

General Notes.

THERE is another movement on foot at Brandon for the construction of a line of railway from that town through Southern Manitoba to connect with the Devil's Lake branch of the St. P. M. & M. A meeting of the citizens to discuss the question is called for Friday evening which will, no doubt, be largely attended.

THE Portage la Prairie town council have decided to ask some assurance from the Insurance Underwriters Association that premiums in that town will be reduced if the telephone fire alarm system is adopted there. They are a little more cautious than the Winnipeggers who spent immense sums for fire protection and prevention arrangements, established a fire brigade costing \$50,000 a year and then had their premiums raised instead of lowered.

A CORRESPONDENT says: "With wheat quoted in the 50's it is probable that a large amount of wheat will be fed to stock the coming year. The idea that it is a 'sin' to feed wheat to stock when it is clearly intended for human consumption, is fast giving away; when wheat is high it argues that humanity is in want of bread, but when the demand is small and prices are low it indicates that the wheaten loaf has scarcely been cut, and until prices go back to \$1 or above, the demand is not commensurate with the supply. In this case no argument is needed to show that it is no violation of principle to transform the cheap wheat into beef, pork and mutton, and furnish it in another form to the people of the world. Wheat is one of the best grains to make pork; containing less oil than corn, the resulting meat is firm, with a large amount of red meat. At 85 cents there is probably no cheaper stock food grown than wheat, and when fed to the extent of increasing the demand and securing better prices, then other grains can well take its place and wheat again become an exclusive human food."—*Northwestern Miller.*

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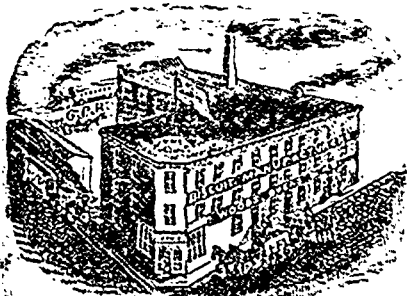
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