

which he will shortly open out in business with a stock of general merchandise. This point has been without a flour mill for some years, the old one owned by Major Bell having been destroyed by fire. Last summer Wilson, George & Wilson, seeing the opening there was here erected a new mill having a capacity of about 100 barrels per day. The plant was installed by the Stratford Mill Building Co., and comprises six sets of rolls and a universal bolter, and no expense was spared to make the mill an up to date one. The machinery is disposed of in the different flats with due regard to space and convenience. Wilson, George & Wilson are also grain dealers and exporters.

The town of Qu'Appelle Station has tributary to it an immense tract of farm land to the north, including Fort

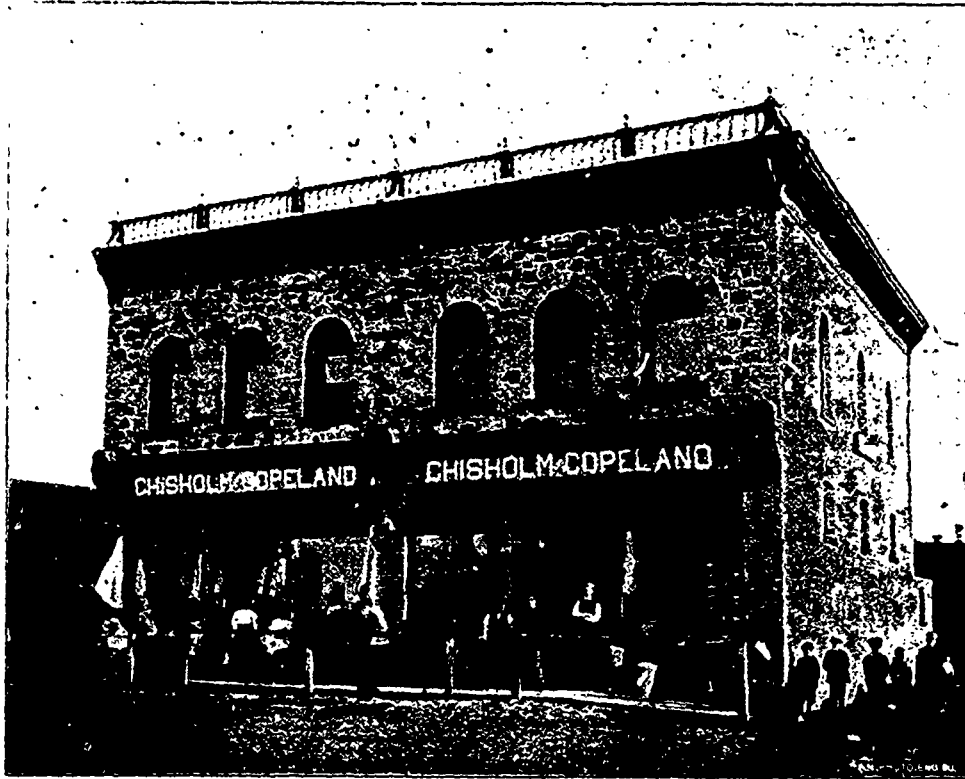
hus mill in running order, which will be in the near future, is sure to turn out a high grade of flour. The municipality of South Qu'Appelle gave a bonus of \$5,000 and tax exemption for 20 years, to assist in remodelling the mill. This town also boasts a felt factory, which makes felt boots and shoes, harness felt, blankets, etc. This factory was started in September, 1898, and gives employment to from 25 to 30 hands.

McLean and Balgonie have not as yet attained to much size, but each do a considerable amount of business.

The district of Regina appears now to be emerging from the cloud under which it has lain, quite contentedly we fear, for a number of years. The general opinion of outsiders has been that this was a poor farming district, principally owing to the difficulty of ob-

dently expected that the C. P. R. Co. will extend their Pipestone branch to tap this district.

Regina is the capital of the North-west Territories and the headquarters of the N. W. Mounted Police. It has a population of 2,200 and although it cannot boast any beauty of situation, as it is planted on the level prairie without a tree native to the soil to brighten the view, still it has a number of very fine buildings which give it rather an attractive appearance. Mention might be made of the two school buildings, the court house, the Bank of Montreal building and the Windsor Hotel and of several other large and handsome structures, which prove that the residents of Regina at least have had faith in their locality. Few western centres can boast of better or larger stores. There are four



Chisholm & Copeland's Store, Grenfell, Assa.

Qu'Appelle and the Touchwood Hill district, from which it yearly receives large numbers of cattle and great quantities of wheat. Last year nearly 1,500 head of cattle were shipped from here. In the more immediate neighborhood of Qu'Appelle, the farmers who have been engaged in mixed farming in the past, are now giving their attention almost entirely to the cultivation of wheat and are disposing of their cattle and buying more land. This point is well supplied with stores, having three general stores, which are owned by C. F. Bailey & Co., J. P. Beauchamp and S. H. Caswell, also hardware and furniture stores, butcher shop, lumber yard, drug stores, fruit and confectionery stands, etc. The flour mill at this point has been idle for a number of years, but D. Moore has now taken hold of it and is overhauling and rearranging the whole building. He is discarding a greater portion of the old machinery and is putting in an up to date plant of 125 barrels per day capacity. Mr. Moore is a practical miller and when he gets

taining good water, and also that the district to the south of the town, especially was subject to drought. Last year the Regina Board of Trade took up the water question and sent two of its members to Winnipeg, who succeeded in interesting three of the large companies holding lands here, securing their co-operation in the sinking of test wells throughout this district. About twelve tests were made and out of that number nine proved very satisfactory, good water being obtained at a depth ranging from 80 to 120 feet. It is the intention to continue this work next summer. As a result of these tests forty-three quarter sections were taken up last fall in a settlement that has received almost no addition to its numbers for many years. A great portion of this vast tract stretching from Regina south to the Soo line is still open for homesteading and a rush of settlers is expected next spring. Another factor that will doubtless aid in the rapid settlement of this region is to be found in the fact that it is con-

large Departmental stores known as The Regina Trading Co., The Glasgow House, McCarthy's and Jno. Dobbin's, the latter having until recently been owned by Thining & Gilroy. Judging from the size of these stores and the stocks carried the yearly turn over of business must be very great. Among the new business enterprises of the last year is the felt factory started last fall by Boez & Co. As yet they have only been able to make sufficient goods to supply the local demand but they expect to be in a position to do a wholesale business next fall and will be starting a traveller out soon with samples. They will make felt boots and shoes, harness felt, horse blankets, etc. So sure are they of the quality of their goods that they are giving a guarantee with every pair of boots sold. J. & E. Ehnman have started a general store and the Mc Cormick Harvesting Machine Co. it is understood, are opening a distributing branch here, making it the headquarters for the N. W. Territories. W. J. Cummings is the local manager.