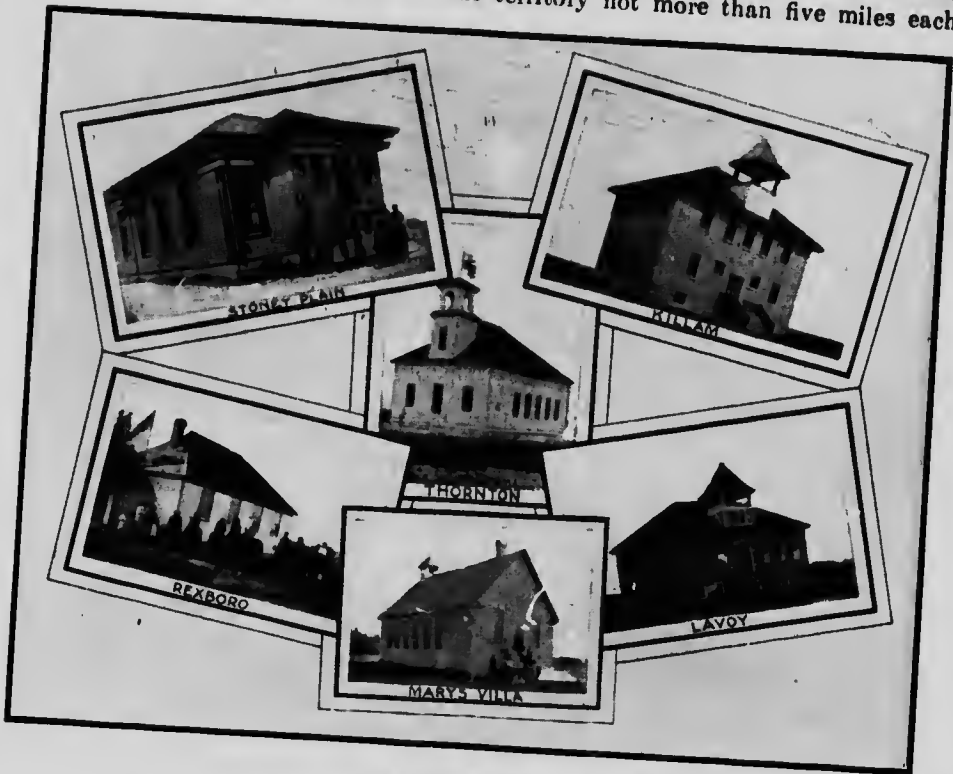


the establishment and maintenance of rural schools. Any rural community where four families are in residence, with at least eight children of school age; is permitted to organize itself into a Public School District, to include territory not more than five miles each



Typical Village and Rural Schools

The Rural Schools go all winter. At Mary's Villa School in Township 43, Range 19, West of 4th, the actual attendance throughout 1909 was 98% of enrolment; and during the first half of 1910 every scholar was present every day

Liberal Provisions

way. The school district is authorized to sell its debentures, payable in a number of years, to cover the cost of the school building and equipment. The Provincial Government makes a liberal annual grant towards the cost of maintenance. All lands within the limits of the school district, other than Government land, and in some cases certain other reservations, are permitted to be taxed to meet the balance of current expenses and provide for maturing debentures. Thus the nonresident land owner or the resident without children is compelled to contribute his share towards the maintenance of the school.

The schools are under the direct control and supervision of the