

Emerson.

H. Crompton, of Orangeville, is opening a stock of jewelry, etc., in the shop east of W. J. Suffel's store.

Emerson fair will be held this week, and a grand success is expected. There will be numerous industrial exhibits.

Work has commenced on the new bridge across the Red River, and will be pushed with vigour from now onward.

Wheat now brings as high as 83c. for first class hard fife, while oats bring 48c., and potatoes 50c. Good wood is worth \$9 a cord.

The feeling gains ground here that the C. P. Railway do not intend to build the branch from Emerson westward, and much disappointment prevails.

On Saturday evening, a meeting of property owners was held at the town hall, where preliminary steps were taken for the formation of a fire brigade.

The Emerson and North-Western track is now graded as far as Maris River, a distance of 14 miles, and work is now going on at the Big Marsh. Messrs. McDougall and Boughton, the engineers, are now making plans for the river bank, so as to make arrangements for the unloading of railroad iron, rolling stock, and other material.

Brandon.

Freight received and dispatched by C. P. Railway, 550,390 lbs. Earnings, \$26,930.57.

The two bridges over the river are completed, one crosses at the foot of First and the other Eighteenth Street.

Wheat is bringing 80c. and oats 50c.; wood, \$5.25 per cord; coal, \$20. This week wet weather has kept the farmers from coming into town.

H. A. Wallis, of Broadview, it is understood, is not too well satisfied with that town of tents, and is about to move his grocery business into this city.

The furniture business hitherto carried on by Lockhart Bros., has passed into the hands of G. D. Lockhart, who will carry on the business in his own name.

A party of capitalists visited this place this week. Mr. Scarth, who was one of the party, has sold twelve large houses now in course of construction to Eastern moneyed men.

Building operations are going on apace, and street grading, notwithstanding the backward weather, is progressing. Out-door laborers are still scarce, and will probably remain so while public works go on.

Bracket, Clute, & Co., who have for some time been arranging to move from here, have at last given up their supply store business in this city. Nelson & Davis, hotel keepers, have also given up business.

A contract was signed this week for the building of a large elevator, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, which will be completed by the 25th November, at a cost of \$40,000. A joint-stock company will own it.

There are but few business matters of any note to record this week, and the wet weather has made business somewhat dull. Merchants

are buoyant, however, and there is every indication of a continuance of good trade during this winter.

The Windsor House at this town is about to change hands, and the travelling public will be glad to learn that the Grand View Hotel will soon be opened. This will somewhat relieve the rush at the other hotels in this over-crowded town.

Portage la Prairie.

Business is in a thriving state in this city, and mechanics are busy as well as hopeful. Grain has been coming in freely for two weeks, and several cars of fine hard fife, besides a number of cars of oats, have been shipped to Winnipeg. The quality still continues fine.

William Bartlett, dry goods merchant, has taken in a partner, and his business will in future be conducted under the firm name of Bartlett & Thompson.

The City Council have decided upon placing a number of street lamps at the different corners in the city, and Messrs. Fortier & Bucke, of Brandon, have secured the contract to supply the same.

The paper mill now being constructed and fitted up by Mr. McIlvanie is expected to be in running order by the close of next week, and the enterprising proprietor is going to lose no time in having some of its products placed upon the market.

There is a great amount of bitter feeling and acrimonious discussion still going on about the recent removal of the Post-office. The point of debate is: Where is the center of the city? Some will have it east of its former stand, while others would have it east of the Hudson's Bay Stores. The present compromised situation near the City Hall seems to satisfy scarcely any party.

Wheat sells on the street at 85c. for prime hard; oats at 50c. for best quality.

THE want of a bank is sadly felt in Selkirk, where no institutions of that class exists. The Selkirk Herald of Sept. 26th complains bitterly of the inconvenience thus caused and hopes some standard bank will open a branch in that town.

THE same paper says: The contractors on the Selkirk and Winnipeg Railway are pushing the work forward with very commendable speed, and there seems no doubt but that the grading will be completed in good time this fall. The work of clearing has been completed, and five powerful graders are at work at various points between here and Winnipeg.

COUNTRY fairs are the leading attractions of this month, as will be seen by a look at our news from other towns. One of the most encouraging features of these exhibitions is the growing interest taken by the managers of such in manufacturing industries. At the Portage la Prairie Agricultural Exhibition, for instance, which is held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, over fifty prizes are offered for excellence in different branches of manufactures. It is to be hoped that this interest will increase all over the North-West.

A Stock Exchange for Winnipeg.

The first decided step towards furnishing an institution of this class for Winnipeg was taken on Saturday afternoon, when a preliminary meeting for the purpose of organization was held in the offices of Quinlan & Ross, Biggs' Block. It was decided to start the enterprise with a capital of \$20,000, in 400 shares of \$50 each. A large proportion of the stock was subscribed on the spot, and among the stockholders are the names of Hugh Sutherland, G. A. Glines, T. H. Gilmore, M. A. McLean, T. P. Murray, S. R. Clarke, H. B. Hanmore, James G. Coats, S. L. Kyle, J. E. Sutton, F. C. Butterfield, W. W. Ross, C. T. Gregory, E. F. Kendal, F. R. Bryant and R. B. Harstone.

G. A. Glines was elected chairman, and W. W. Ross secretary. Messrs. Tupper, MacDonald, McArthur and Dexter were appointed solicitors, and Messrs. H. Sutherland, James G. Coats, G. A. Glines, J. E. Sutton, T. H. Gilmore, S. R. Clarke, M. A. McLean, E. F. Kendal and F. C. Butterfield provisional directors.

The offices of Messrs. Quinlan & Ross were fixed as temporary chambers, and Mr. W. W. Ross was appointed to secure further subscriptions for the stock. In this work he has succeeded so well that a second meeting was called for Monday evening to consider the advisability of increasing the sum to \$30,000, the whole of the \$20,000 having been subscribed. The results of that meeting will be found elsewhere in our columns.

The intention of the organizers is to inaugurate a general Stock Exchange in the city for the purchase and sale of bank and mining stocks, grain, and so forth. The work of organization will be perfected as soon as possible, and the solicitors have applied for letters patent. Once fairly floated, the Stock Exchange will prove a valuable institution to the city, and should wield a great power in the promotion of her commercial interests.

Mr. E. Sandford, of Hamilton, Ontario, one of the directors of the Portage, Westbourne & North-Western Railway is now travelling over that line on a tour of inspection, no doubt with a view of finding out what will be best to promote the best interests of that road.

Mr. H. W. D. ARMSTRONG and his party have finished their new survey of the Portage, Westbourne & North-Western Railway from Gladstone to Minnedosa. From the Beautiful Plain the line will traverse a new section of country by the way of Stony Creek. The party had to make a tramp of 40 miles from Minnedosa to Brandon.

The City Chimney Sweep is on a tour of inspection this week, and has authority from the City Fire Inspector to see to the cleaning of all flues which he considers in need of such an operation. It is to be hoped that his practical eye will detect every fire-trap in his track, and that his charge of 50c. for cleaning each chimney will prevent any conflagrations which might arise from carelessness in that way.