

SALT COATS.

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This point, eight miles west of Bredenbury and 205 miles from Portage la Prairie, is the present terminus of the road. The village is delightfully situated on a small lake and stands on rising ground. Although the foundation of the first building was laid only last September (88), yet Saltcoats has grown so fast that it now boasts of the following buildings:—

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| 3 general stores, | 3 livery stables, |
| 4 implement dealers, | 2 hotels, |
| 2 lumber yards, | 2 carpenter shops, |
| 1 pump factory, | 1 blacksmith shop, |
| 1 bakery, | 2 harness dealers, |
| 1 tin shop, | 1 butcher shop, |
| 2 flour and feed warehouses, | 1 photo. studio, |
| 1 billiard hall, | |

And the Dominion Lands Office for the district.

Besides several residences. The railway company have built a first-class station and warehouse, a section house, immigration reception house, 40,000 gallon tank and windmill, coal shed and ice house over 280 feet long, an engine house, cattle yard and shute, and other necessary buildings.

The postoffice at Saltcoats is also a money order office, and the Dominion Express Company have an office in the town. There is also a first-class school house which will be use^d for church services every Sunday until a church is built. What Saltcoats wants now is a good grist mill, and no doubt that will come in time, as well as a cheese factory and creamery.

There is no doubt this will become an important centre and a good point for marketing grain and selling cattle.

The Commercial Colonization Company sent out some sixty settlers in 1888, who took up free homesteads around this point. They are now making very substantial progress, and some of them express themselves as follows :

- Exceeds my expectations.....Alex. Thompson
 Well pleased.....D. McAdams
 I can say that I am well pleased with the country. J. Ford
 I am well pleased with my prospects P. Underwood
 I am well pleased with the country and a pushing man man can do
 well here Charles Ritchie
 I think the country is suitable for a man to get on in. I am sending
 for my friends James Shearer