they have erected on the lots where their old store formerly stood. This is also a solid brick building and is 60x105, divided into two stores con-Lected by a passage way at the front. In the corner store will be placed the the opening they were taking care of fifteen patients, and there has been un average of eleven patients in for treatment since then and satisfaction is everywhere expressed that a hospital was sta ted, as it has been long before the buildings were replaced by others. There are also at this point an implement warehouse, impler yard and blacksmith shop, and two elevators. In 1898 about 150,-000 bushels of grain passed through



Nelson Street, Virden.

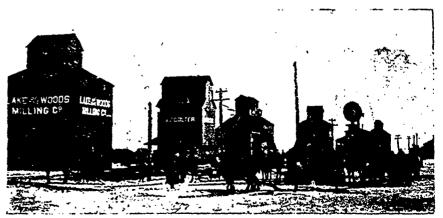
shelf hardware, the stove and tinware department occupying the other half.
The T. A. Garland Co. have moved their store into the business part of the town and are building a large addition at the rear.

if I. Housser & Co. have for years helped to supply this this this with lumber trict and short time ago they bought the plan-ing mili of D. C. McCuaig which they are now running in connection with their other business. This firm have been operating in Portage la Prairie for ten years, and now employ about a dozon men, and have several branch vards as well. The Hudson's Bay Co. have a branch store here in which they have displayed a very good stock of general goods. A. J. Crighton, wholesale grocer, is located at this place and does a large business, his brand of tea being especially popular. The Farmers' Trading Co. handle agriurai implements and wholesale business as having a large retail cuturai flow large retail trade the immediate neighborhco:1.

Wm. Garland confines his attention to clothing and men's furnishings, and does a large business in these lines. I. & E. Brown carry a full stock of general merchandise, which they have displayed to good advantage in their roomy and well lighted store. They intend extending their business this year to include farm implements. A general hospital was opened here on the 9th of Sept. last, and has been doing very good work under the able management of Nurse Smith, who was for a number of years head nurse in one of the wards of the Winnipeg bospital. Inside of three weeks after

The tadly needed for a long while. Northern I acific Railway pany extended their line twenty miles northwest Comcome pany extended their line some twenty unles northwest from Fortage la Frairie last year, and have also built a branch ten miles north to a point near Lake Manitoka. There are, of course, a large number of other concerns doing business at this point, and several bank branches, but space will not recent us to mention them in detail. permit us to mention them in detail.

these elevators, the amount last year being somewhat less than that, amounting to alout 125,000 bushels. Large quantities of cord wood are slupped from here each year to points on the Canadian lacific Rainway west, and the Canadian Vertices Control on the Chiadan Facilic Rahway west, and the Great Northwest Central Rahway. The extension of the Northern Pacific Rahway from Portage la Prairie will no doubt draw some of the business from this point, but it is expected that it



Grain Elevators at Virden.

At Bagot there is but one general store, which is owned by J. C. I.owrie, who has been here for over seven years. Nearly the whole town, including this store, were hurned by a bush fire in the fall of 1837, but it was not

will also tend to settle up the coun-

try surrounding it.

MacGregor is in a good mixed farming district, there being plenty of bush affording shelter to the cattle in winter, and also an abundance of good