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PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH.

Leaving the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Regina, the traveler in this western country may take the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway, which branches off to the northwest at this point, and journey for a day through some of the most interesting parts of the Northwest Territories, arriving in the evening at Prince Albert in the provisional district of Saskatchewan.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway is a comparatively new road built for the purpose of giving the fine country tributary to the Saskatchewan river communication with the outside world. Since its completion settlement in the farming and ranching districts tributary to it has been going on steadily until today some of the better districts are almost as well settled as those along the main line of the C. P. R.

Lumsden is the first important point after leaving Regina, and is distant from there about twenty miles. It is a grain district principally, the farmers devoting themselves largely to wheat growing. The town made some growth last year, both in population and building improvements and promises still larger things this year. There are two large general stores here owned by William Binning and Burrows & Balfour. There are also two lumber yards, one a branch of a Regina concern, and the other owned by H. Brett, two blacksmith shops, hotel, and two grain elevators.

The district north of Lumsden as far as Saskatoon is as yet unsettled and presents no unusual features in the way of business, or agricultural attractions. It is a prairie country, some of which by reason of physical

disabilities is undesirable for farming purposes.

Crak is one of the most promising points along this part of the road. Dundurn is the last point in Assinibola and Grindlay the first in Saskatchewan.

Saskatoon is the point at which the railway crosses the South Saskatchewan River, and is also the railway supply point for the Battleford country, which lies some distance to the west. It is distant from Regina 160 miles, and from Prince Albert 87 miles. One of the Dominion government creameries is located here, besides a fair representation of all the different lines of business suitable to a farming community. It is also a railway divisional point. The business community is somewhat scattered, part being on one side of the river and part on the other. The railway station is on the south side of the river and one or two stores. Here, no doubt, the business community will in time gather. Leslie & Wilson and R. W. Dalmage are leading general merchants, while W. H. Sinclair is a general merchant and cattle dealer. Thos. Copeland carries on a drug and commission business. The Massey-Har-

of the mounted police force were wounded and killed. The country hereabouts is becoming well settled and has been found to be excellently adapted for mixed farming. Wm. Stobart & Co. are the principal storekeepers, while W. J. Pozer also engages in general storekeeping. McIntyre Bros., who have been mentioned as being in the wholesale liquor trade at Saskatoon, carry on a hotel business here. J. Pillvert is doing a small grocery business. The Massey Harris company have an agency at Duck Lake.

Prince Albert is the terminus of this line of railroad and is one of the most northerly towns in Canada. Its distance from Regina is 250 miles. The location is a most beautiful one and there are many historic associations connected with the place. It is the trading centre for an immense stretch of country and annually receives in exchange for the goods which it sends north large quantities of valuable furs which later find their way to the warehouses of New York and London. This is also a cattle market of some importance. Not so much new growth is to be observed at Prince Albert as at some other territorial points, but



PRINCIPAL BUSINESS PORTION OF PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN.

ris Co., have an implement agency at this point.

Rosthern, the next business centre north of Saskatoon, is the centre of a large Mennonite colony and is becoming an important farmers' market. It is 200 miles from Regina and 50 miles south of Prince Albert. The business turnover at this point yearly is quite large, and the town is steadily growing, having had several additions to its places of business last year. Considerable building was done last year both in town and country. There are four general stores at this point, the proprietors of which are, J. J. Boise & Bro., Eus & Caruh, Freisen & Janzen and Isaac P. Freisen & Co., Selmens & Co. and J. J. Fehr, each carry on lumber yards, McIntyre Bros., a wholesale liquor store, W. B. Baschford, a hardware store, and J. Loewen a hotel. Newfeldt & Sons engage in the milling business at this point.

Duck Lake, eleven miles north of Rosthern, is another growing Saskatchewan town. The townsite is near the scene of the first battle with the Indians and Metis in the rebellion of 1885, when a number of volunteers from Prince Albert and members

this is explained when we say that the town being much older than most of the others in this country it long ago attained as large dimensions as the business to be done would warrant and until some new factor enters into the situation it will not increase very much in size. The merchants now on the ground are amply able to handle all the trade. No attempt will be made here to enumerate the various firms doing business at this point. It is sufficient to say that there are several large general stores, a Hudson's Bay company store and trading post, two flour mills, two saw mills, a brewery, a branch of the Imperial bank etc. The saw mill business hitherto carried on by D. L. Shannon is now being operated by H. Keith & Co., who have bought it out. The lumber cut by the two mills here is mostly spruce and is entirely absorbed by the local demand. Prince Albert is looking forward with undiminished hope to the completion of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway, or some other road from Winnipeg to this point, which would give direct communication with the east