

### **BIRTLE.**

Passing on from Minnedosa, past Shoal Lake, a rising town, we reach Birtle (194 miles from Winnipeg). Birtle has a population of about 100, and promises ere long to be a first-class business centre. Its natural situation is in its favor, and a very large agricultural country is tributary to it. There is a saw, shingle and lath mill, a flour mill, elevator, post and telegraph offices, stores, hotels, etc. The celebrated Binscarth stock farm is in the municipality of Birtle.

### **RUSSELL.**

From Binscarth there is a branch line running to Russell (222 miles from Winnipeg), the centre of a district where large numbers of cattle, sheep and horses are raised. Some three miles from Russell are the home and large farm established by Dr. Barnardo, of London, England.

### **C. P. R. BRANCH LINES—GLENBORO.**

Returning to Winnipeg we go out on the Southwestern branch of the C. P. R. to Glenboro (105 miles from Winnipeg). After passing Headingly, for a distance of 50 or 60 miles, the country is more adapted to stock-raising and grazing than growing grain, but from Treherne and Holland westward we again enter a good grain country. Glenboro is the present western terminus of this branch railway, and the rapidity of its growth leads to the belief that it will be a prosperous market town. It is situated right in the heart of a rich grain and cattle country. If intending settlers wish for information regarding this district they may apply to R. S. Thompson, Esq., Glenboro, ex-M. P. P. for that division. His advice may be relied upon.

### **SOURIS CITY.**

There is a tract of country lying west of Glenboro and south of the C. P. R. which is not yet supplied with railroad facilities, but which is well settled by a highly desirable class of men, and which contains some of the finest farming land in Manitoba, and also some of the finest cultivated farms. Souris City is in this part of the country, some 20 miles southeast from Brandon. It lies in a plain having the Brandon Hills to the northwest and the Turtle Mountain to the south. In all probability this part of the country will have a railroad next year. The celebrated Penketh stock farm is near Souris City.

### **SOURIS, OR PLUM CREEK.**

Still further west, and about 25 miles southwest from Brandon, is Souris, a prosperous little village with a large flour mill, stores, churches, school, etc. The country in this neighborhood is well settled and has been for years, but much land can still be bought at low prices. In the neighborhood are one or two large stock farms, notably those of Sharman Bros. and J. E. Smith.

### **TO DELORAINE.**

Running southwesterly from Winnipeg to Deloraine (202 miles) is another branch line controlled by the C. P. R. To say that it runs through a fine section of country but inadequately expresses the truth. This part has repeatedly been termed "The Garden of Manitoba." Almost the whole of the country traversed by this line is suitable for grain raising, but nearly all the farmers now go in for cattle and mixed farming, as this has been demonstrated to be the best method to pursue. All along the route there are prosperous little towns and villages. There is Morris likely to