

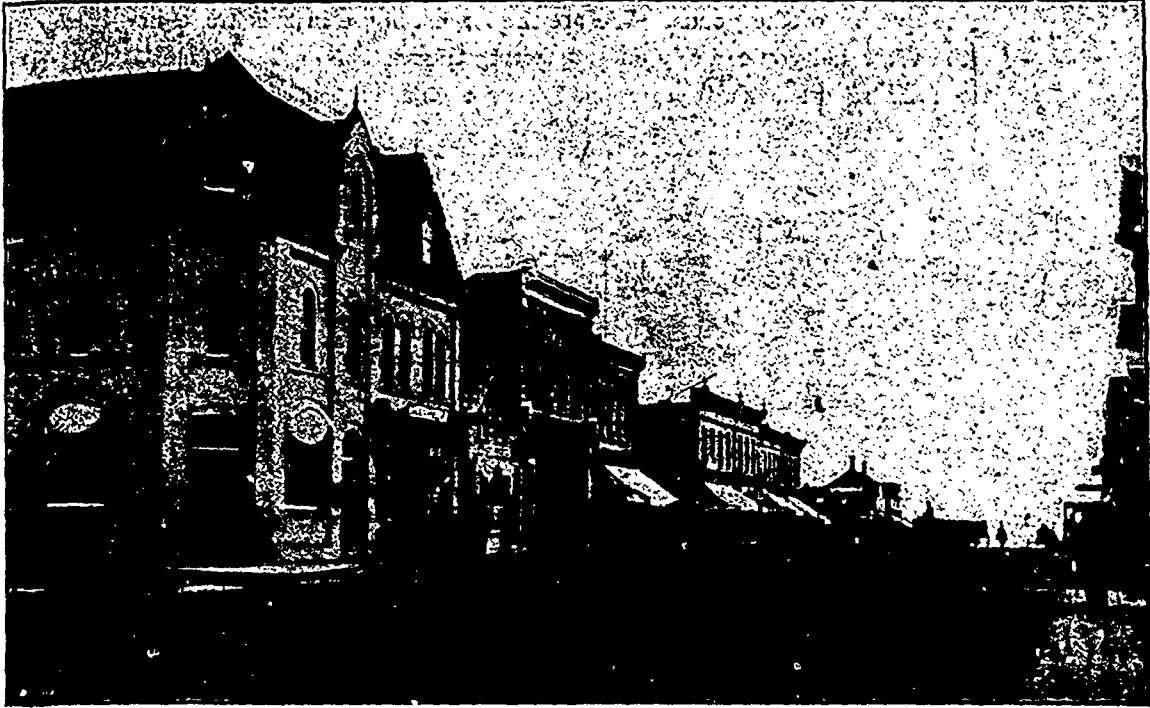
Eastern Assinibola Towns.

In a previous latter, which appeared in *The Commercial* a few weeks ago, observations were made upon the most noticeable evidences of progress in the towns along the main line of the C.P.R. in Manitoba between Winnipeg and the western boundary of the province. It is now proposed to take up the same

era Canada. Moosomin supports two lumber yards and these each report a large volume of business for 1898. Both in town and country a great deal of building was done. *The Spectator*, the local paper here, is a widely read and influential publication. Among the projected enterprises for 1899 is a new and independent elevator which the local merchants propose to erect.

Wapella has a flour mill which brings considerable business to its merchants.

Whitewood is a most interesting place. It is best known for an experiment of some years ago in the cultivation of chicory and sugar beets, an industry which was established by a number of French colonists who settled in this neighborhood. It is also



VIEW IN MOOSOMIN FROM UNION BANK BUILDING

theme in its application to the business centres of Assinibola as far west as Indian Head, as seen during the short visit to each of these by a Commercial representative.

Moosomin is the gateway town of Assinibola in the east. It is the centre of a well-settled and prosperous farm-

This is to counteract the keen competition of neighboring towns in wheat buying.

Wapella is a town of about 400 inhabitants. It is splendidly situated with a commanding view of the surrounding country. Although not so large as some of its neighbors

a ranching centre of considerable importance. The town bears evidence of the foreign ideas of many of its inhabitants and contains some very quaint looking buildings, the homes of its French citizens, built after the models to which they have been accustomed in the old country. It must not



PRINCIPAL BUSINESS STREET IN INDIAN HEAD

ing district and bears evidence in the plan of its streets and buildings of unusual care and taste in their construction. Some of its stores are exceptionally large and well stocked, that of R. L. McNaughton, general merchant, being most conspicuous in this respect. Very few finer establishments can be found anywhere in west-

Wapella is an important grain market and will no doubt in time become an important centre. As showing the rate at which it is growing it may be said that during the past two years no less than thirty-two business and private buildings have been erected. G. E. Nugent is now adding a large addition to his implement prem-

be supposed that French is the preponderating nationality here, as in reality there are not many of these people left. English-speaking people are now largely in the majority. It is interesting to note, though, in passing, that there are no less than thirteen different nationalities represented in this town,