

the compromise above described accepted instead of the separate building so much desired by Dr. Barnardo and his assistants. To those who have been good enough to remember the Homes in their need, and have subscribed for the purpose above mentioned, we may say that the amounts of their subscriptions will be used for the purpose of properly fitting the chapel referred to. Mr. A. B. Callin, contractor, of Russell, who has so successfully constructed many of our best buildings in the Russell district, has supervision of the work, and Mr. John Brown, whose name is familiar no doubt to many of our readers, is looking after the securing of the boulder stone, necessary for the foundations, along the hills of the Assiniboine Valley. Once the cellar is ready the question of heating will be taken in hand, and probably two new furnaces installed, capable of furnishing heat to all parts of the extensive building.

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Among minor improvements may be mentioned another new piggery, which is being rapidly brought to completion by the resident carpenter, Mr. William St. Lawrence, and his assistants. This structure is being put up on the site of the log building constructed by some of the old lads away back in 1889, and we trust in referring to this effort upon the part of our old boys that many of the young fellows who put their shoulders to the task of getting up the original building for the accommodation of the pioneer porkers of the Institution, are now owners or soon will be of piggeries as large and filled with as well-bred swine as have always occupied the styes at the Barnardo Farm. Speaking of the live stock carried on the Farm, the writer is pained to have to note the frequent loss of sheep through the depredations of prairie wolves, and if any of our lads who have had experience in Manitoba, Assiniboia or Alberta in the care of sheep can do so, I am sure Mr. Blythe, our Farm Superintendent, who has always taken great pride in the Barnardo flock, which, as

many of you are aware, is founded upon stock presented to Dr. Barnardo by Lord Polworth, will be thankful to have them write him of their methods for keeping away these pests of the scrubby prairies. For many years Dr. Barnardo's flocks at Russell entirely escaped attack from this class of vermin, but now that a taste of the excellent Scotch mutton which we are growing, has been obtained by them, the writer fears we will be subject to constant depredations by these roving marauders.

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Among other Farm Notes it might be mentioned that the cutting of grain has gone merrily on, while Mr. Sam. Toovey has taken in hand the heaviest work upon the hay harvest, having a contract with the Farm this year for the stacking of all the product cut upon the property. He has already a large quantity put up and ready for measurement. Thomas Sullivan is assisting Mr. Toovey, and the way in which this young man now handles a pitchfork would, I believe, astonish his old friends of the streets in Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Toovey has informed the writer that he would not ask for a better man at this particular work, and one of these days we hope to see Sullivan on a place of his own, running one of the latest improved mowers drawn by horses somewhat better in appearance than Pelly or Flint; and when that day comes, we venture to say the lad will look back with gratitude to those who gave him practical lessons in hay-making at the Manitoba Farm.

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It has been a pleasure to all well-wishers of the new settlers Fisher and Pettitt, to drive past their respective fields this summer and view the magnificent crop of wheat each of them was growing. At this date the grain is all in the stook, in a few weeks it will be threshed and in the elevator, so should the present prices continue, as it appears likely they will, our neighbours will have each such a return that they will be well