

the heart of the German communications in the north-west, and, conversely, is on the road to Calais (kal'-ay). The importance of the Verdun fighting can also be demonstrated. If the Crown

Prince's army could break through, the French line in these regions would have to fall back, and one of the strongest bulwarks on the road to Paris would be removed.

## School News

### Dominion City Education Centre

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new consolidated school at Dominion City was one of deep import to the village and the surrounding country. Few localities in the province seem more united and enterprising in the matter of education than is Dominion City and the surrounding region. The people are mostly of the fine, old pioneer stock which came into the prairie land in the days of ox-team pilgrimages. The first settlers who survive are now aged men and women and their descendants carry on the old traditions of progress and advancement.

### Seven Acres of Grounds

The new school will be a commodious six-roomed structure and will amply accommodate the children of the village and the adjacent territory. It is of solid brick construction and stands in the middle of a delightfully treed plot of over seven acres. It is the intention to provide the children with ample ground for all sorts of healthful games and also to have them raise gardens each year. The big school ground is a feature of the new educational ideals and is a great help in giving the children the practical work in teaching the science of agriculture. The new school is closely adjacent to the village and will be very convenient for all concerned.

The attendance at the cornerstone ceremony was very large and everybody seemed full of enthusiasm and

flushed with healthy local pride. The leading men of the village and of the municipality of Franklin were present. There seemed to be no jarring note but everybody, both old and young, seemed to be happy because the district marked another important epoch in its development.

### Claim Record

The statement was made that in its long career the Dominion City school had turned out more qualified teachers for work on the newer prairie land to the west than any other school district in the province.

The crowd on the platform was a notable one. The chairman for the carrying out of the programme was J. D. Baskerville, the member of the legislature for the constituency of Emerson. Mr. Baskerville is a farmer by profession, and resides near Dominion City.

The speakers were Hon. Dr. R. S. Thornton, minister of education; Robert Fletcher, deputy minister; M. Hall-Jones, school inspector, and Reeve John McCartney, of Franklin municipality. The addresses were all of a high order, that of the minister being especially marked by earnestness and eloquence.

The school board for the new consolidated district is composed of the following members: A. S. Calder, chairman; J. C. Ginn, F. E. Graham, V. Scholte and A. S. Little, secretary-treasurer.

The teaching staff is as follows: W. G. E. Pullyblank, principal; Misses E. A. Riley, A. M. Hagborg and Dorothy Turner.