

Treherne is the next town east. This has been made famous by the almost complete destruction of its business buildings by fire some months ago, and the rapid manner in which these have been replaced by new and better buildings. The blow was a severe one to the town, but it met the loss bravely and will no doubt rapidly recover the lost ground. This fire made it difficult to do business for a while, and consequently the merchants will not be able to show such a large aggregate turnover this year as they would otherwise have done, but the season's farming operations have been successful, and aside from the loss arising from the fire, the year's results will no doubt, be satisfactory.

Rathwell and Elm Creek are points of minor importance lying between Treherne and Carman. They each have the nucleus of a business community, and will no doubt, rise in time to the dignity of towns. At Elm Creek the train switches onto a spur line which runs due south for about twelve miles into Carman, the principal town on this branch. Here there is a population of somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000, and its limit extends from the railroad across the Boyne river, covering a large amount of ground. Its business concerns include several old and well established firms, for it must be understood that Carman is one of

points and places of business on the Glenboro line. If space would permit a great deal of statistical matter could be given showing the position of these towns now, compared with previous years, but figures are often wearisome and unless carefully perused do not convey very much to the mind of the reader. The general remarks made regarding each place are based upon the results of careful inquiry and observation. All the information gathered by The Commercial's representative while visiting these places goes to show that they have made substantial advances in every direction during the past year and that notwithstanding several temporary setbacks these sections of the province are now upon a footing which justly entitles them to rank among the leading agricultural districts of, not Manitoba only, but the whole of Canada.

A Grand Building.

Many handsome additions have been made to the business blocks in Winnipeg this year, of which the new wholesale hardware warehouse of Geo. D. Wood & Co. takes first place. This magnificent structure is situated on the corner of McDermot avenue and Arthur street, having a frontage on

one sheet of plate glass each. The roof, which is of galvanized iron, inclines to the centre from all four sides. The timber work throughout the structure is on the same massive plan as the walls, and designed to carry the heavy weight which accumulates on the floors of a wholesale hardware warehouse, without any strain whatever.

The main entrance to the building is on McDermot avenue, by a wide, massive doorway and large vestibule. The entrance is finished in British Columbia fir, and glass partition separates the approach to the stairway from the main warehouse floor, with a doorway leading to the main floor. The main or ground floor is filled with heavy goods, including nails, iron tubing, bar steel, axes, spikes, rope, wire, etc. Special racks have been constructed for storing tubing and bar steel. On this floor is located the shipping office.

One large receiving door opens to Arthur street and two doors open to the archway from one side. Across the archway is the iron house, where a large stock of iron of all kinds is carried; also a separate apartment for the oil vault. The latter apartment is separated by a heavy solid wall from the other apartments.



Flour Mill and Row of Grain Elevators at Carman, Man.

the oldest settlemen's in Manitoba. The general merchants are as follows: D. J. Graham & Co.; Hemenway & Lawtson, E.L.B. McLeod, the A. MacDonald Co. (also of Winnipeg), Thomas B. Melke, Staples & Carthew, Toombs & Kirkpatrick and Mrs. John Taylor. Besides these, Butchart & Somersall and R. G. Hamilton deal in hardware, J. W. Jameson in stationery, etc., Merry & Williams in agricultural implements, and a number of others are handling smaller lines. There are two banks, the Union Bank of Canada and the Bank of Hamilton, the latter of which was opened last year. Carman is well supplied with elevators and has a flour mill, the property of The Lake of the Woods Milling company. It has also a good public school equipment, besides churches and all the other features of a well-organized town. So, of course, have all the other places which have been mentioned in this review. The farming community around Carman is a particularly rich and prosperous one. Some of the farmers have been here for 20 years or more, and have in that time accumulated considerable of this world's goods around them.

Between Carman and Winnipeg there are several small business points such as Fannystelle, Starbuck and Headingley, each of which serve well settled farming district.

This in brief is a list of the principal

the avenue of 73 feet, and 132 feet on Arthur street. The depth of the building at the rear is 99 feet. This location is right in the centre of the wholesale district. A driveway extends through the building from Arthur street. This drive-way is arched over, as shown in the accompanying engraving, and gives great convenience for receiving and shipping goods, which can thus be done under cover. Several shipping and receiving doors open onto the drive-way or archway from either side.

The building has four floors and basement. It is built of Selkirk stone to a height of seven feet above the grade line and above this of white brick. The building is a very massive and strong structure. No pains were spared to make the walls and foundation sure and solid. In fact the walls are quite strong enough to carry three or four additional stories, and by the way the business of the firm has been expanding of late, this additional space may be required sooner than might be expected. The windows on the ground floor on both streets are of

Three doors open to the archway from this side besides a separate door for the oil vault.

The basement is used for storing horseshoes, building paper, cement, wire, lead, fire brick, grindstones, paints, oakum, glass, nails, etc.

In the basement is located the ten horse power electric motor used for operating the elevator, which reaches all floors. The elevator is capable of carrying 4,000 pounds, and is on the more modern principle. A 30 h. p. boiler surrounded by a concrete floor, is also located in the basement for heating the big building by steam on the one pipe system, with radiators. The vaults extend from the basement upward, giving vault accommodation on three floors.

The stairway from the main entrance leads directly to the offices on the second floor. The offices and sample room are ranged along the front and down the Arthur street side of this floor. First comes the private office of Mr. Geo. D. Wood, then the general office and a fine, well lighted sample room occupies the corner, next the manager's office, and finally the entry office. The offices are handsomely fitted up in British Columbia fir. A particularly pleasing feature is the handsome metallic ceiling, supplied by the Metallic Roofing Co., of Toronto. A wide passageway leads