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The Alexandria Block, Emerson, Man.

The people of Emerson have reason to feel proud of the Alexandria Block, an engraving of which the *ADVOCATE* presents in this issue. Costing originally over \$100,000, it is a lofty and substantial structure of white brick some 300 feet in length, the central portion being occupied as the Post Office and Custom House, while on either side, northward and southward, range large and well finished stores with handsome plate glass fronts. It was recently purchased by a syndicate of enterprising citizens composed as follows: Messrs. J. W. MacDonald, E. Casselman, McGirr & Hinton, J. Sullivan, D. H. McFadden, V. S., Stirling & McCaul, Christie & Fares, T. B. Rehill, Fraser & Fraser, George Pocock, and Mrs. Wm. Lucas. Under the new arrangement any needed improvements have

The Town of Emerson, Man.

In the midst of the fertile and far-famed Red River Valley, sixty-five miles south of Winnipeg, on the lines of the Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railways stands the town of Emerson, "The Gateway" of the Prairie Province. It includes in one corporation the former towns of Emerson and West Lynn, and was incorporated in the year 1880. In common with other Manitoba towns that passed through boom days, Emerson has had its "ups and downs," but the tendency there now is steadily and substantially upward. Population is on the increase, property is improving, business growing, while the agricultural and live stock interests of the entire surrounding country are in a most healthy condition. While the soil possesses all the phenomenal productiveness of the Red River Valley, it is not a treeless prairie, but is fairly well wooded, thus affording shelter for both man and beast. To the "eastern man" it looks more like "old times." This feature, along with the abundance of good water, and the natural inclination of the people, has led to the introduction of a great deal of superior live stock and the pursuit of mixed farming, though grain-growing

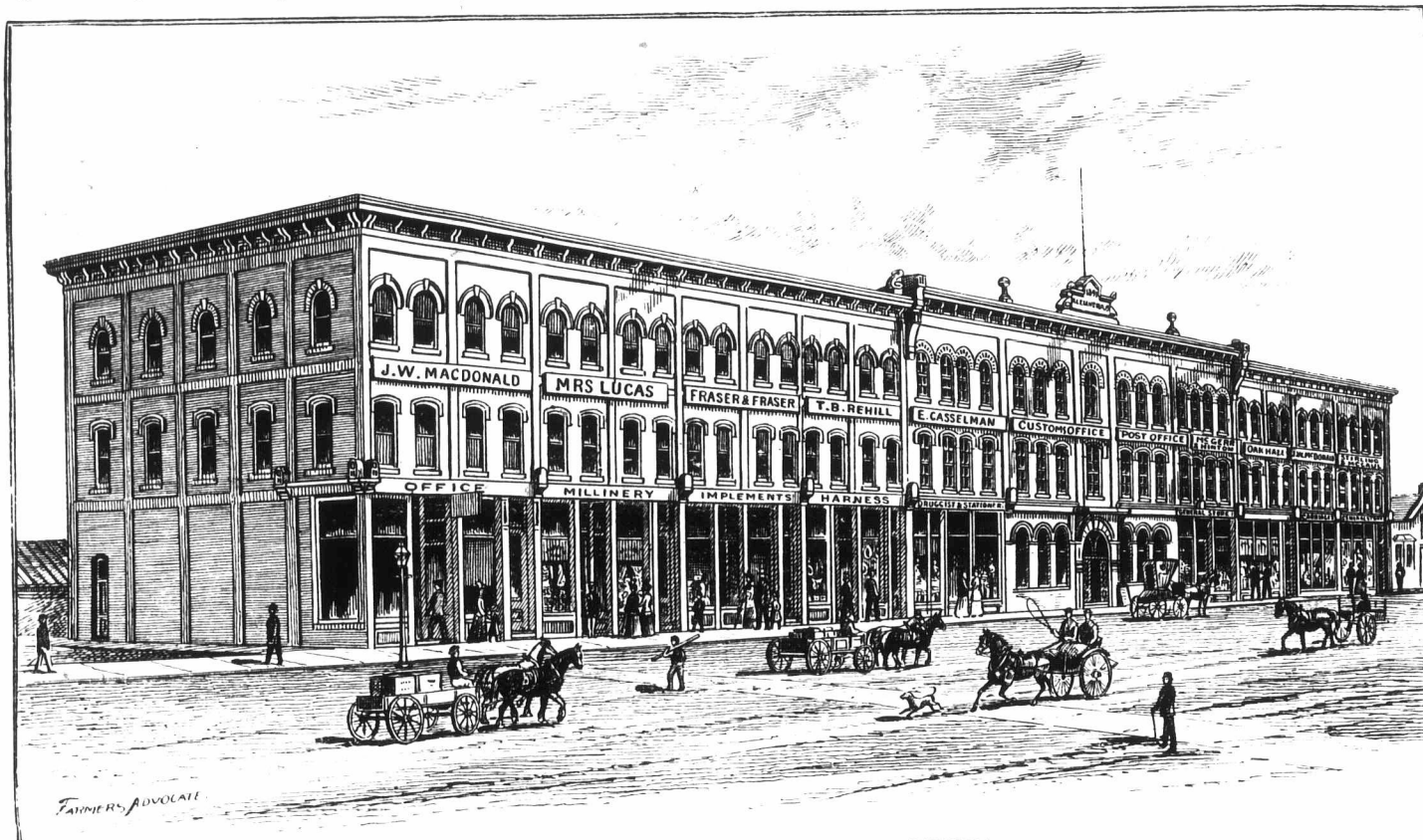
place, a work in which they have the hearty co-operation of the ratepayers. Emerson is represented in the Local Legislature by Mr. James Thompson, M. P. P., a worthy son of Old Scotland, where he was born in Stirlingshire, Parish of St. Vinians, in 1854. His parents emigrated to the county of Grey, Ontario, in 1855, where, in the township of Aaron, Mr. Thompson received his early education. He learned the milling business, removing to Manitoba in the year 1879, and is now, and has been for some time, extensively engaged in the grain business at Emerson. He was first returned to the Provincial Legislature at the last general election.

