

towns along the railroads, the figures inside the circle indicate how many elevators for grain storage are located at that point.

CITIES AND TOWNS.

Winnipeg, the capital of the Province, is situated at the confluence of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers on the site of Old Fort Garry. It has a population of 40,000. It is the seat of the Local Government of the Province, and of the Provincial Courts. It is the commercial, banking, legal and educational centre of the Province. Its principal buildings are the Government Buildings, Court House, City Hall, Post Office, Manitoba Hotel, General Hospital, Deaf and Dumb Institute, wholesale houses, churches, colleges and schools, with many fine business blocks, as well as many beautiful private residences. It has an efficient electric street car service, water works, electric and gas light and telephone service.

St. Boniface, on the east side of the Red River, opposite Winnipeg, has a population of 2,000. It has always retained its French element in supremacy. It has a fine Hospital, College, Academy, Convents.

Brandon, 133 miles west of Winnipeg, on the main line of the C. P. R., has a population of 6,000. It is situated on the south side of the Assiniboine, beautifully located on the sloping bank. It is noted for its elevators and mills, its water works, fine streets, town hall and post office. To the north-east along the Assiniboine is the Brandon Asylum, and to the north-west the Government Experimental Farm.

Portage la Prairie, 56 miles west of Winnipeg, has a population of 3,500. Its public buildings are the Home for Incurables, its mills and elevators. It is the market place for the immense wheat crops that grow and ripen on the Portage Plains.

Morden, a busy little town on the Pembina branch of the C. P. R., has a hospital, registry office and a number of elevators.

INHABITANTS.

A description of the early settlers, the Hudson Bay Traders and the present inhabitants verges so closely on history that we shall only touch upon these very interesting points.

The original inhabitants were Indians, over 10,000 are still resident in Manitoba. They have reserves in different