

COALS FOR NEWCASTLE.

It is said that a party of Englishmen who arrived in Winnipeg recently, en route to Yukon, via Edmonton, purchased their supplies in Montreal, including a quantity of baled hay. This is carrying coals to Newcastle with a vengeance. The price of hay in Winnipeg would not be more than fifty per cent. of the cost of the article at Montreal, to say nothing of the heavy freight charges, which would amount to more than the first cost on an article like hay. At Edmonton hay could probably be secured at about the same price as in Winnipeg, and thus the entire cost of freight as well as a considerable portion of the purchase price could have been saved by a little knowledge of the situation.

A SCANDALOUS WASTE.

The Winnipeg city council is not moving any too soon in the matter of providing a garbage crematory. An effort should be made to have the crematory ready for the spring clean-up. Probably the greatest waste of labor on an extensive scale, between Lake Superior and the Pacific coast, has been going on in Winnipeg for years in connection with the scavenging department. That something has not been done years ago to check this enormous waste of labor is anything but creditable to our civic government. The plan of hauling city garbage for miles, through mud to the hubs of the wagons, as carried on here for years, has been a cause of wonder to those who are familiar with the situation, though probably the great majority of citizens know very little about the actual facts. If it is decided to have a crematory, let us have it at once. If the old system is to be continued, a decent road to the garbage ground would prove a profitable investment in the saving of labor, compared with hauling loads through the mud.

FEATHERED GAME.

Our illustration this week is from a photo. taken of the residence of Edward Kerr, near Deloraine, Man. Mr. Kerr has evidently been devoting a little spare time to the gun, and the result of his work is shown in the photo. For feathered game it would be hard to beat Manitoba. In every part of the province there is good sport, in season, in hunting for feathered game. Ducks, of many varieties are abundant, and several varieties of wild geese may be seen in the market any time during the season for shooting these fine birds.

There are also several varieties of the grouse family, including that grand bird, the prairie chicken. The chicken is protected by provincial laws, so

that they are not likely to be wiped out as the settlement of the country increases. With reasonable care, these fine birds should remain with us permanently, and furnish sport for the hunter and an occasional pot-ple for the settler for all time.

There are other varieties of game birds, besides these enumerated here, including several species of plover and snipe, which afford good sport in season.

ALONG THE MANITOBA SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

Notes from a Rambling Correspondent.

CARMAN.

This town has a wide reputation as the centre of a splendid wheat area. This year it has been the centre of a very large, healthy and satisfactory cattle trade, a big business having

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MANITOBA FEATHERED GAME

been done in shipping all classes of stock. D. Mills is the principal local buyer and shipper, having shipped over 50 cars this fall alone. The large areas of hay and grazing lands north and northeast of Carman, hitherto lying idle are rapidly being taken up and the cattle industry promises to be as important a factor in Carman's trade as the wheat has been in the past. In any case, this bright little town has a future and it has even now a trade that places it on at least even footing with the best provincial towns.

During the year a number of businesses changes have occurred in Carman. The firm of Hemenway & Lawson succeeds W. J. Hemenway, Staples and Carthow succeed R. H. Staples, while D. J. Graham, & Co., is the style of the firm formerly Anderson & Graham, Mr. Anderson having retired. Richardson & Loree are out of general bus-

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RATHWELL.

This is the first station east of Treherne, some nine miles, and marks the eastern limit of the wheat fields of Norfolk municipality. Further east the soil becomes light and sandy, and settlement for some distance is very scattered. Surrounding Rathwell is a very good farming country, and the