

for on the basis of the weight placed in the aqueduct. All aggregate is supplied by the District and delivered to the camp sites of the contractors. This is obtained from gravel pits located along the route of the Water District Railway. Machinery is maintained at the pits to crush and mix the pit run gravel so that the aggregate is graded in such a manner as to make the densest and most water-tight concrete.

The greater part of the country through which the District's Railway runs is wooded and a large quantity of cordwood has been shipped over the District's Road; in fact the cordwood industry is sufficient to keep the railway busy throughout the Winter months.

Many settlers are being attracted to this locality, partly because of the prominence given to the scheme, and partly because the drainage done by the District is reclaiming large areas of land.

The land along the rivers is exceptionally rich and is being settled rapidly. In most cases the value of the wood cut more than pays for the clearing of the land.

The Greater Winnipeg Water District has a colonization scheme well in hand and it is the intention to operate the railroad as a commercial undertaking after the completion of the aqueduct.

Experimental gardens along the line of the railway have yielded exceptionally well and the Department of Agriculture for the Province of Manitoba has established at Reynolds, an experimental station with a view to helping the settlers already located and to demonstrate the possibilities of the District.

Free homesteads of approximately forty acres each can be obtained along the Birch River and close to the railroad, on application to the Water District Office, or to the Provincial Government Office, corner Main Street and Bannatyne Avenue. For small farming, gardening, bee-keeping, poultry raising and other kindred occupations, the land along the river banks cannot be surpassed. Ready sale is found now on the construction works for all vegetables and produce, and later Winnipeg will supply an unfailing market at profitable prices.

In fact, in Greater Winnipeg and the West, a ready market can be found for all the products of the soil, forest gravel pits and quarries located along the District railway line. We need all the cordwood tributary to the railway, and this industry alone will supply work for men in wood camps for many years to come, and when the land is cleared it will be largely available for agriculture. The vegetation springing up in cleared places shows the great possibilities of the soil. In addition to which people living in the neighborhood will come to Winnipeg to purchase goods, thereby benefiting the merchants of this district, and the district railway will find business in transporting all products and supplies.