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Riverstone.

There are still active signs of prosperity all around: new buildings are being erected. Land is being sold, and there is even talk of a "Grand Hotel" being built on a splendid site on the corner formed by the main road and the railway, and adjoining Mr J.J. Lephherd's store. No doubt it would pay well and there should be no objection on the part of the Local Option people as it is evident the existing hotel cannot supply the accommodation required for this bustling place.

Mr. Lephherd is at last getting his long talked of house and store built and in a week or two passengers by train will see his sign suspended on high instead of the old rookery in which no doubt, he has made his bawbees.

The Anglican Church is completed externally and the plastering only required inside to be finished – excepting the seats – which is another matter. This structure is quite a commodious little building and many who saw the foundation laid a few months ago would be much surprised to see it now so well as (sic) the builder succeeded in his work.

Up the road a bit from the station, Mr. Laws the enterprising store-keeper has built himself a very nice house, the material being of brick – cemented while Mr. West has not only built himself a good brick residence but has run up a row of small shops at the back of the Cosmopolitan Hall in one of which a

Windsor man Mr. J. Jeffcott is carrying on the boot and shoe making business under the sign of the Red Flag - which glowing colour flutters in the breeze from an elevated flag staff. Mr Jeffcott is not a mere seller of boots but he is manufacturing on the premises understandings of superior quality for the women and men, and boys and girls – not forgetting babies - of Riverstone.

Mr. B. Wood makes himself distinguishable by making his roof do duty as a sign - for the huge black letter can be seen everywhere: while various show cards & around the house denote that Mr. Wood himself is a sort of universal agent from a sewing machine to an estate.

The Presbyterian Church wants a coat paint badly – as in fact do some of the other soft wood erections: "a stitch in time saves nine." and a few pounds of paint would save pounds in money.

Mr. Longton the Public School teacher is getting quite a big school now and the neat little buildings erected for weather sheds come in very well as classrooms.

Mr Richards has a number of Chinamen working in his big paddock on the Western side of the line clearing and stumping. and people are anxiously waiting to see to what use it will be put some say a tannery is to be the order of the day, while others hold that a big Chinese garden will eventuate.

A Quadrille Assembly opened its session on Saturday night and was fairly attended.