

and few give promise of such rapid progress. There are many residents of the town, who have waited long for its coming prosperity and rapid growth, and we venture to predict, that they will not have much longer to wait.

The Portage la Prairie Manufacturing Company are about to open premises in Winnipeg, at the corner of Main and Post Office streets, for the supply of the city trade. W. P. Niles, the manager of the company, will reside in this city and superintend the business here, which will no doubt greatly add to its volume in a very short time.

EMERSON.

The freight receipts are increasing week by week.

No grain of any account came in this week. The prices remain unchanged.

Our druggist, Mr. F. T. Carman, will open a branch in Morris soon, with Mr. Casselman in charge.

An item in last week's correspondence should have read, "The indications are that there will be no flood this spring."

Business is looking up considerable. The hotels are well filled, which tends to make things more active all around.

Mr. R. Foster has been in Brandon during the past week making arrangements for opening a branch of his establishment there during the coming season.

Messrs. Field & Co., of Winnipeg, have purchased the stock in trade of J. H. Fleury, of this town, at 35 cents on the dollar, and intend to carry on the business.

At the meeting of Messrs. J. Agnus & Co.'s creditors on Monday, it was decided to advertise for tenders for the whole stock, shop, fixtures, etc. The invoice value of the stock, etc., is over \$10,000.

J. Reid's stock, what was saved from the late fire, has been sold by Beemer & Co. Mr. Reid has left for Rat Portage, and if an opportunity offers will open out in the restaurant business.

The force of circumstances has sent the old pioneer journalist, C. S. Douglas, to the wall. The sheriff has seized all the stock except the power press, at the suit of Mayer Nash, and will sell it at the International office next week. The people look upon the procedure with considerable suspicion.

Messrs. Buckingham & Rushton, lessees of the C. P. R. hotel, on Wednesday concluded to skip out. Buckingham left a day or two before, with all the cash, about \$1,100, and Rushton, finding himself without cash to meet the next quarters' rent, attempted to remove the personal property. Some of the creditors prevented this and had a policeman stop the proceedings. There is no cause for their actions, as the firm had made a success of the business. Mr. Beckstead, the owner of the hotel, will assume charge in a few days.

BRANDON.

Messrs. McDougall & Macpherson, builders, have erected a large factory on Tenth street,

in which they will prepare building material, and make doors and sashes.

Mr. Wood, the late proprietor of the Windsor House, is building a store on Ninth street, 50x60 feet. It will be well fitted up, and a general stock will be carried.

Business has greatly improved this week, no doubt on account of the large number of immigrants which are coming in. Business men expect a large spring and summer trade, as this city appears to be the objective point of three-quarters of the new comers. Several train loads of settlers' effects have arrived during the week.

A mass-meeting of the citizens is called for Wednesday evening to consider the financial condition of the city, and the actions of a few members of the Council. Considerable dissatisfaction is felt by the citizens at the way things have been run by our City Fathers. A board of trade will be formed and other important matters discussed.

One thing required in this city is a large grist mill. Its position in the centre of a large wheat growing country makes Brandon a most desirable point for a structure of this kind. If some reliable party or a good joint stock company would take up the matter, they would receive, without doubt, liberal support from the citizens and City Council. The subject is one which should receive the attention of experienced parties, and they will receive every encouragement at the hands of the C. P. R., as special rates will be made for carrying grain and flour to and from this point.

L. M. Fortier & Co. have decided to tear down their warehouse, over which considerable trouble has occurred. It was put up as a grain warehouse, but when completed Mr. Egan, Superintendent of the C. P. R., would not allow them to use it on account of their not fulfilling their agreement with the road. After some time it was agreed between the interested parties and agreed to by the C. P. R. that the Ogilvie Milling Company should be allowed to use the building, and with this end in view they had their scales put in position and ready for work. Upon learning of this, we asked, through THE COMMERCIAL, why the Ogilvie Milling Company should receive more consideration at the hands of the C. P. R. than L. M. Fortier & Co. The reply, though not a direct one, was most surprisingly rapidly given. Upon Mr. Egan seeing the question, he at once rescinded his order allowing the Ogilvies to use the building, and telegraphed their agent here to that effect.

KEEWATIN.

Potatoes retail here at \$2 per bushel.

Capt. Johnson is building a very handsome residence, which will be one of the architectural beauties of the town.

Mr. R. I. Cole has made extensive improvements in the retail department of his store, and it now presents a nice appearance.

Mr. W. Tullock is putting up a large two-story building. He proposes to carry on a "wet grocery" business, and will also have a billiard table in connection.

Lumber is being shipped from here to Winni-

peg and westward at the rate of seven cars daily. Messrs. Dick, Banning & Co.'s yard is almost empty, but the Keewatin Lumber Company appear still to have a good stock on hand.

Our genial and obliging station agent, Mr. Read, has removed his office from R. I. Cole's store, where he has been installed since the station burned down, to a temporary building which has been erected on the site of the old station.

Messrs. Dick, Banning & Co. are building a fine dock almost directly opposite their mill, which will be very convenient for shipping and storing material to be sent up the lake. Mr. Dick has been in town for the past week superintending its construction.

WEST LYNNE.

The first debentures of the town, namely, \$20,000 for public improvements, are now on the market, and considering the security, it is expected they will be disposed of at a good figure.

A horse, with every appearance of glanders, was brought into town last week by a Frenchman. The animal was so far gone that it was not difficult to get the owner's consent to put an end to its suffering, which was accordingly done by order of the Mayor.

There was not much grain marketed here last week, which is a usual occurrence on the approach of any holidays kept by the Mennonites. Prices remained about the same as the previous week, except eggs, which declined from 5 to 10c per dozen for large lots.

The project of uniting Emerson and West Lynne into one town occupies the attention of the Emerson people, but so far has but few advocates on our side of the river. Our people evidently think it will be soon enough to consider the subject when our railroad is in running order. There is no doubt, however, but that in union there would be strength, provided everything else were equal.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Peter Lovitt's hotel is in the hands of the sheriff.

The Portage has been made a port of entry, which will be a great advantage to the business men of the place.

The proprietors of the new paper, The Manitoba Liberal, has been issued. It is expected to begin publication about the beginning of next month.

Business has been quite brisk during the week, merchants generally doing a good business. Grain quotations are: Wheat, 70 to 75c; oats, 38 to 40c; barley, 35 to 37c.

The lumber inspector has been in town looking after the wood seized a few weeks ago by the Government. The difficulties are being straightened out without much trouble.

The Portage & Westbourne Railway company have made a final offer to the Council regarding the purchase of land for workshops, etc., which will be considered at the next meeting.