

## NINGA.

This little town between Bolsevain and Killarney is progressing quietly. A good farming country surrounds it both grain and stock raising being carried on. About 150,000 bushels of wheat are expected to be marketed here this season, most of which is now in. There are three elevators, one of them being owned by the farmers. W. G. Smith is a leading buyer. A creamery has been in operation three seasons. It is owned by the farmers and is very successful. There are three general stores, Miller & Halvor, two young merchants, have a nice little business; so has D. C. McArthur; the third store is a branch establishment of A. Holiday's, Bolsevain. W. F. Landen, has a good stock of general hardware. Steele's furniture store, and Dr. Knight's drug store are further along the street. Dr. Knight built a neat little store this year, so did Geo. T. Robinson, the postmaster; his place is 20x34 finished in red cedar. W. U. Wade is the local lumber man. He reports a good trade this year farmers buying largely. W. J. Coleman, formerly of Killarney, is landlord of the hotel, the Turtle Mountain House, and he has improved the place considerably.

## KILLARNEY.

Situated by the pretty lake for which it is named, this town has one of the prettiest locations in the country. The lake is just south of the town, and makes one of the prettiest imaginable summer resorts. This idea has been developed, by the building of a row of neat summer cottages to let to visitors, and every year increases the number of these. Once a visitor always a friend of pretty Killarney lake. But the town has more substantial charms than those of sylvan and rural scenery. The mixed farming country surrounding it is the best attraction the town boasts of. Not so well favored with wide plains for wheat fields as some, this district yet has a good soil, and when the scrub land is cleared good crops are the result. The country is more adapted for mixed farming, and this is largely carried on. More farmers are required in this district, plenty of good land being available. Those who are there, having done well, and many are independent in circumstances.

The town is a progressive place with a number of good business institutions, and with very fair class of business buildings, whose number and quality are gradually increasing. Among the new buildings this year are the brick store of W. A. Bingham, a solid two story building 26x52, the brick used being local manufacture. Mr. Bingham is a general merchant, a new addition to the trade of the town. Another new brick is that of J. M. Baldwin, north of the track. This is an office building, solid

brick, 34x20. Mr. Baldwin occupies part of it himself, with the business of the municipality of which he is secretary. To make a place of deposit for the public records and other valuables, he had a very large steel front fireproof vault built in connection with his office. It is roomy enough to hold a council meeting in, in a pinch. T. J. Lawlor, the veteran general merchant, has a big 3-story block, 45x80, in course of construction. The foundation was put in and part of the brick work done before the freeze up. The walls will be completed and the building finished next summer. When complete Mr. Lawlor intends to occupy it with his large stock and will probably continue to use his present premises next to it on the corner. F. S. Moule has extended his premises back considerably to make room for his stock. The firm of Cross & Hicks, general merchants, changed during the year, now being Cross & Carson, continuing in the same stand. W. T. Phillips, hardware merchant, sold out a month or so ago to J. Hudson Blinn, who has put in a large stock of general hardware, etc. Mr. Phillips has taken a situation with the new proprietor. Mr. Blinn has until recently been employed in Alexander & Co.'s private bank at Treherne. F. S. Rollins long a hotel keeper in Killarney, is now on the road for the McDonagh & Shea, brewers, Winnipeg, his hotel being now run by P. Currie. S. Rowe continues to keep a first-rate house, at the Commercial hotel. A. E. Fremlin, general merchant, J. McNaughton, furniture dealer, are men who have become standbys of the town. Each has a fine store with good stocks. The buildings are stone Young & Buck, millers, have a very good mill and elevator and have a good business. Their mill has a capacity of 100 bbls daily and is kept going pretty constantly. There are three other elevators.

## HOLMFIELD.

This station just east of Killarney, took quite an advance this year, the principal cause being the building of the splendid new mill of Harrison Bros. This firm had an elevator here before and this year they put up a 100 barrel mill. The building is substantially built, the lower half being stone and it is first-class in every respect. Since being opened a month or two ago it has given excellent satisfaction and will prove quite a convenience to the people. There are now two general merchants at Holmfield, F. J. Mesner has been there for some time and has a good business and a good stock. A. Hicks has opened recently in a new store. W. Waby has completed a new livery and feed stable. W. Soltau is started in the lumber

trade, so that Holmfield is going to be quite a town.

## CARTWRIGHT.

There are three general stores at this point, Hunter & Moore, J. Menarey and A. Laughlin. The latter advertises that he is giving up business. He is the village postmaster also. J. Menarey has a good store and stock was one of the first business men in the town and is highly thought of in the district. Hunter & Moore have a good store and stock and are prosperous merchants. They say they got quite a trade from settlers south of the boundary in some lines of Goods. Phillips & Co. have a nice little stock of hardware and tinware, H. W. Collins recently opened in furniture, having built a new shop; J. P. McKibbin built a shop and opened a new harness business last July. He reports doing a good trade. There are two elevators at Cartwright and both were closed the day I was there, the buyers having been taken off. One merchant said considerable grain yet remained to come in and that day two men brought in loads, who had not before teamed out any wheat, having been busy with fall work.

## British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—The Klondike rush has commenced on the coast and to date prospectors are being handled very well by the merchants, although there are three leaving by way of the Sound to one at this end in spite of wholesome warnings.

Although lumber is very high at present building operations are active and the mild spring like weather enables these operations to proceed without delays.

British Columbia feels keenly the disappointment incident upon the refusal of the English syndicate to take up the bond whereby twenty Fraser river canneries were to have passed into their hands. Their excuse was that owing to the Klondike excitement the funds at one time available had been withdrawn. The salmon industry is not in the best shape possible. More salmon was put up last year than in any two previous years, while the market was already stocked with a year's supply. So that the salmon business at prevailing prices is not profitable. The English syndicate proposed to control supply and demand and thus steer the industry through the breakers.

Austrian butter is plentiful in the market just now. It is wholesaling at 24 1-2 cents and retailing at 35. The same price as local creamery. Portland eggs is another experiment in the market. They are meeting with a ready sale. The flour and feed market is very firm and hay and