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## Morden, Man.

About thirty years ago there was a wild rush for farms in the Province of Manitoba, and enterprising farmers from all over Eastern Canada came west to seek new homes. As the advantages of the country became better known, the population increased, more land became cultivated, and towns gradually began to spring up. Now these towns and villages are in the center of thriving little settlements, with railways passing to and fro, bringing in machinery, provisions, and all kinds of luxuries and necessities.

Now the "Red Man" is a thing of the past, and the hardship of clearing a farm is no longer in the way. The farmer has every comfort, and all the privileges of an advanced civilization, with schools and churches everywhere.

From time to time the large manufacturing concerns from the eastern part of Canada have cast their shiny eyes along our borders, and some have already started branches; but still there is room for more, and the doors for new enterprises are just opening.

Prominent in size and enterprise among the towns of Manitoba, and situated in the center of a good and fertile country now well settled with progressive and prosperous farmers, is Morden, with a population of about 2,000 people. It is situated on the Pembina branch of the C. P. R., about 80 miles south-west of the city of Winnipeg.

In 1875, a large number of Mennonites settled in this district, which has swelled from about 6,000 to 20,000, and it continues to prosper famously. In 1883, the railway was constructed; but the town was not incorporated until 1895. Mr. H. P. Hansen, now of the Manitoba Cream Separator Co., of Winnipeg, was the first mayor. The town has been growing ever since, and improvements have continued. Now there is elevator capacity of 210,000 bushels, and about a million bushels of grain are shipped out annually. Mr. C. D. Sharpe, M.D., the Sec.-Treas. of the Board of Trade, helps to keep the commercial ball rolling.

To-day Morden can boast of two schools and nine churches. In March, 1903, a hospital was erected by the Freemasons, with twenty-one beds, with a nurses' home and an isolation department in connection. Mr. A. C. D. Pigot is clerk of the Hospital Directors' Board.

Besides the few present manufacturing concerns, there are, of course, the usual stores selling all kinds of general merchandise. There are also three hotels, and during most of the year a brisk business is carried on between the storekeepers and the farmers, from whom most of their trade comes. The mainstay of the surrounding district is grain, but hogs and cattle are also raised. The land is a rich black loam, with clay subsoil.

This year, in Morden, the Government is erecting judicial buildings to cost about \$40,000. Already there is a good woollen mill engaged in the manufacture of carpets, yarns, blankets and tweeds, with dye works in connection. About twelve people are employed. One pump factory is busy, and another is just starting operations. The Morden Machine Works repairs and rebuilds engines, boilers and implements; they have a large shop in connection for moulding brass and iron.

The tannery here, at which all kinds of raw hides are bought, sold and tanned, is in prosperous condition. The Winnipeg Granite and Marble Mfg. Co. also have a branch in Morden. There is a



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brickyard near town; and a cement manufacturing firm is located in it.

The citizens of the town have formed a Farmers' Elevator Company, and will erect a building this year. A branch of the Canadian Northern Railway is talked of, and the citizens have high hopes of securing it soon. The town has an option of a parcel of ground outside the limits, consisting of five acres, and the advisability of establishing a waterworks system is being considered. The town is already lighted with electric light.

One very prominent point to a stranger in Morden is the resident section. The residences are nicely decorated, the lots being large, with well-trimmed lawns, profusely planted with trees. All this tends to show that prosperity and future growth is sure to follow. Morden is now only started as a business center. It is not a distributing center, but is so located as to make it convenient for eastern business enterprises to start branches for the manufacturing of their wares for Western trade. It has good prospects of becoming a large city, and is well worthy of a high place among the towns of Manitoba.

The sixteenth annual exhibition of the Morden Electoral District Agricultural Division Agricultural Society will be held in Morden on July 21st and 22nd, when \$2,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best live stock and farm produce in the district.

