

crop this year, though light, is on a fair average with the rest of the province. Some 125,000 bushels will represent the total wheat tributary this year, and most of it is marketed. There are two elevators, Kane's, which is 85,000 bushels capacity, and is operated by the owner, who buys on his own account; the other, 20,000 capacity, is owned by the Northern Elevator Co. There are two general stores, Forbes Bros. and E. Dagg & Co. The latter firm has built a roomy, two-story store, 24x40, this year. They have made somewhat of an experiment with concrete walls for the basement, which is the full size of the building. Stone is not an article of local production. The building is to be heated by a furnace. Forbes & Co. have a very large stock occupying a double store, either the hardware or dry goods department of which would be commodious premises for a stock smaller than theirs. John Wilson is the local lumber dealer, and he has built an office and residence this year. There is a very good hotel, a livery stable, blacksmith shop and other appurtenances of a town. In addition to grain, cattle are raised by most of the settlers, especially in the French settlement of the Tiger hills, which are here close to the railway on the south. Wood is also a general article of industrial production, being shipped west largely.

#### TREHERNE.

This town started some years ago, on the advent of the railway, has attained a very substantial degree of permanency. Most of the stores and business premises are good buildings; there is a large and convenient public school, presenting an attractive appearance, and the residents of the place have built and are continuing to build houses, indicating that taste and comfort are consulted. It is prettily situated, in rather a sheltered position, the surrounding country being slightly diversified by ravines and clumps of scrub and poplar. McLennan and Williams have a large general store, connected with which are dressmaking and millinery departments. At the other end of the town is the general store of the Norfolk Supply Co., who also handle furniture. Bain Engelsen has a very good stock of general merchandise too, though he finds his premises getting cramped for his business. W. J. Scott carries a large stock of harness, etc., and employs an additional hand to keep up with orders for hand-made harness, which his customers prefer. Alexander & Co. have a private bank; Andrews & Pitblado a branch office under Mr. Reid; J. P. Straube has a complete hardware store; there are two hotels, both temperance houses; a good stationery and drug store. The local lumber dealer is Mr. J. K. Robson, well known in curling bonspiel circles. A. Ross & Son

are butchers and cattle dealers, the latter buying largely for Gordon & Ironsides. Mr. Ross, Sr., is also clerk of the local county court. Mr. James McAdam, secretary-treasurer of the municipality, is setting a very good standard, and incidentally, acting the part of benefactor to the town by erecting a substantial class of houses, either to rent or sell, as best suits the taste of the occupant. Several neat and cosy additions to the town are already due him, the local baseball twirlers mourn the deterioration of their old-time campus by his latest building. Treherne has two elevators and a very good mill, the latter managed by Mr. J. A. Cox. One elevator is of the Farmers' variety, and is an example of how such an institution can be made to pay under a careful directorate and management. The secretary of the company says this has paid well. Probably fifteen bushels per acre will represent the fair yield of wheat this year round Treherne, though instances of much better yield are known. Mr. A. J. Cotton, some three miles west of town having had some 20 bushels per acre on a large acreage, his total being over 10,000 bushels of wheat. Estimates of 175,000 to 225,000 bushels are given for the total wheat tributary to this point. As mentioned already, cattle are largely shipped from here, and wood is also a considerable item in the yearly export from this point.

#### HOLLAND.

The town of Holland is the centre of splendid wheat growing plains, the property of prosperous farmers as one can see on each side of the railway and all the way from Treherne, the buildings alone being good guarantee of that. One can hardly fail to be struck also with the very large amount of plowed land ready for the spring sowing between Treherne and Holland, and all about the open country round the latter point. No doubt a very much increased acreage will be under wheat next year. Holland will this year be the receiving point of over 300,000 bushels of wheat, it is estimated, and not 25 per cent of that remains to be marketed. This is a larger total than 1896 owing to the bad hail storm that swept some of the best wheat areas of the district. The wheat marketed in 1895 was over half a million bushels. For the accommodation of the grain traffic there are four elevators and a good mill and some eight buyers thronged the local exchange this season. The mill which has recently changed hands, has the proud distinction of a World's fair medal for the excellence of its product. This was under the able and careful management of Mr. John Moir who has recently retired from the proprietorship, Mr. Hiebert, late of Altona, being

the new owner. He has just recently taken possession and has built himself a house close by. The mill which is 75 barrels capacity daily, is sure to continue its good record though all regret the retirement and possible removal of a sterling citizen as Mr. Moir has proven. Other changes in business are to be recorded for the past few months. The old time firm of T. H. Pentland & Co., has taken down the sign, the business having been purchased by Jno. Fumerton & son, the latter, a brother of Mr. J. F. Fumerton, of Glenboro. Mr. Pentland has turned his attention to life insurance, and is hustling that useful calling in the interests of the Manufacturers' Life, for whom he is now a special agent. E. Mawhinney has grown tired of the treadmill of retail trade and has sold out his hardware business to two steady, enterprising young men, Messrs. Downie & Collison. Mr. Mawhinney has not quite decided what to devote himself to in future. This fall he and Mr. Dagg, lumber merchant, have improved and fitted up a store which they jointly own. W. R. Ross has almost doubled the capacity and vastly improved the appearance of his store by a considerable extension, in solid stone, of which the original part is also built. It now makes a splendid block nearly one hundred feet deep. Dr. Morrison and Burrledge have erected a comfortable and neat drug store, office and dwelling next the Montreal store, and have just entered into occupancy. The Montreal store under the management of Mr. Steinhoff, is the third general store in the town. Newby & Harrison have a large and well fitted hardware store in the west end of the town, and have a machine shop in connection. Jas. F. Holand, the pioneer of the town, which is his name-sake, has a large stock of furniture, stationery, etc. The hotel is still the popular stopping place for travelling men that Sinclair Bros. have always made it. A noticeable feature of the buildings in Holland is their size and substantial appearance, the stone, which is easily obtained in the vicinity, being largely used as a material. It would be unfair to the town to pass without reference to that local and semi-public institution, the local newspaper, the Holland server, a neat and newsy sheet edited by Mr. B. Woodhull, and got out in very workmanlike manner, as to type, make-up and press-work, points often sadly neglected by the local newspaper.

#### CYPRESS RIVER.

For fourteen or fifteen miles west of Holland, one drives for the most part, past continuous wheat and grain fields, with the thickly-set yellow stubble and frequent straw pile mute evidence, but eloquent of the