

HOLDEN-CENTRE of VERMILION VALLEY

Prosperous G. T. P. Town Which is as yet only Seven Years Old but Which has Assumed the Garb of a Community Many Years Older. Is the Point From Which all the Magnificent Vermilion Valley Country Radiates.

In the year 1902 the beautiful and fertile district lying tributary to the head waters of the Vermilion received its first influx of settlers. Americans and Scandinavians from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana and Washington, Canadians from the eastern provinces, they came, eager to obtain land in the district since known as the famous Vermilion Valley. The present cities of Wetsaskiwia and Strathcona, then towns of about eight hundred inhabitants, were the points from which the land rush occurred. For the next four years the Battleford trail was the scene of never-ending strings of freight wagons, prairie schooners, bands of horses and cattle, all of which contributed to the development of the district of which the present town of Holden is the centre.

The present townsite of Holden, by which name it has been since known, and Norman M. Smith took over the duties of postmaster. The old Battleford trail with its sloughs, mudholes and mosquitoes has been supplanted by the great National Transcontinental, which fortune decreed should pass through this highly favored district. Eight years ago, where nothing was heard but the yelp of the coyote, is now heard the whistle of the locomotive and the swish of the binder.

Black Vegetable Loam.

The soil of the Holden district is the well-known black vegetable loam with clay subsoil, admirably adapted for the growing of all kinds of grains, grasses, small fruits and vegetables. The raspberry in particular thrives wonderfully, the native species being equal in every respect to the cultivated varieties of the east. Hay, of either the upland or meadow variety, may be had in abundance. The land being usually preferred for horses and the meadow or lowland for cattle. During the average winter range horses thrive on the sun-

Stores Began to Spring Up.

In 1903 the postoffice of Vermilion Valley was established, receiving the mail by way of the Fort Saskatchewan-Roadfield northern mail route. Later on, the postoffices of Seona, Bruce and Viking were opened, with Vermilion Valley as distributing of-

Site for New School.

The School board are negotiating for a site in the town for the Holden school, which is situated at present about half a mile from the town. This school has a large attendance, mostly of children of townpeople, and is in charge of a most capable teacher. A large implement store has recently been erected on Main street by Messrs. C. A. Stewart and C. Brislin, to accommodate their growing business, as agents for farm machinery.

The Methodists Living in Holden.

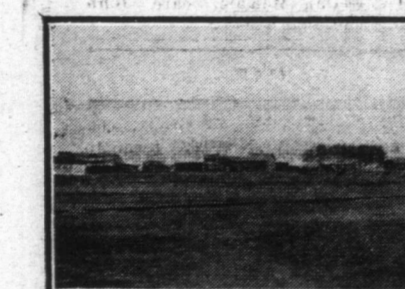
The Methodists living in Holden have secured lots in the town for a church site, and will probably be building this summer. A Roman Catholic church is also likely to be built before the snow flies. A building fund has been started.

The Security Elevator Company.

The Security Elevator Company built a large elevator with a capacity of 30,000 bushels of grain, last fall. The Pacific Elevator Company now has material on the ground for a second elevator. The stock loading platform at Holden, whether by accident or otherwise, is eight feet longer than that at any other town along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific between Edmonton and Wainwright. Since the arrival of the steel a year ago, to one hundred carloads of stock have been shipped out of Holden.

Forty Lines of Business.

Nearly forty lines of business now find representation in Holden. In April of the present year a bright,



HOLDEN, FROM THE SOUTH.

rice. It was from this time that the country began to forge ahead, thousands of machines toiling on the country regularly each fall, and despite the hardships of bad roads, long distances from grain markets, wet years and horses dying from swamp fever, the country gradually assumed an air of prosperity.

Stock Raising Chief Industry.

Owing to the superabundance of hay and other ranching advantages, it is natural that stock raising was the chief industry engaged in during the early history of the settlement. Those who paid particular attention to the manufacturing of beef were Messrs. Story, Lane, Campbell, Lloyd, and Appleby, each of whom had large bunches of cattle.

The completion of the main line of the C.N.R., and of the Wetsaskiwia branch of the C.P.R., in 1905, was the beginning of a new era in the history of the district. The towns of Vegreville on the U.N.R. and Camrose on the C.P.R., were henceforth the railroad points, in place of Wetsaskiwia. The long trail was shortened from sixty to thirty miles, and in-

stead of a week being consumed in making the trip to town, two days were all that was necessary. It was at this time that the mail was despatched from Camrose instead of being brought in by the roundabout Fort Saskatchewan route. A weekly stage service was inaugurated, taking in the postoffices of Round Hill, Earling, Vermilion Valley, Bruce and Viking, which continued in operation until the beginning of the present year.

