

which proposes to establish a line of Railway between that enterprising little town and the Turtle (Tortue) Mountain. Again, there will be erected during next summer, in all probability, one and perhaps two bridges over the Red River, uniting Winnipeg with St. Boniface, and later, another bridge at Emerson. Here there are many undertakings and plans securing or promising work to thousands of settlers who, besides cultivating their lands, may be able to make money in other respects. It is easy to foresee what might be gained, for example, by a family consisting of three or four boys capable of handling the pick, axe or spade. And nothing, let us remark, need hinder them from conducting at the same time the cultivation of the farm. We know certain persons who, by those means, have been enabled to realise sufficient savings for the purchase of animals or necessary agricultural implements. We therefore believe that emigrants can now, as they did in the past with means much more limited, form a happy future for themselves in Manitoba by their labor, provided that they substitute energy for the insufficiency of capital generally required. In confirmation of the preceding remarks, we will quote the following letter addressed in 1874 to a Mr. Lillies of West Pilkington, Ontario, by his sons residing at Manitoba:—

“Do not fear for us, for we succeed better here than in Ontario in spite of the grasshoppers.

“Two of us have made \$166 per month by working and selling lime; another has gained \$5.00 a day on an average with his team, working for the Railroad; and the fourth of us works at his trade as wheelwright in Winnipeg, by which he gets \$60 a month. Our prospects in the future are very bright.”

By the foregoing it is evident how much can be accomplished through courage and activity, even where great pecuniary resources are wanting.

PRAIRIE FIRES.

In the North-West they generally pile up in stacks on the prairie, near their dwellings, their hay or grain. But as prairie fires are constantly occurring, the settler cannot take too much precaution to secure his harvest from the reach of this destructive element. The local laws are very stringent in this matter; they threaten with severe penalty any one who causes fire, whilst they oblige every person to take proper measures to protect their property. By referring to the statute, one can inform himself fully on the subject.