



REV. ISAAC W. BARR.
As he appeared at his tent in Saskatoon.

Morden District.

On another page of this issue will be found the photogravure of a portion of the town of Morden. This town is located some 81 miles south-west of Winnipeg, on the C. P. R., and is surrounded by a district well known as one of the most fertile in our favored West. North of Morden a few miles is the famed Roland and Carman districts, and still a little farther north, the Portage Plains.

This whole neighborhood ranks equal with the choicest sections to be had for either wheat or stock, and has the distinction of having within its limits the best apple orchard in the West. Situated, as it is, near Nelson, a few miles north-west of Morden, its owner being the well-known horticulturist, Mr. A. P. Stevenson, it yearly testifies to the fact that in the south-eastern portion of Manitoba, at least, good apples can be grown. Mr. Stevenson is a shrewd experimenter, and to his skill in that respect and his fondness for horticulture must be attributed the success of the apple in this locality.

Timber thrives in this district, basswood, elm and many other varieties growing in their natural condition to a large size, especially in the neighborhood of streams and rivers. Where trees do so well and where apples have fruited so successfully farmers ought to plant out good wind-breaks and as soon as they are ready to shelter the more tender apple seedlings these should also be planted. "What man has done man can do."

East of Morden, a large tract of land has been settled by the Minnionites near Winkler. They are a frugal, industrious people, and are plodding away, helping to build up Canada. Morden also is beginning to be widely spoken of as the spot where the Manitoba Cement Co. intend erecting their large cement works. The deposit is considered very suitable for a cement of high quality. The town is growing rapidly, and to the rich agricultural district which surrounds it this growth can in a large measure be attributed.

Canadian Horse Show and Military Tournament.

The annual Canadian Horse Show and Military Tournament was held in Toronto, Ont., on April 29th and 30th and May 1st and 2nd. The show was in every respect a success, despite the fact that nearly all the classes for heavy horses have been eliminated. The show, as it now stands, is essentially a social function, and was patronized by the Governor-General, Lady Minto and their household, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and many other distinguished visitors. The horses in the saddle and driving classes were the best specimens ever exhibited in Toronto. Both's Hackney stallion, Saxon, sire Robin Adair 2nd, and bred by Rawlings Bros., of Calgary, Alta., and his stable mate, Smylett Performer (imp.), were the admiration of the lovers of high-steppers. The Thoroughbred stallion, Dalmoor, was awarded the Governor General's prize for the best stallion calculated to improve the saddle and hunter horses of Canada. The best single driver of the speedy roadster classes was Lady Cresceus, the only get of the celebrated Cresceus in Canada. She is owned by Miss Wilkes, of Galt. For stylish, high-acting pairs, both in the team and going tandem, Geo. Pepper, H. C. Cox, Mrs. F. M. Fraser, and Adam Beck (London) divided honors pretty evenly. In heavy draft teams, the old favorites, Moss King and Moss Rose, first last year and first at the Industrial, were again out and took their accustomed place. They are owned by T. A. Cox, Brantford. In the class of single drafters, Jimmie, a big bay roan gelding from Enbro, Ont., claimed second place to Moss King. He afterwards sold for \$300.00. When it came to hunters, a lot of the boys got out and gave some good exhibitions of riding. A few, however, were spilled upon the bark, but that only lent zest to the show. The military tournament was a very interesting and picturesque affair, displaying some remarkable horsemanship. An exceptionally capable staff of judges passed upon all the classes, to the general satisfaction of the spectators at least.

The Canadian Tariff.

After a lengthy debate in Parliament on the Budget, the chief features of which are outlined elsewhere in this issue, a vote was taken last week and the Government's programme was sustained, which leaves the tariff substantially as it has been. Hon. Mr. Tarte, formerly Minister of Public Works, voted with the Opposition, and Jabel Robinson, M. P., the Granger representative from Ontario, with the Government.

Yorkton Telephones.

The Yorkton Northwest Electric Company now has lines running out into the country in several different directions from the town. These connect farmhouses with the town through the central office, and thus the buyer and seller are brought in close touch with one another. The company's lines will be extended this year.



REV. D. ROBBINS. REV. G. E. LLOYD.
Two very active officials with the Barr Colony.

Canada Unknown.

Mr. Arch. McPhail, Brandon, called at this office on his way home from England, where he spent a few weeks in the interest of the Canadian Immigration Department. He reports a very lively interest being taken in this country, but with a large class most absurd ideas exist regarding our resources and possibilities. Some apparently interested parties were even so ignorant as to enquire if it were possible to live in Canada during winter, while others had such limited conceptions of our geographical position as to ask if this colony was not in South Africa. Mr. McPhail was stationed in the office of Superintendent of Emigration Smart, where, owing to the fact that he had demonstrated in a practical way the possibilities of a man with limited capital becoming moderately wealthy in a few years in Western Canada, he was in a position to give satisfactory and conclusive answers to enquiries made by interested visitors to the department every day. So eager was the thirst for information that he was obliged on more than one occasion to talk unceasingly for several hours.

Fall Wheat and Clover at Strathcona.

J. W. Suddaby has some five fields of red clover and fall wheat on his farm, a mile and a half west of Strathcona. The clover measured seven inches and the wheat six inches in height on April 20th, and the former was sown two years ago, two crops having been cut off it last year. Mr. Suddaby informed an "Advocate" representative that, last year, from five bushels sowing, he threshed 112 bushels, besides 150 sheaves which he sold before threshing time.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF BARR COLONY CAMP.
As seen at Saskatoon, Assa., April 29, 1903.