



A DISTANT VIEW OF REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN.—Showing C. P. R. Yards.

The Ubiquitous Agent.

A good story of the Pope and an assurance agent is told by "Rome" (an English paper published in Rome) on the authority of the Marquis Crispolti. While the Pope was Patriarch of Venice he was so bothered by assurance agents that at last he refused to see one, or even have the subject opened in his presence. One day a real diplomat in the business got a chance of a talk with the Patriarch on some other business, and presently he skillfully steered the conversation to the subject of the persistency of assurance agents. The Patriarch told how he had at last got rid of his persecutors. The agent sympathized and added: "Of course it would be absurd for your Eminence to assure your life—you have no near relatives depending on

you for support." That is not exactly true," interposed the Patriarch, "for I have relatives living with me, and for whom I must make some provision." "In any case," replied the other, "your Eminence has no need to assure, for of course you have saved something, and your relatives would be provided for in any case." "Saved something!" said the Patriarch; "I've never saved anything, and I possess nothing!" That was information enough for the agent, and a few minutes later he was instructed to make out a policy on the life of Joseph Sarto for the benefit of certain persons closely related to him.

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