

qualified success in his new location, and form there as many friendly ties as he has formed here.

### Brandon Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held on Tuesday of last week. The following officers were elected:—President, E. B. Smith; vice-president, F. W. Ferguson; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Flumerfelt; council: J. C. Robinson and J. A. Christie, W. H. Hellyar, Fred. Nation, P. E. Durst, W. J. Lindsay, C. A. Larkin and John Hanbury.

It was decided to push the work of the board vigorously during the coming season, and its composition leaves no doubt that everything it does will be done in the interests of the city. Monthly meetings will be held in future. The following were admitted to membership: J. A. Brock, S. Clement, Beech Trotter, F. Nation, E. Barrett, A. E. Ray and J. W. Curtiss.

Secretary Flumerfelt presented an able report, showing the great work which the board had accomplished in securing settlers for the district. The board took hold of this question in a business like way, with very satisfactory results.

The report further says: "The general business of the city, so far as we can learn, has been in advance of last year, although business in mercantile life has not been up to the average this winter, on account of the mildness of the winter, still we are led to believe that the average has been good.

"It is a noticeable fact, and a very pleasant

one, that we are not in a position to chronicle one single failure among our business men.

"We are pleased to notice several important improvements in our city. Elevators, mills, machinery warehouses, and a large number of fine residences, have been erected, showing conclusively that the people have faith in the future of the city."

C. H. DOUGLAS, publisher of the *Emerson International*, has decided to leave Emerson and will probably locate in Vancouver. Mr. Douglas has been the central figure in the social and political life of Emerson and district for many years. He was a prominent member of the Local Legislature and supporter of the late Norquay Government, but he fell in the general slaughter of Conservatives at the last election. Mr. Douglas has held the fort at Emerson through sunshine and shadow, and when the evil days of decline came upon the town, he still hung on, though it would probably have been to his pecuniary advantage had he pulled up stakes years ago. The genial Charley, the name by which he is so well known, will be greatly missed, not only from Emerson, but from Winnipeg, should he decide to leave the province entirely. In the young and busy city of Vancouver he will find greater scope for his abilities, and should he locate there, he will doubtless soon come to the front.

To a reporter of the *Winnipeg Call*, C. P. R. Superintendent White said recently:—Speaking of the proposed extension of the Regina and Long Lake railway to Saskatoon, Mr. White

said so far as he knew the matter was in abeyance for the time being, and he had no idea when construction operations would begin. As to the extension of the Southwestern branch, he did not think anything would be done this year. In reply to the question as to whether the company intend putting on a local daily passenger train between Winnipeg and Brandon in addition to the through train, Mr. White said it was probable that such a service would be established in the spring, when through traffic became active again. Mr. White also stated that as far as he was aware nothing had developed from the rumored negotiations between the C. P. R. and St. P., M. & M. for the purchase by the latter road of the Emerson branch.

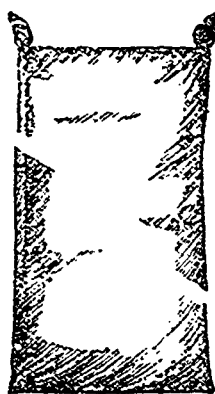
THE Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, which has its headquarters at Portage la Prairie, Man., held its annual meeting in the court house of that place recently. The auditors' report showed close on one million of risks on hand, while the affairs of the company, it is claimed, are based on good financial standing. The prospects for the ensuing year are good. At the close of the report the election of officers was proceeded with, with the following result: President, Elias Brown; vice-president, Thos. Tidsbury; directors—T. Wallace, C. J. Green, Max. Wilson, Wm. Gossler, and Gardiner Greenlee; secretary-treasurer, A. A. Watson.

A TELEGRAM from Port Arthur last week says Hastings, Bros. & Co., of Winnipeg, have closed an agreement with the town council of that place, to erect their proposed flour mill there. They are to receive a cash bonus of \$15,000 and exemption from taxation for ten years.

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