

Manitoba Experimental Farm.

The Brandon Times publishes the following sketch of the Dominion Government experimental farm at Brandon Man. Through the kindness of Mr. Bedford a Times reporter was driven over the Experimental farm, which is situated about a mile northwest of the city and extends from the Assiniboine river across the valley and over the hill to section 34, the farm extends from 18th street west to section 28. There are 640 acres in all, 560 of which is within the city limits. The farm is well laid out as it includes nearly every variety of soil, including heavy clay, loam, sandy and gravelly loam. The soil varies in depth from six inches to six feet, this variation of soil is one of the most important features in connection with the farm, as it will enable them to test the different kinds of grain, grasses, roots, etc.

Mr. Brownlee, Dominion Land Surveyor, is at present surveying the land and will run a road across the farm in the valley which the government intend opening up for the convenience of settlers living west. This road will run through an avenue of ash leaf maple trees. There will be another road wind across the farm at the brow of the hill, this will be a private one and will lead you first to the residence of the superintendent, which will be situated nearly one-third of a mile back from the road; next will come the horticulturists house, and further on will be the dwelling of the farm laborers, last but not least will be the bank barn which will be 111 by 50ft and capable of holding forty head of stock. It will be built on the plan of the Ontario bank barns. In going over this road you cross three beautiful little streams which are fed by springs, the streams wend their way down the hillside and empty into a beautiful lake which is located in the valley and is close on a half mile long, looking very much like the letter S. It has a row of beautiful trees running along one side and if the government could be induced to fix it up it would make an excellent place for a driving park. Along this road is to be found various kinds of wild fruit growing, mixed in with the small timber which grows rather plentifully here and which will furnish shelter for the tender grains and plants.

Owing to the lateness of the season when Mr. Bedford arrived here he was unable to do much more than make preparations for next year which he has done in the following manner: He has 50 acres summerfallowed, some temporary buildings erected and 50 tons of hay in stack on the flats of the Assiniboine, there being sufficient hay meadow here to answer all requirements of the farm.

There are at present seven men and nine horses on the place and if a sufficiently low tender is received the building will be gone on with this fall.

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110 30	138	... Birtle ...	18 20
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