

the Cheval. Later they sold the land in Cheval to Mr. Geo. Cram, and moved to Winnipeg.

This year when Andrew Barkleys were remodelling their house, they found a "Morden Monitor", paper, 1894, tucked in a corner beneath the plaster. The M. Venalstine name was still on the paper, and tho' the Monitor itself is somewhat fragile, it is quite readable and most interesting. We believe this find to indicate that the Barkley house was built by Marcus Venalstine in 1894.

### **Marcus Venalstine**

He was the son of Marcus Venalstine and since his brother was also Marcus, and father and two sons lived so close together, to distinguish the two sons, the Parkhill one was generally known as Marshall and his brother as Mark.

Marshall homesteaded the east half of 32-3-5, and built a shanty on the south-east quarter, and started in to do his homestead duties, but being a young man and his parents living so close he sometimes didn't sleep on his own place. Some kind neighbor reported this neglect to the Land Office, an Inspector was sent out to investigate and found it was true. The Inspector cancelled his claim to the north-east quarter and left Marshall with just the quarter on which his shanty stood and where he had done some breaking.

He proceeded to break up his land, and with no more trouble received his deed. He expanded his operation until he was at one time farming over a section, mostly rented land.

Marshall married a Miss Wilton and went to California on their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs Venalstein had two daughters. The elder one, when she was about two or three years old, drank lye water and suffered a great deal before she died.

Mr. Venalstein sold the farm and took over the electric light plant in Morden, which at that time was run by steam.

Mr. Henry Gutzke bought the farm.

### **Robert Watson**

Robert Watson was born and raised in England, where he was a farm laborer, and became first horseman on a large farm.

He and a number of his friends used to meet in the village 'Pub', after their days work. One night, someone proposed coming to Canada. This subject was bantered back and forth for some weeks, and finally Bob, as he was known, and three others decided to make the break. Their first trouble was that their terms of employment did not all expire at the same time. This hurdle was overcome by some of them just walking out on their employers.

Arriving in Manitoba, Robert worked for different farmers until the sale of school land was held, and he acquired S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  29-3-5, where he built a shanty