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THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

A letter from Portage La Prairie says:—"Our little town, which was dead a month ago, is alive again, and the railroad which was to pass eight miles west is now coming to the Portage.

Sir Charles Tupper came like a Good Samaritan to this place when it was giving its last kick, and we gave him a grand banquet. Lots that were selling at

\$40 have gone up to \$150; the round house is to be built here, and it is believed this place will go ahead of Winnipeg."