## MELITA

The Business Centre for Northwestern Manitoba

THE GATE-WAY TOWN TO THE IMMENSE COAL FIELDS OF THE SOURIS.

Melita is located in Township 4, Range 27, where the C. P. R. Southwestern crosses the Souris river. The location of the town site is most favorable in every particular, the elevation and the gravelly nature of the soil insuring clean, dry streets at all seasons of the year.

FREE HOMES.—There are still free homesteads farther west, but it is more profitable in every case to secure farms within easy reach of a live, growing town by purchase, as the prices are still low and the terms most favorable. These lands are offered by the C. P. R. Co., the Northwest Land Co. and the Hudson Bay Co. The lands in the district are of a diversified nature, and farms can be secured either for grain-growing, mixed farming, or stock raising, as the North Autter, the South Autter, Tory Creek and Jackson's Creek flow from the west to the east, and the Souris River traverses the district from south to north, thoroughly watering the district and giving abundance of grass in the valleys. An item of the greatest importance is the fact that, owing to the early ripening qualities of the soil, the district has been practically free from frost in the past eight years, Winnipeg grain dealers asserting that the finest samples of grain come from the Melita district.

RAPID GROWTH.—The town is less than a year old, yet over one hundred buildings have been erected, and many are now in course of erection, all lines of business being represented. Sites have been purchased for four elevators, three of which will be built this fall, and workmen are now engaged on a roller process grist mill of 200 bbls. capacity. The C. P. R. are laying out wide yards and erecting a neat depot, evidently anticipating a large trade. The town sight is owned by the C. P. R. Company; most favorable terms of purchase being granted those who build, while speculators are as far as possible excluded. Melita, now the junction of the Souris and Deloraine branches of the C. P. R., will yet become the railway centre of the southwest; and, as the country advances, many American roads will reach north, touching this point. This will be the cheapest point for coal in Manitoba, and will not cost our citizens more than \$3.00 per ton. It will also be the coal distributing point for the Province. come from the Melita district.

PURE WATER.—It is sometimes found difficult in prairie countries to find at convenient depth a sufficient supply of pure well water. An abundant supply of pure spring water has been obtained near the surface on the bank of Tory Creek in the north end of the town. It is practically a flowing well, and sufficient for the needs of a city.

AN ELM PARK.—Nature has favored Melita in the matter of a park. A bow in the river protects a grove of large elms, which has been secured as a public park, and will be improved as the town advances. The river almost surrounds the park, making a perfect rowing course. Already the C. P. R. employees have had an excursion to the grove, bringing almost 2,000 people, and as it becomes better known excursions will be run from all parts of the Province. Melita already has church and school accommodation. A chartered bank is preparing to open a branch here, and two large hotels are being built.

Any of the readers of the above who wish fuller information regarding Melita or the southwestern district will be furnished with the same Any of the readers of the above who wish fuller information regarding Melita or the southwestern district will be furnished with the same J. L. & J. CAMPBELL, or to GEO. L. DODDS, Melita on application to

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