A FEW BUSINESS JOTTINGS.

An enterprising and public spirited citizen is Mr. J. W. MacDonald, who has been an extensive importer of superior horses, dealing also in real estate, and acting as a financial agent.

Foremost among the pushing business men of the place stand Messrs. McGirr & Hinton, who have a splendidly stocked general store, doing an annual business amounting to \$35,000.

Messrs. Christie & Fares hardly need introduction to *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* readers, who are



THE ALEXANDRIA BLOCK, EMERSON, MANITOBA.

been made prior to occupation this season. Beginning at the south end of the block it is being occupied as follows:—

J. W. MacDonald, financial agent and real estate.

Mrs. Lucas, millinery store.

Fraser & Fraser, implements and lumber office.

Thos. B. Rehill, harness.

E. Casselman, druggist and stationer.

Custom House and Post Office.

McGirr & Hinton, general store.

J. W. MacDonald, carriages.

Stirling & McCaul, general store.

The above parties are to be congratulated upon securing such excellent business premises, and they will doubtless enjoy a large and increasing trade.

The Russian government has adopted a very liberal policy toward the Exposition. Information has been received at headquarters that the minister of finance, with the approval of the emperor, has decided to pay all freight charges on Russian exhibits for the Fair, to insure the exhibits and to decorate the Russian section. The imperial porcelain factory is making ware of special designs to be shown at the Fair.

is yet a profitable "hobby" with many. Emerson itself is certainly entitled to rank high among the horse centres of Manitoba. On another page our readers will find a detailed statement of the many advantages to prospective investors or settlers in the Emerson district. At the present time, we understand, the opportunities for securing comfortable homes are especially advantageous. The town authorities, or any leading business man would gladly furnish any information desired. The town is certainly well built. The business blocks are large and substantial, while the public buildings, such as the town hall, churches, schools, etc., would put to blush those of many so-called cities. Broad streets, wide and well constructed sidewalks extend to all parts of the town, being located on the banks of the Red River, with numerous groves in the vicinity. The general appearance of the place is decidedly attractive. The Mayor of Emerson is Mr. D. H. McFadden, and the clerk, Mr. W. W. Unsworth. They enjoy the co-operation of a faithful and energetic council, composed of Messrs. D. H. McFadden, Mayor; J. Spencer, G. Christie, D. McArthur, J. Sullivan, J. E. Cooper, J. W. MacDonald, Councillors, and W. W. Unsworth, Clerk and Treasurer, who are doing their best to promote the interests of the

well aware of their being breeders and importers of high-class standard bred horses. Besides doing a local butcher trade, they ship large quantities of dressed meat to Winnipeg and other points.

Mr. J. Sullivan, who came to the town about ten years ago, was first employed in the foundry business, but three years later started a general machine and blacksmith shop, in which he has succeeded well. A year ago he visited the Pacific Coast, including in his trip Portland and Oregon, but saw no place that could hold out such inducements for him as Emerson.

A substantial citizen also is Mr. Duncan McArthur, who for seven years past has been successfully engaged in banking, brokerage and real estate, holding also the position of U. S. Consular Agent.

Legal matters receive careful attention from Mr. David Forrester, Attorney, Notary Public, etc., and Official Solicitor for the municipalities of Franklin and Montcalm.

A well conducted harness establishment, in which fine ordered work is a speciality, is run by Mr. Thos. B. Rehill, who carries a complete stock, such as is usually found in first-class saddleries.