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A TRIP TO SOUTHERN MANITOBA.

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CRYSTAL CITY.

Times have changed for the better decidedly for this little town this year. Not for some years has building been so active as during last fall. No less than fifteen substantial buildings have been erected; some of which are residences, and one, that of Premier Greenway, a particularly handsome building with all the appointments and equipments of a modern city residence. A very fine combined curling and skating rink has been erected. The roof is supported by arches in truss form and the first acetylene gas plant in the town has been installed for lighting the rink. A new store has been built for the accommodation of the large general business of P. A. Young & Co. It is 24x50, two storeys high. The firm name was changed last year from Simpson & Young. Mr. Simpson having gone to Stonewall. New businesses during the year are: McLaren & Co., druggists; J. C. Grimmett, harness; W. Watson, watchmaker and jeweller; E. C. Bush, tailor. J. G. Steaty, secretary of the Creamery company, has a large general store; G. McWilliams and L. Treble are also general merchants. R. Rollus has a hardware store. "Colonel" Williams of the Commercial hotel is an

old-timer, well known to the travelling public. E. Kerr is proprietor of the other hotel. The large roller mills owned by Greenway Bros., have a capacity of 125 barrels and turn out a good article of flour. They have a large custom trade. Greenway Bros. also own an elevator, capacity 20,000 bushels, and the second elevator is owned by Ring and Parr. The 1897 market of all grains would probably not exceed 100,000 bushels though in 1895, 230,000 bushels were marketed. Oats are more plentiful here than at most points this year, several cars having been shipped to points west. Cattle raising is now an industry of considerable dimensions in this district, and a good many are shipped from Crystal City by Gordon & Ironsides as well as the local dealer, Mr. Parr. The Crystal City

the one town of Pilot Mound. This is a centre of considerable importance and of a thriving trade. The merchants are generally prosperous and the town is one of the neat, well-kept places of which the province has now so many. There are several good general stores, among them J. Hebert & Co., J. G. McLean & Co., T. McKay. Recently Mr. Baird of the old pioneer firm Baird Bros., returned and opened out in general business after an absence of some years. R. Needham, formerly with J. Kerr, Manitou, opened a furniture shop this winter. There are two splendid hardware stores. One is owned by D. B. Stewart, who has a fine 2-storey stone building. The other is the well known firm of Chalmers Bros. & Bothune, who also deal largely in grain. The oatmeal mill of Dow



MANITOBA FARM HOMES
Residence of Wm. Hasselfield near Manitou

creamery produced 31,313 pounds of fine grade butter in the season of 1897, a very satisfactory return being received for the whole output. There is also another creamery in the district some miles from Crystal City.

PILOT MOUND.

The name of this town recalls to the memory of pioneer travellers of the southern plains of Manitoba, a distinctive feature of the landscape which was a landmark so well known that it gave rise to the name for the town which sprung up at the base of the mound, but which has now no distinction except the "old mound," the newer town at the railway a couple of miles away, having borrowed or stolen the title. Indeed the old town is known to comparatively few of the wayfarers of to-day, and for all practical purposes there is only

& Curry is the principal industry of of Pilot Mound; and it is a finely equipped plant for the production of the several cereal foods they sell. The mill has a capacity of 120 barrels and the firm manufacture rolled wheat, rolled oatmeal, Avena, pot and pearl barley as well as ordinary oatmeals. This year the supply of oats is so limited the mill has not much demand on its productive capacity. Other years the supply of oats in the district has been something phenomenal. The total marketable quantity of 1897 wheat is placed at about 100,000 bushels or less. There are three elevators at Pilot Mound, and a small custom's grist mill.

The Queen's hotel, Pilot Mound, is in the hands of Chas. Crothers, a very capable landlord and the house furnishes excellent accommodation. The