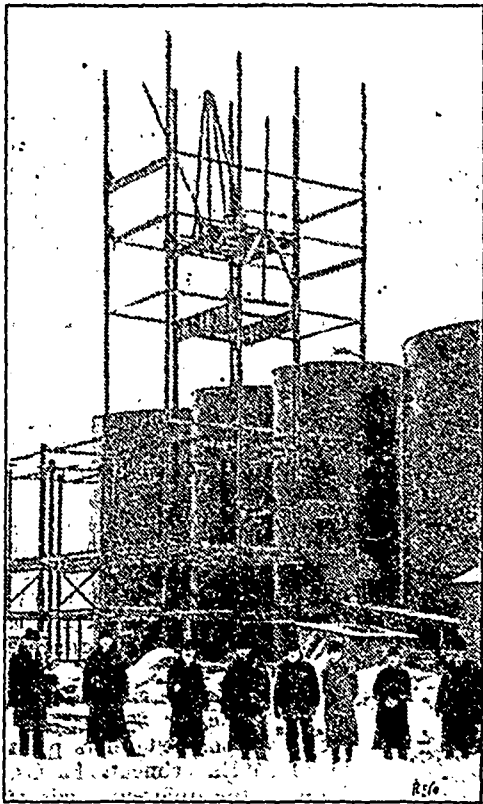


the modern contrivances that science has perfected. From this point there are railways to all parts, North, South, East and West. There are two other important towns, Portage la Prairie and Brandon, and many smaller ones along the line of the several railways. At many points along these roads there are elevators, mills, etc., and a settler can purchase anything he may ordinarily require as cheaply as anywhere else and more cheaply than in many parts of the States.



Steel Elevators being built at Fort William

Government land (160 acres) can be had free, the only charge being a registration fee of \$10, but in occupying free land the settler is required to live some part of the year on his land for three years, except under special circumstances. Railway land is about \$3 an acre but this can be paid for in annual instalments with small interest extending over ten years. Of late years there has not been so much free land to choose from, the best having been selected and occupied, but recently a new branch line of railway has opened up the Dauphin district and a large acreage of first class land is now available. It will not, however, long remain so. Indeed considering the way European and American visiting delegates have reported on this province the wonder is that there is any land, government or railway, to be had at all. It is going fast and in a few years those who require land without paying others for it will have to go further west.

It will perhaps corroborate these statements if the letters of actual settlers are read. Here are a few taken hap hazard from many hundreds. The editor of the Banner, Brown City, Mich., paid a visit to Western Canada, and in his paper said: "On August 23 we had the pleasure of visiting the model seven acre garden at Edmonton owned and operated by one Donald Ross, a typical Scotchman and as whole-souled, good-natured an old gentleman as you can meet. He gave the Yankees such a hearty hand-shake as we were introduced in succession by the Canadian government agent, who was our guide and pilot while at Edmonton, and to whom we are indebted for many courtesies conferred. Mr Ross informed us that he cleared from \$800 to \$1,000 annually from the sale of roots, vegetables, flowers and plants. We here state that we never before saw such a growth of vegetables at that season of the year. He said he raised 750 bushels of onions to the acre. Beets were growing as large as your arm, turnips the size of one's head, and cabbages the size of a patent pail. Following are prices Mr. Ross gave us as receiving for his produce: Beets 50c. per bushel, carrots 40c, onions \$1.25, turnips \$5 per ton, cabbage 4c each, green corn 25c per dozen, tomatoes \$1.50 per bushel, potatoes 25 to 30c, cauliflower \$1.00 per bushel, cucumbers 15c per dozen, strawberries per box, squash 4c per pound, and other produce in proportion.

Dominion City, Man., Jan. 17, '98

At the request of the Immigration Department of the Canadian government, I give the following information:

I immigrated to Manitoba in October, 1892, from Luverne, Rock county, Minn., and took land in Dominion City, Manitoba, where I now reside. I have been very successful in Manitoba, and have more than doubled my capital since I came to Canada. I took about \$2,500 with me in stock, chattels and cash. I own to-day 1,120 acres of land where I live. My crop this year, 1897, was as follows: \$1,800 worth of wheat, 200 bushels of flax, and 600 bushels of oats. I do mixed farming. I milk as many as ten cows. Dairying and stock raising has paid me very well. I have on the farm now 11 head of cattle and 18 head of horses, and sold during the past year, 1897, \$125 worth of fat cattle. I have good buildings, a good comfortable house and stable. My children have had better school advantages in Manitoba than in Minnesota. The district schools are very thorough and good. My son, now 18 years of age, is teaching the public school in our district and receives a salary of \$420 per year. All my children have done well at school. I have \$1,700 insurance on my buildings on my farm. I also own my personal warehouse and ship all my grain through it to the railway station at Dominion City. It is free of debt.

