

# Grouard

## The Centre of The Peace River District



THE trend of settlement and the march of progress has now extended far into the last West and there are abundant indications that the famed Peace River District is the chief magnet of immigration into Northern Alberta and in fact the whole North-west, and principally on account of its unique strategic and central position has Grouard been the drawing card. It is surrounded by immense areas of virgin soil of an exceedingly productive character, vast forests of merchantable timber and a great wealth of undeveloped mineral resources.



Northern Transportation and Hudson's Bay Co.'s Steamboats at Grouard, Lesser Slave Lake, Alta.

## Strategic Location of Grouard

For a century it has been the most important distributing point to which all roads of the great Northland converged. It was here at the end of navigation that the great fur companies, traders, missionaries, miners, prospectors and the Royal North-West Mounted Police all choose as their headquarters. It was here a half a century ago that the venerable patriot Bishop Grouard established his headquarters and built the first mission and the first steam-boat to ply upon the peaceful waters of Lesser Slave Lake, the largest, finest and only navigable lake in Alberta (named after the Slavi Tribe of Indians). Now that railroads are advancing and civilization increasing the Indian and halfbreed hunters and trappers are being crowded back to make room for their white brethren.

## Grouard the Only Town in the Peace River District

The World has its eye on the West and the centre of this last Great West is Grouard at the West end of the largest lake in Alberta. Lesser Slave Lake which is eighty miles in length and admitted by one and all to be one of the finest fishing and game resorts of the North. It is through here that all the settlers, miners, prospectors, traders, trappers, tourists, writers and poets must pass on their way to the different points in the adventurous far North.