Upon the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, the country underwent another change. The open range, so dear to the heart of the stockmen, was gradually fenced off. Fall wheat, town lots, branch railway and telephone lines had become the chief topics of interest, instead of cattle and horses. The post office was removed two miles east from the ranch of Wm. Campbell to



SECTION OF MAIN STREET, HOLDEN.

improvements, so that it will compare favorably with any homestead along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. A brick building, two stories high is being erected at the corner of Third and Main street for the branch of the Traders' Bank which is located at Holden. This branch was opened up in October of last year with G. B. McVittie as manager. It has done a big business in small quarters since then, but will soon be moving to a building more in keeping with the size of its transactions. At present there are three clerks employed in the bank in handling its business.

Two general stores, two stores high, are to be erected on Main street south, and the erection of at least ten or twelve residences has been planned for this summer. Several of these are under construction now.



HOLDEN FARMERS BREAKING

breedy newspaper, the Holden Herald, was started. J. Mowbray is the editor. There are two large general stores in the town, two hardware stores, two lumber yards, two drug stores, three boarding houses, two restaurants, one drug store, a furniture shop, a tailor shop, a painter, a barber shop, a branch of the Traders' Bank, a jeweler's store, a printing office, a feed mill, a grain elevator, two real estate offices, two machine agencies, two blacksmith shops, a butcher shop, two builders and contractors, one doctor, an optician, a harness shop, a pool room, loan and insurance agencies.

The Holden Agricultural Society, which was organized an agricultural society, with William Campbell, J.P., as president. The society will hold its first annual fair on September 29th. Land is to be purchased as a site for the fair grounds, and a good track will be built. Already a folder announcing the fair has been issued. Entry forms have been prepared. Prizes are offered for horses, cattle, sheep, poultry, dairy products, fancy work, grains and cereals. Good music and other attractions will be provided. The fair on Thursday, the 29th of September. The officers of the Holden Agricultural Society are: Wm. Campbell, president; T. Kennedy, vice-president; W. R. Hayes, secretary; Dr. Farrell, treasurer.

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New York Divorce Case Reveals Odd Entanglement Wherein Two Married Ladies, Love Their Husbands, and Visit Scant of Accident—Explosive Was His Own Invention.

Ottawa, July 11.—H. G. Nichol, of New York, manager of the Dominion Explosives Company, refuses to make statement until he has visited Scant of Accident—Explosive Was His Own Invention.

GOLD FIND EXAGGERATED.

Reported Mountain of Solid Gold Turns Out to Be Bed of Pyrites.

Ottawa, July 12.—The director of the geological survey has received a report from Stewart, at the mouth of Portland Canal, which would seem to give the death-knell to the stories cabled to England, which have caused such a furor over there, as to the discovery of a mountain of solid gold. While the report is not an official one from a member of the survey staff, it comes from a gentleman, in whom Professor Brock has the utmost confidence and is to the effect that the find is a ledge of low-grade pyrites, some in size, with free gold confined to the surface.

Chinese Rebels Beaten.

Pekin, July 11.—Dispatches here state that the uprising in Yuen King is a revolutionary character. A large body of rebels wearing distinctive costumes indicative of their thorough organization and professing like the Boxers to be immune against bullets, attacked the magistracies at Yamen. A pitched battle with the troops followed. The rebels were victorious. The rebels suffered heavy casualties.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION NOT YET DETERMINED

Hon. Charles Rolls, Famous English Aviator, Who Made Cross-Channel and Back Flight, Was Killed at Bournemouth—Crash by Machine Turning Somersault.

Bournemouth, Eng., July 12.—Hon. Charles Rolls, the famous English aviator, who was the only man to make a round trip across the English channel, was killed today in the aviation meet here. Flying in a Wright machine in the alighting competition for a prize of \$1,250, his aeroplane turned a somersault, crashing to the ground, crushing the aviator to death directly opposite the grand stand. The machine was filled with representatives of English society and many were friends of the aviator. Almost immediately after the first signs of trouble were noticed the aeroplane turned a complete somersault and plunged straight down. Rolls attempted to extricate himself but it dropped too swiftly.

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U.S. GUNBOAT RAMMED BY SUB-MARINE BOAT

Princeton, Mass., July 12.—The United States gunboat Castine, flagship of the submarine flotilla, was rammed by the submarine Bonita today during the manoeuvres and beached to prevent her from sinking. No one on board was injured.

Two of the plates of the Castine were loosened. Her dynamo and boiler compartments were flooded. The Bonita suffered a dent in her railing. The men on board the Castine were struck slightly by the collision. As soon as the damage was understood the boat was headed to shore and grounded. She will be examined for repairs tomorrow.

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ANOTHER SHOT FOR REGIN

Hockey, pitching a reliable ball, administered a second round to the Regina nine at Diamond Hall. The Bonspiel was an excellent one, in every department. They made six scattered hits while Edmonton gathered from Gilchrist's delivery.

Edmonton scored in the two runs for hits. Mills on balls. Baxter grounded. Quigley scored. With one down. Buser bagger over Mills' head to the fifth in line but he was caught out. Moore scored the fifth hit with a neat single to left field. Spence drove out right scoring. Hickey was himself on the throw to the ground out to see Gilchrist.

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