I have no prejudice against the State of Minnesota as I made a living and a little more while in that State, but would not take a farm as a gift in Minnesota and leave Manitoba. The taxation in Minnesota was too great. I paid taxes on my stock and chattels. No such taxes have ever been exacted in Manitoba from me, and my land tax is about one-half or less than it was in Minnesota. I am delighted with my new home, and expect in a few years to be in circumstances that will enable me to take life easy.

Yours very truly,

S. G. MAYNES.

P. S.—Any person that may take exception to the foregoing letter will kindly investigate for I can back up every word it contains. I am not an immigration agent, nor the agent of any corporation, but simply a farmer.

S. G. M.

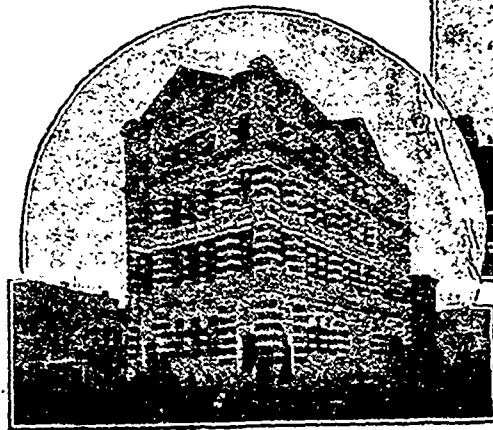
Here is another letter:

Gretna, Manitoba, Nov. 21, 1897.

W. F. McCreary, Esq., Winnipeg.

Dear Sir,—I am glad to have the honor to submit the following report.

I settled here on my homestead, the NE 1/4 3, 1, 1, W, in 1881. My family consisted of myself, my wife and 12 children, of which 5 died afterwards and 7 are alive yet. My oldest 2 daughters are married, my oldest son is 25 years old now and the youngest is 12 years. I had no capital when I came here to start with, but, however, I was always very healthy and also my wife and the eldest children, and we all were anxious to work. The land I have is the best and richest I think a farmer can get. We were very successful with our work in farming. Every year we had a splendid crop and our stock always increased. I came after some years to be



Post Office, Winnipeg.

In a position to pay off my debts that I had made at the start. Now I have 8 horses, 4 cows, and 2 calves, pigs and all necessary farm implements. I have already bought some more land and am in possession of 1,120 acres. I am a German and a member of the Russian. If nothing hap-

pens in my family then I intend to make a trip to visit my old country land during this winter to see my parents and sisters and brothers there. I am in such a position to make this trip and can stand the expenses easy. Such a success I have had here in Manitoba on account of having good land, and a good healthy climate and also a good Government which does not press the farmers with high taxes. Yours truly,

ISAAC BRAINN.

For further information write to any of the following:

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James Grieve, Reed City, Michigan.  
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Benjamin Davies, 151 East Third Street, St. Paul, Minn.  
T. O. Currie, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.  
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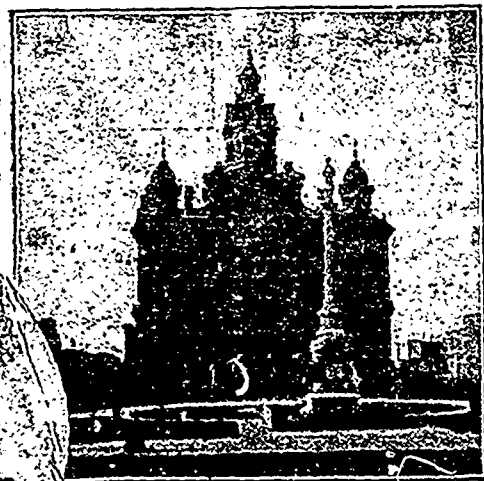
## SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

Jas. Boyce, Formerly of Michigan, Gives His Opinion of the Canadian Northwest.

Parkisimo, Man., Jan. 15, '98

Thinking it might be of some passing interest to my former Brown City and Maple Valley friends, I attempt to write a brief letter giving my opinion of this country as I know it from an experience of six and a half years of residence here. I have thought the most direct way of reaching the greatest number of Maple Valley people would be to impose on the good graces of the editor of the Brown City Banner to publish the letter. I came here from Brown City, Mich., in April, 1892, with my family. Rented 160 acres for 3 years at \$80 cash rent. Before the time was up I bought it for \$1,000. I owe \$400 on it. I bought a fine team then that cost me \$350. A similar team can now be bought for \$150. Since then I have bought 160 acres at \$5 per acre, making me a farm of 320 acres.

Last summer we built a stone stable and barn 31x102 feet with an l. 18 feet long at a cost of \$1,000. It will hold over 50 head of cattle and horses.



City Hall, Winnipeg.

Last season I harvested 65 acres of wheat getting 1500 bushels of wheat which I sold at 75 cents per bushel, 1175 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of barley; my oats went 60 bushels to the acre. I raised 100 bushels of potatoes, I am wintering 22 head of cattle and 18 horses.

My son Brock came out here in 1891, aged 16, worked 2 years then started to homestead, took a cancelled claim for \$20, now has 70 acres, broke, raised last season 400 bushels of wheat, has his homestead duties all done, good