

Western Building Notes.

Upwards of \$14,000 has been expended in building at Arden this year, and over \$7,500 in the surrounding district.

Midway has invested in the neighborhood of \$3,000 in new houses, stores, station, etc., this year, and about half that amount has been expended by the nearby farmers in buildings and improvements.

A local authority estimates that the sum of \$15,000 has been spent in new buildings and building improvements in the village of Franklin on the line of the M. & N. W. railway, this year. This total includes the cost of two new elevators, one owned by R. C. Eunis and the other by the Davidson company, a new railway station and a stone store by A. M. Anderson.

A summary of the new investment in buildings and building improvements at Minnedosa this year shows a total of \$40,000 expended. Including among the new buildings are a brick block by P. J. McDermott, general merchant, costing \$7,500; a double store of pressed brick, costing \$2,500, by G. Fuller; a round house and section house by the M. & N. W. R. Co., costing \$4,000; an elevator by the Northern Elevator Co., costing \$1,200; a new school building, costing \$5,750, and a factory and planing mill by W. Sharpe, costing \$2,000.

The record of building operations in Portage la Prairie for this year makes a very satisfactory showing. According to the estimate about \$100,000 has been spent in the town and about \$40,000 in the surrounding country. The principal building improvements have been a new brick block by Dr. Cowan, three stores and basement; solid stone Episcopal church; a four room addition to one of the public schools; \$7,000 worth of improvements to the Lake of the Woods milling company's property; an addition to the M. & N. W. railway company's round house; J. M. Taylor, a large lumber shed in connection with his planing mill; Dominion Elevator company improvements to elevator; and a number of residences.

Poultry and Hogs.

The Parsons, Produce Co., Winnipeg, have brought in thirteen car loads of Ontario poultry this season, totalling up to a net weight of 325,000 pounds. As there are several other firms in the business, this does not include the total quantity of poultry brought in, but it will indicate the extent of the trade. This poultry is distributed all over the west, from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast. The same firm has brought in seven or eight car loads of Ontario dressed hogs, which have cost under 6 cents per pound laid down here. Manitoba farmers should awaken to the importance of the home trade in these products.

Leather.

The market for sole leather is very firm, and now that there are no prospects of lower prices, boot and shoe manufacturers are beginning to look around for the right kind of stock; but, according to their talk, they are only after small parcels, sufficient to tide them over until after the holidays, when one large buyer said he might lay in some stock.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

Stocks of canned vegetables in Eastern Canada are low and the market is very stiff in consequence.

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