

Brandon, Manitoba.

The province of Manitoba is now beyond doubt the most promising portion of the Dominion of Canada, and second to no section or territory in America. In the centre of this province, and occupying the most favorable position for doing business with every quarter of it, is located the city of Brandon, rightly termed the "Wheat City of the Dominion," because millions of bushels of the best wheat in the world find here a market where it is transhipped to the large centres in the east.

Railway Facilities.—Located on the main line of the C.P.R., with an express train east and west every day, passengers call here on their journey from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and freight from China and Japan meets freight from

developed. The Northwest Central is now constructed to the northwest some sixty miles and will be extended 300 miles west through a tract of rich prairie most suitable for homesteading. This road, when in operation its entire length, will open up a vast territory and create much trade for Brandon, where its works will be established. Other roads are in prospect which would confirm the opinion that Brandon would yet become the most important railway centre in the west.

Rivers.—The Assiniboine river, which takes its rise some two hundred miles to the north and which drains a vast area, much of which is covered with timber, passes through the city. The Saskatchewan joins it a few miles west, and on either of these rivers unlimited power for

richest agricultural districts in the world, and connected by rail with all thriving towns in this district, having a perfect postal and telegraph system connecting her with the world, and with the volume of trade annually increasing, Brandon should be a most desirable place for capitalists to invest their wealth.

Educational Advantages.—In the matter of education Brandon has dealt most liberally in providing school accommodation and in securing a competent staff of teachers. Contracts have recently been made to erect a neat two-story brick, with basement, capable of accommodating 800 pupils. The building will be constructed on the most approved plans of the age, and will be heated and ventilated by the Smead-Dowd system. (See cut prepared by the



FARMER'S ADVOCATE
THE FLEMING BLOCK, BRANDON, MAN.

London and Liverpool. The Souris branch of the C.P.R. extends from the city for 175 miles, connecting at Souris, twenty-five miles out, with the Glenboro branch, and at Melita, seventy-five miles out, with the Deloraine branch. The road runs in a southwestern direction and gives easy access to all towns in the west and south. This railway is one of the most important entering the city, as it connects it with the vast coal fields on the Souris river, now being developed, and from which coal will be delivered here at \$3.50 per ton. The Northern Pacific leaves the city in a southeastern direction, passing through a rich agricultural section in Manitoba for 150 miles, touching many important towns and connecting Brandon with St. Paul, Duluth and Chicago. This road has only been in operation a little over a year, but a good trade is being

manufacturing purposes can be obtained. At present an extensive lumber trade is being carried on and the mills are running night and day in order to complete the cutting before winter sets in of large drives of logs brought forward. The excellent waterpower, cheap coal and other fuel obtained from the refuse at the lumber mills should induce many lines of manufacturing to be established, especially as an ever increasing market awaits them.

Position.—"Position is not everything," but the location of the city on the banks of the river makes it most desirable as a healthy and pleasant situation. The elevation of the principal streets, some seventy-five feet above the level of the river and the gravelly nature of the soil, insure clean, hard roads at all seasons of the year. Being surrounded by one of the

architect). Two Ward schools built of brick at a cost of \$15,000, one located in the east and the other in the west, accommodating two hundred pupils, are now in active operation. The Roman Catholics have a Separate School conducted in connection with their church by the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, which has an attendance of over 100 pupils. In connection with the Methodist Church of Canada a school is being established for the education of Indian children. A farm of 320 acres adjoining the Government Experimental Farm has been purchased by the city council and handed over to the committee. Suitable buildings will be erected next season, where the children of the original occupants of the prairie will be taught, not only to read and write, but how to till the soil and work at the several trades. A reformatory for boys was