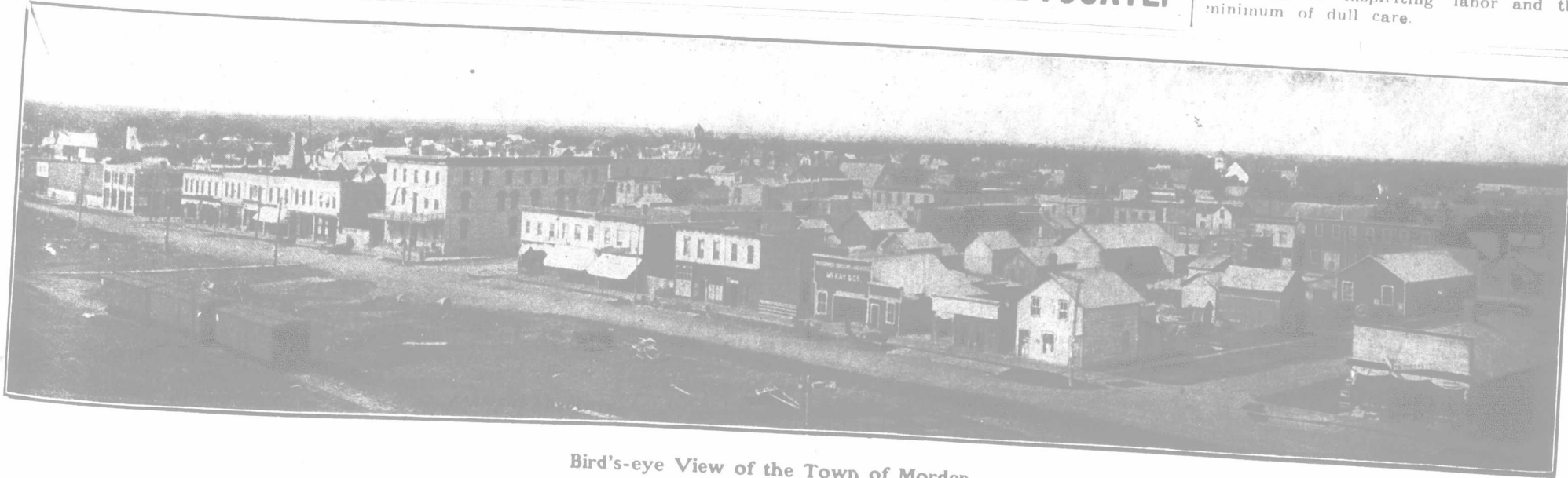
Keep in tune with nature and you won't have to keep in touch with the medicine men.

The death is reported in our English exchanges of Joseph Culshaw, of Castle Hill, Towneley, near Burnley, Yorkshire, at the age of 92 years, formerly herdsman for the late Col. Towneley, a noted breeder and exhibitor of Shorthorns in his day.

Don't forget that rape may be sown at almost any time during the summer and be ready to turn in six or seven weeks, except in a very dry time. It is wonderful help to your pigs, sheep, calves and other stock, except milk cows, and these may be allowed to feed on it an hour or two in the morning and evening. It gives the milk a turnip flavor if they are allowed to run on it all the time.

NOT WORK BUT WORRY HARMS.

It was not work, but care, that killed the cat of the adage, and it is yet to be clearly proved that hard work regularly done has ever hurt any one, or that congenial, profitable employment is not a pleasure and a physical and mental advantage. When the vocation is uncongenial and without fair compensation, the element of worry and fret intrudes, and it is that, rather than the hard work, which breaks down the victim's health and spirits. Work regularly, intelligently, no matter how energetically done, is rather more likely to promote health than to impair it, or to prolong life rather than to shorten it. The idle man, who lacks employment of body and mind, is more likely to suffer from nervous depression or to discover, as Carlyle says, that he has within him that "infernal machine, a liver," than is the man who has serious work to think about, and who by doing it keeps his physical organs in normal condition. Indeed, the secret of healthful living seems to be a-plenty of work cheerfully done—the maximum of inspiring labor and the minimum of dull care.



Bird's-eye View of the Town of Morden.

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