

Bruce, a Town of Great Promise

Situated in a District Admirably Adapted to Mixed Farming, This G.T.P. Town Has Grown By Leaps and Bounds in Four Years. Is at Present a Live, Up-to-Date Community

The first extensive settlement in the Bruce district took place about four years ago, when upwards of twenty families from Michigan, U.S.A., took up land near the site of the present town. The Michiganians formed a community of their own and started to build a town about a mile and a half west of the location later chosen by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company for its townsite. The town was known as Hurry, and was in existence until twenty months ago when Bruce came into being. Then Hurry was absorbed into Bruce, and its site reverted to public land.

In the Centre of Fine Land.
The town of Bruce is the centre of a wide expanse of good agricultural land. It is situated near the eastern

market two years ago this August, last year the anniversary of the sale was marked by a big sports day, and baseball tournament with a dance in the evening.

The Bruce of today lacks none of the business lines to be found in new and prosperous prairie towns. An hotel affords first class accommodations for the traveling public. A restaurant known as the G.T.P. restaurant provides wholesome meals for transients at a moderate price.

Branches of the Globe Lumber Company and the Reliance Lumber Company are doing a big business.

There are two general stores in the town. The store of W. J. Earl, one of the pioneer merchants of the town,

A big camp of Modern Woodmen has established a reputation which is the envy of surrounding towns. The Bruce challenge cup, a silver trophy donated by the town of Bruce last year, for competition among the baseball teams of Viking, Bruce, Ryley and Holden, was won by the Bruce team, of which S. Ferris is captain and manager. Bruce has also a flourishing lawn tennis club.

The management of affairs of the town which is now seeking incorporation rests largely in the hands of

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The Bruce Progressive Association, the officers of which are: A. A. Howard, president; Jas. Walsie, vice-president; Geo. W. Allan, secretary; H. F. Frederick, treasurer.

Good land is to be had in the Bruce district at a price of from \$12 to \$20 an acre according to location and improvement.

extremity of the fertile Vermillion valley, seventy miles east of Edmonton by rail. The level land of the district undulates gently, and is lightly wooded with brush and poplar groves. The C.N.R. town of Vegreville lies twenty-four miles to the north of Bruce. Daysland, on the P.R. Hardisty branch, is thirty-one miles to the south. Viking is fourteen miles to the east, and Holden nine miles to the west. The tributary area of the town is thus quite extensive, though greater to the north and south than to the east and west.

Mixed Farming the Rule.
In the Bruce district as elsewhere along the 55th P. in Alberta, mixed farming is the rule. The area under cultivation is estimated at ten thousand acres. Wheat has yielded 50 to 60 bushels per acre in the district, and oats 75 to 80 bushels to the acre.

was purchased just a fortnight ago by J. Reed, of Dryden, New Ontario, a merchant of many years experience. The general store of Howard Bros., which started up with the town has been purchased by L. E. Kennedy, of Bruce, Ontario.

A large business is done by Geo. W. Allan's hardware store, which is one of the best equipped to be found in any Alberta town.

Branches of the Massey-Harris and McCormick machine companies carry on a good business.

Other Mercantile Businesses.
The town has also a large livery barn run by Frederick Bros., a feed stable and a sales stable, a blacksmith shop, a barber shop and a pool room, and an ice cream parlor and confectionery store in the course of construction.

There is a good opening in Bruce for

Oats have preference with the farmers over wheat in this district, and the usual yield is from 40 to 70 bushels of fine quality. Every year large quantities of seed grain are supplied to farmers of other districts by the Bruce grain growers.

The crops of the district have been unaffected by drought this year, and look uniformly well. Fall wheat has been sown to some extent and is thriving well. A great deal of breaking is being done in the vicinity of the town this season. Some of the settlers are turning over from fifty to one hundred acres of virgin land. One farmer to the south of Bruce runs all his farm machinery by means of a gasoline engine, pulling two discs, a drill and a drag at the same time when working in the field, or pulling two gauge

when plowing. This same farmer has 200 acres of wheat.

Town of Nestor.
Midway between Bruce and Viking is the G.T.P. townsite of Nestor, on which but a single general store has as yet been built. This store is owned by E. K. Lee, who settled five years ago near Nestor, originally farming three sections of land. A Grand Trunk Pacific railway has been built at Nestor and it is only a few miles to the east. Five or six acres of land have been broken and seeded in the Nestor district. The crop is looking well. Sixty bushels of oats to the acre were raised by farmers between Bruce and the suburb of Nestor last year.

Many Business Enterprises.
Bruce town lots were placed on the

monion sometimes with dance music. It is under the leadership of G. A. Barker, a clever musician who formerly had charge of a New York orchestra.

Good Public School.
Bruce has a good public school in charge of a most capable teacher. About thirty-five children attend the school which is half a mile distant from the town. The school is shortly to be moved into the town itself.

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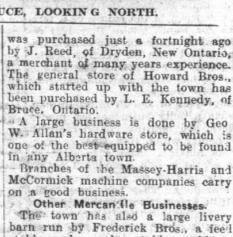
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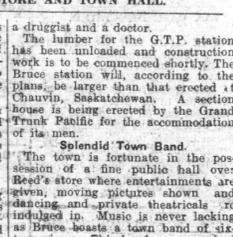
SECTION OF MAIN STREET, BRUCE.



BUILDINGS ON FIRST AVENUE.



A BRUCE GENERAL STORE AND TOWN HALL.



