

ELKHORN

Free Homesteads Close to the C. P. R. Main Line.

The Province of Manitoba is now practically settled, and it is only occasionally that free farms can be procured within easy reach of a good live town on the C. P. R. main line. There are yet *free homes* within easy reach of the growing town of Elkhorn; also cheap C. P. R. and other Company's lands, and we invite our eastern farmers to come up and view the situation for themselves. It is folly to pay high rents and exorbitant taxes in the east, when a farm of 160 acres can be obtained *free* near a good market, and close to all the conveniences to be found in a live growing town. The soil in this district is of excellent quality. Hay and pasture land is abundant, and the district is most admirably adapted to mixed farming, a system which eventually will show the best results. A plentiful supply of *pure water* is obtained in wells from ten to fifteen feet from the surface, and the C. P. R. acknowledge it to be the purest water on the western division, using it entirely for their coaches.

Although the town of Elkhorn is but five years old, it has made rapid growth, having already five general stores, three comfortable hotels, a lumber yard, two blacksmiths, a harness shop, a wheelwright, and several carpenters. Many of the eastern implement manufacturers are also represented. The Washakade Home, for the education of the children of the red man, is located here, and fully equipped with an efficient staff. A good Public School is located in the centre of the town. The Episcopal and Presbyterian congregations have neatly-built churches, and the town has one of the most comfortable and well seated halls to be found in any western town. There is in the town one elevator and two grain warehouses, giving good competition in the purchase of wheat. It is estimated that 200,000 bushels of grain will be marketed at this point during the present season.

Elkhorn affords an excellent opening for a Roller Grist Mill, and a substantial bonus could be procured by an enterprising firm to assist in its erection. There is also a good opening here for a Cheese Factory or Creamery, as cows are kept by nearly all our farmers. Special attention may be called to the exceptionally low rate of taxes in this municipality (Wallace), it being now only 90 cents annually on 160 acres. The municipality has no funded indebtedness, and has to its credit in the bank at the present time \$19,000.

The soil is of such a nature that no difficulty is experienced in making excellent roads. No large streams are to bridge, and no difficult hills to overcome. Wood is convenient, and is obtained from the valleys of the Assiniboine and Pipestone Rivers.

Come into our town and district, and inspect the situation for yourself, and we will be only too pleased to give you all the assistance in our power to get you comfortably located in our midst. For any further particulars address, W. M. CUSHING, who will gladly answer all correspondence.

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MOOSOMIN, The Gateway Town of the Northwest Territories.

The town of Moosomin is situated 219 miles west of Winnipeg, on the main line of C. P. R., in the midst of the best agricultural district west of Lake Superior.

The first building was erected in the winter of 1882-3, and the population now reaches 1000, while the volume of business reaches \$500,000 annually. Everything a settler requires can be purchased at reasonable rates, the merchandise being handled in (16) sixteen stores, comprising dry goods, groceries boots and shoes, hardware, silverware, glassware, china-ware, jewellery, etc. All the leading implement firms are also represented. Building material is obtained from a brickyard convenient to the town, where are excellent white brick is manufactured, from good building stone in the district, and from well-stocked lumber yards in town.

SCHOOLS.—As regards educational facilities, Moosomin is second to none in the Northwest, having a High School presided over by a University graduate, Normal School conducted by Inspector of Public Schools, and three other departments taught by Normal trained teachers. There is but one other town in the Territories in which Normal sessions are held. Children have as good a chance to obtain a first-class education as in eastern Canada or the old lands. The school grants are liberal and taxation for school purposes is consequently light.

CHURCHES.—The Methodist, Presbyterian, R. Catholic and Church of England have good churches, the first mentioned the finest west of Winnipeg. Sunday Schools are held in connection with the several churches.

JUSTICE.—Moosomin is the head of the judicial district of Eastern Assinaboia, the Judge and Officers residing here, also three members of the bar.

The town was incorporated in 1888, and has made steady and rapid growth since that time. It is provided with a roller process mill of 125 bbls. capacity, and with an elevator of 50,000 bushels capacity. The town has a thoroughly equipped machine shop, being the only one in the Territories. The hotels are comfortable, the public being served by them at rates comparing favorably with those of the east. A fine brick hotel, two and a-half stories, costing \$9,000, and containing 30 bedrooms, dining and billiard rooms, as well as parlors and sample rooms, has just been completed, and is ready for occupation.

THE UNION BANK, with a capital of \$1,200,000 and a reserve fund of \$200,000, has just opened a branch here, with Mr. Christie as manager. The soil in the Moosomin District is admirably adapted to a system of mixed farming, being watered by fresh water ponds and sheltered by numerous growing bluffs of young poplar. There is now an excellent opening here for a cheese factory, or creamery, and parties in a position to establish one would find it to their advantage to communicate with the officer mentioned below. Moosomin is the nearest point on the C. P. R. to the large coal deposits on the Souris river, and it is expected that these mines will be developed shortly. C. P. R. & N. W. Company lands are still to be had here at very reasonable prices, and excellent improved farms can be obtained close to this growing town. The fullest information can be obtained regarding the town and district by addressing the Mayor, City Clerk, or the President or Secretary of the Moosomin Agricultural Society.

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