

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 connected 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 an average of eleven patients in for treatment since then and satisfaction is everywhere expressed that a hospital was started, as it has been

long before the buildings were replaced by others. There are also at this point an implement warehouse, lumber yard and blacksmith shop, and two elevators. In 1898 about 150,000 bushels of grain passed through



Nelson Street, Virden.

shell 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. J. B. Housser & Co. have for years helped to supply this district with lumber and a short time ago they bought the planing mill 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 dozen men, and have several branch yards 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 agricultural implements and do a wholesale business as well as having a large retail trade in the immediate neighborhood.

Wm. Garland confines his attention to clothing and men's furnishings, and does a large business in these lines. J. & B. 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 hospital. Inside of three weeks after

badly needed for a long while. The Northern Pacific Railway Company extended their line some twenty miles northwest from Portage la Prairie last year, and have also built a branch ten miles north to a point near Lake Manitoba. There are, of course, a large number of other concerns doing business at this point, and several bank branches, but space will not permit us to mention them in detail.

these elevators, the amount last year being somewhat less than that, amounting to about 125,000 bushels. Large quantities of cord wood are shipped from here each year to points on the Canadian Pacific Railway west, and the Great Northwest Central Railway. The extension of the Northern Pacific Railway 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. Lowrie, who has been here for over seven years. Nearly the whole town, including this store, were burned by a bush fire in the fall of 1897, but it was not

will also tend to settle up the country 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