vetch, wild pea, wild hops, wild roses, cherries, plums, raspberries, cranberries, etc., grow in profusion and luxuriance, that fire flies were plentiful at nights on Red Deer Lake and up the river valley until October, that robins and other migratory birds were seen in abundance until after the same date, that the Indians have made syrup and sugar for many a year from the maples, and have also grown garden stuff, even in their primitive way, that at Melfort in township 41, range 18, I saw as fine wheat, oats, potatoes, etc., as can be shown in Canada, grown this year, all these facts lead one to conclude that the Reindeer valley and onward westward constitute as fine a spot for settlers as can be found the world over.

Those who wish to know more about



Grand View, Man., the Latest Addition to Manitoba Towns.

drained, will surely be valuable for agriculture.

Swan River altitudes are known, and all kinds of grain can assuredly be grown as far west as near Thunder Hill. Above that no part is fit for raising wheat, except a very occasional valley tract. The general surface west of Thunder Hill, and onward to Greenwater Hills is from 1,000 to 1,700 feet high, with stony soil, admirably fitted for ranching.

The Red Deer valley begins at Reindeer lake, with an altitude of 875 feet. I have no data other than general observation; but there seems to me nothing extravagant in saying that in that valley and onward west to range 17, inclusive, there are at least sixty townships of good agricultural land, none of it more than 1,300 feet high, while by far the greater part of it is under 1,100 feet. I have traversed no other spot in all Canada, or elsewhere, where such an area of excellent land so little broken up by "muskegs," "mountains," "sand ridges," etc., can be found. True in the pass between the Porcupines and Pasquas, east of the Fir and Etoimami Rivers are many muskegs and sand-ridges. But with the clearing of the country the muskegs will disappear. It is also

this interesting country, or about the railway lands which are now available for settlement, should write to T. A. Burrows, land commissioner, Canadian Northern Railway, Dauphin, Man., or to D. D. Hanna, general superintendent, Winnipeg, for information about settlers' rates.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

	Nov. 2, 1900.	Nov. 3, 1899.
Flour	\$3.45	\$3.75
Wheat	77 1/2c	74 1/2c
Corn	45 1/2c	48 1/2c
Oats	25 1/2c	29c
Rye	56 1/2c	62c
Cotton	3 1/2c	7 1/2c
Printed cloths	2 1/2c	2 1/2c
Wool, Ohio	26 1/2c	26 1/2c
Pork, mess	\$12.25	\$13.75
Lard	10c	5 1/2c
Butter	24c	21c
Cheese	16c	11 1/2c
Sugar	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Sugar, 98 per cent	4 1/2c	4 1/2c
Coffee, No. 7	8 1/2c	6 1/2c
Petroleum	7 1/2c	9 1/2c
Iron, Bessemer	\$13.50	\$13.75
Steel, billets, ton	\$18.00	\$18.50
Steel rails	\$26.00	\$35.00
Copper lb	16 1/2c	17.00c
Lead lb	4.37 1/2c	4.60c
Tin, lb	27.50c	30.50c

*Pittsburgh.

—Bradstreet.

Winnipeg City Council.

The city council met in regular session on Monday evening. Among the communications received was one from the Hudson's Bay Company, protesting against the proposed straightening of Assiniboine avenue, on the ground that in so doing the company's rights would be infringed.

J. W. Harris, assessment commissioner, reported the completion of the general tax roll and the business tax roll for the year 1900, and that both rolls are now in the hands of the tax collectors. A statement of amounts entered in business tax roll is as follows:

Ward.	Assessment.	Taxes.
1.	23,050	\$ 473.00
2.	625,290	12,055.30
3.	217,300	4,903.40
4.	2,339,570	46,903.50
5.	507,030	10,340.60
6.	33,530	770.60
	\$3,761,400	\$76,051.40

The statement of amounts entered in collectors' roll showed a valuation of \$11,071,720; buildings and improvements amounted to \$9,344,250; making a total of \$21,316,000. The total city and school taxes amounted to \$498,390; sewers, \$53,730; sidewalks, \$29,617; pavements, \$50,400; boulevards, \$1,624; street openings, \$5,402; making the total taxes \$619,072, with exemptions of \$56,590.

A motion was passed that his worship the mayor be requested to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the board of trade for the purpose of presenting to the Dominion government the suitability of the city of Winnipeg as the site for the proposed Canadian mint.

A by-law to provide for the borrowing of a certain sum of money to cover current expenditure until the taxes come in was passed. Also a by-law providing a rebate for prompt payment of taxes. Another concerning an agreement with the Waterous Engine Co. was passed. The by-law providing for the expenditure of \$60,000 on the C. P. R. subway passed. The council was asked to vote \$50,000 for a public bath subject to the approval of the ratepayers but refused, and the proposal to raise money for a fire alarm system and suburban fire and police stations was also voted down, together with one to provide \$15,000 for paving the market square. The subway by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers at the municipal elections.

New Fort William Oil Tanks.

The Fort William Chronicle gives a good description of the new oil tanks, docks, etc., which the Imperial Oil Company have in course of erection at that town, in the course of which it says: "What was a few days ago a dreary waste of swamp land, inhabited only by the wild duck and other aquatic birds, is now transformed into a very busy scene of human activity. Large gangs of carpenters, boilermakers and riveters, besides laborers, are busily employed in pushing to completion the beginning of an industry, which will, be of untold benefit to the two towns and the surrounding country. Already the company has completed, or nearly so, four iron tanks each capable of holding in the neighborhood of ten thousand barrels of oil, this means 500 car-loads of oil. Other tanks are to be built, but as the season is getting advanced it is doubtful if they will be built this fall. A large and commodious dock has been built, on which is erected an immense freight shed, almost as extensive as the freight shed of the C. P. R. Other buildings such as offices, stables, etc., will be erected at once. The C. P. R. has laid a track and wagon road down the riverside to the works. The first barge with a full cargo of oil, consisting of 13,800 barrels, arrived in the river on Wednesday.

United States Elections.

President McKinley has been again elected in the United States, as it is evident that he will have a majority in the electoral college. While the Republican pluralities in some of the larger states have been reduced, the indications are that the Republican ticket will have a larger electoral vote than at the last previous election of a president. Imperialism has evidently taken strong root in the United States.

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