

## PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

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The improvements now being carried out in Brandon, both by the Corporation and private parties, will work wonders in the appearance of the city, and add very much to the value of her property.

Regarding city improvements we have been favored with the following facts and figures from Messrs. Poudrier & Brownlee. All the north and south streets of the city from First to Eighteenth are being graded and gravelled to the southern limits of the city, while Rosser Avenue and Sixth Street are having cobblestone gutters constructed, and are being coated with screened gravel. Culverts, drains, and so forth are being constructed where necessary, so that solid wheeling can at all times be had through the city, while ladies can in future walk on clean solid roads, half an hour after a thunder storm. Two-inch plank eight-feet sidewalks are being laid on all the leading thoroughfares, and four plank sidewalks are being put down in all other graded streets, while good six-feet crossings are also being laid in numerous parts of the city. A fine brick fire hall and Council chambers are being erected, and fire water tanks of 5,000 gallons capacity each are being constructed at different points of the city for fire extinguishing purposes. These improvements altogether will cost \$85,000, and the plentiful supply of gravel and cobblestone at hand makes it possible at such figures. Few towns or cities of Manitoba could get the same improvements carried out for one half more cost, and in Winnipeg, the capital, \$250,000 would scarcely accomplish such a work. When all is finished the city of Brandon will have over nine miles of graded streets, 11,802 feet of eight-feet sidewalk, and 11,524 feet of four-board sidewalk.

Private improvements are of an equally extensive nature, and not least among these are those being carried out by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. They are supplying a fine hotel and dining room on Pacific Avenue, opposite their depot, which is also being constructed, and when finished will be one of the most extensive and substantial in the North-west, and but little inferior to the