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Roblin Official is Denounced by Judge

Chief Justice Matthews says Manitoba Returning Officer Responsible for Howden's Election Merits Very Sharp Punishment.

Winnipeg, July 8.—Judgment was delivered this morning by Chief Justice Matthews in the case to the effect that the return having been made to the clerk of the executive council, even though in spite of the injunction, the court has no jurisdiction. Hon. Mr. Howden, the provincial secretary, is therefore declared by acclamation, though developments are looked for after the general elections. A petition was filed immediately to prevent Hon. Mr. Howden from taking office under the Controverted Elections Act.

Winnipeg, July 7.—Chief Justice Matthews today reserved judgment on the injunction to prevent Hon. J. H. Howden from being elected by acclamation in beautiful Plains constituency. Judgment was reserved on the technical point that Barlow, the returning officer, had made his return to the clerk of the executive council to compel the returning officer to hold a selection or do anything else in respect to his standing as a returning officer. On this point his lordship will deliver judgment tomorrow morning and if he finds that it is impossible legally to force the returning officer to hold the election, other action, the Liberals declare, will be taken to make void the election by which the Liberal candidate, F. L. Davis, was shut out on a technicality.

Justice Strong Condemnation.
Chief Justice Matthews used very strong language in treating the case and said: "If I can see any way to compel that returning officer to do anything else in respect to his standing as a returning officer, I will certainly find that way. I am impressed that the actions of the returning officer, Barlow, were most 'main leze.' Surely if he intended to act fairly he should have notified Mr. Davis or his agent that he found fault with his nomination papers. The returning officer has declared a man elected by acclamation, which is an illegal action which means the disfranchising of a whole constituency. In any event I think he has conducted himself in a most disgraceful manner. If there is any means to get that writ into his possession again he will be forced to hold the election."

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MORAVIAN CONFERENCE.

Third Synod Met in Calgary This Week.

Calgary, July 6.—The third synod of the Moravian church in Canada convened in Calgary yesterday morning. The exercises opened with a devotional meeting at 9 o'clock, led by the Rev. C. A. Albrecht, of Bruderheim. At 10 o'clock the synodal sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Hoyler, of Dundurn, Sask. Mr. Hoyler is the pioneer of the Moravian church in Canada, who was associated with its work since its beginning in Northern Alberta, 18 years ago. He preached an excellent sermon, his text being Phil. 4:13.

After the synodal sermon the organization of the synod took place. As chairman the synod elected the Rev. M. W. Liebert, D.D., pastor of the First Moravian church, of New York City. Mr. Liebert is the president of the Provincial Elders conference of the Moravian church in America, a governing body elected by a synod convened every two years, and which has the control of the entire Moravian church in America. The permanent secretary is the Rev. A. H. Schultze, of Strathcona, Alta.

The committee on credentials reported the following gentlemen as entitled to seats and roll in synod:—

1.—W. Liebert, D.D., of New York City, president of provincial elders conference, and Mr. W. Wensel, of Strathcona, treasurer of the Canadian district board.

2.—The following clergymen in active charge of congregations: Bishop C. Hoyler, the Rev. C. A. Albrecht, Hurskelmann, P. Mann, A. R. Schultz, H. Schultz and E. Stuemper.

3.—The following lay delegates elected by the various congregations: A. B. Schultze, of Strathcona, Alta.; F. Burenis, A. Job, C. Paul and F. Vogel, Calgary, Alta.; J. P. Proffert, J. Schmitz, G. P. Stang, Dundurn, C. Schwager, Edmonton, Alta.; L. Lipper, Heimthal, Alta.; Schattschneider, New Sarepta, Alta.; Duwart, Pleasant Point, Sask.; E. H. Schultze, of Strathcona, L. Klappstein, together 24 members who all answered to the roll call.

After organization Mr. Liebert conducted the opening of the governing board of the church and this brought the business of the forenoon to a close.

At 1:30 o'clock the synod assembled again. The afternoon session was mostly taken up with the receiving of reports. The first one was the report of the board of the Canadian district, submitted and read by Bishop Hoyler, and proved to be a most interesting one. It showed the wonderful growth of the church and its development, since the last synod, four years ago.

After this report the president of the board appointed the following committees: One on home and foreign missions, one on state of religion and one on finances, with the following men as chairmen, respectively: Bishop Hoyler, Mr. Stuemper, Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Wensel.

The reports of the various congregations were then read, to which weighty reports of pastors and delegates were added. At 4:50 synod adjourned.

The evening was taken up with a public meeting to deliver the return to the clerk of the executive council by special messenger.

By these means it was intended apparently to make the order of the court of no avail.

Howden is Man Responsible.
Neepawa, July 7.—There is a strong and growing feeling here and throughout the district that the responsibility for the action of Returning Officer Barlow in throwing out the nomination papers of F. L. Davis, Liberal candidate for beautiful Plains and declaring J. H. Howden elected by acclamation, lies chiefly at the door of Mr. Howden himself and that he alone must eventually shoulder the burden of the whole affair.

Mr. Howden's law partner, Mr. Robertson, is stated to have told Mr. Wemyss' reply was to get out of Mr. Howden himself. Barlow left apparently with that intention, but did not return, and the presumption is that he saw Mr. Howden and got his instructions.

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Where Bank Notes Are Washed, Starched and Ironed—Come Out Good as New—Over a Cent Saved on Every Note Washed. Germ-Dead Nerves Are Sterilized.

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