

and now that wheat has commenced to move actively, the traffic will be largely increased. The Great Northwest Telegraph Company operate along the line over the railway wires. The lack of postal accommodation is the most annoying thing which the business men along the line have to put up with, the Dominion Government having been very slow to recognize the rights of the people. Though the railway has been operated in part for over a year, no mail is carried along this line.

Along the line generally considerable breaking of new land was observed, but it was evident that fall plowing is unusually backward this year. The country was covered with grain stacks everywhere, and from appearances it would not seem that more than one-third to one-quarter of the grain had been threshed. A large quantity of the grain will be handled on the line, as the movement is already large, in view of the quantity threshed. What is true here is also true as a rule throughout Manitoba. Another point noticed was the absence of prairie fires. At this time of the year the prairie is often black in all directions from prairie fires, but along the line hardly a patch was burned, though one fire was observed burning. Many stacks were noticed entirely unprotected from prairie fires, and some of these quite close to the railway, where a spark from the engine might start a fire any time. Farmers still seem to be very careless in this matter, though many have been taught severe lessons in the past by the destruction of their stacks.

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