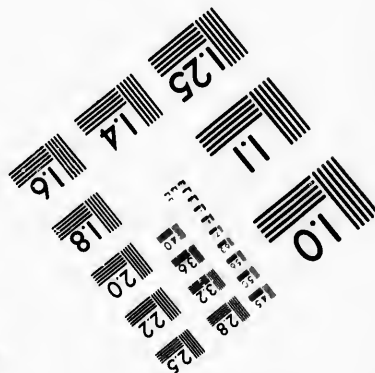
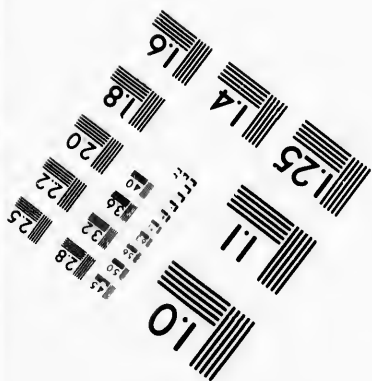
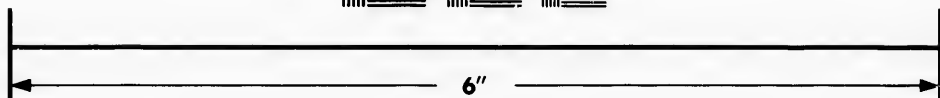
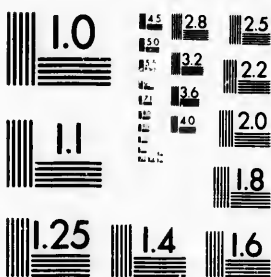


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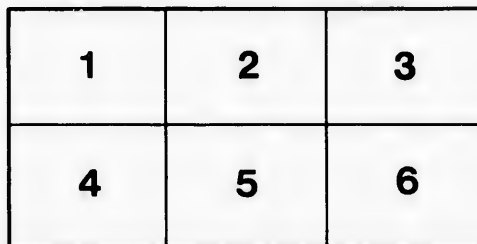
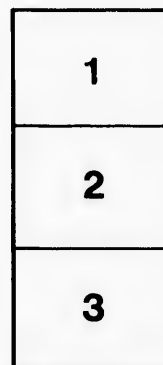
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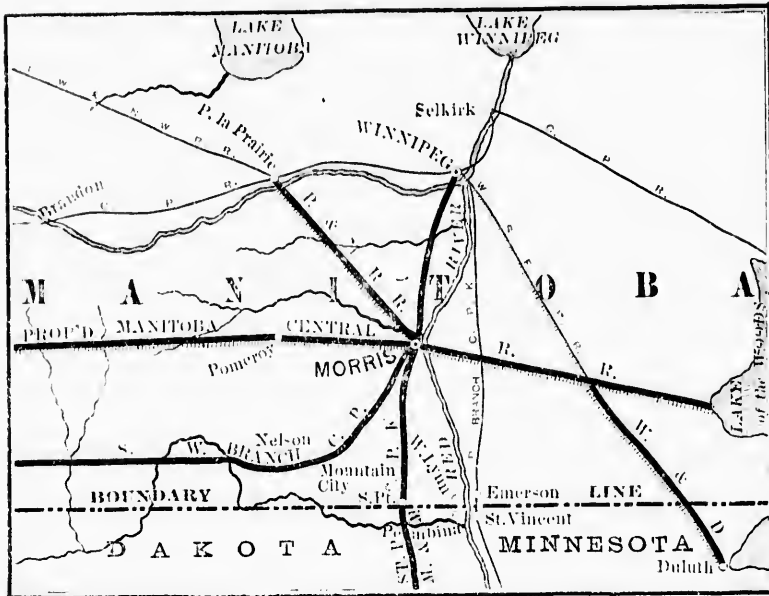
The reader will find in the following pages an interesting account of the past and present history of the town of Morris, together with accurate statements concerning the fertility of the farming lands surrounding. Morris already ranks prominently with the business towns of the West, and will eventually become an important railway and commercial centre. It is not a paper town, but solidly established in the centre of a district unapproachable for farming purposes. Persons contemplating a trip to this Province will be well repaid by stopping off at Morris, and it being located on the principal line of the Canadian Pacific Railway running to the Province enables the visitor to do so conveniently.

MAP OF THE  
**RED RIVER VALLEY**

SHOWING POSITION OF

**MORRIS, MANITOBA.**

THE GREAT FUTURE RAILWAY CENTRE OF SOUTHERN MANITOBA.



The above engraving will give the reader a correct idea regarding the location of Morris. It will be seen that the railway and water facilities are all that could be desired - commanding at once all the points of the compass, and also that as regards location Morris has everything in her favor. Not only have commercial pursuits every means of communication with the outside world, but the geographical position at once gives Morris precedence, added also the fact that every competent judge unhesitatingly declares the land in this section to be unequalled throughout the West - being in the fertile Red River belt.



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# MORRIS.

The foundation of Morris was laid by selecting it as the most convenient and most desirable point for a stopping place on the old government stage route between Winnipeg and the border, recollections of which are still fresh in the memory of residents, and many interesting tales are told concerning their experience in travelling by the comfortable old coach-and-four, surrounded by passengers and mail bags. Railroads were then in the dim distance, and the present incomer knows nothing of the difficulties and delays of former times.

The railroads and telegraph lines now in existence afford a strong contrast to the uncertainties of half a dozen years past, and at once place us on a par with other parts of the world. The selection of this point as the connecting link was most admirably made, and is conceded by travellers to be the finest town site they have seen throughout the entire West. All admit that the natural lay of the ground is admirably adapted for the purposes of a town of any size. Innumerable references can be pointed to in substantiation of the statement that there is not in the Province or throughout the North-west a more desirable location for a manufacturing or commercial business of any kind.

Morris can be seen for a long distance in every direction, being high above the river and out of all danger of floods. Cities and towns in other parts of Canada and in the States are yearly experiencing damage from water and ice, the like of which has never been known here, and a mistaken notion prevails in the East that this is a hindrance.

## SITUATION OF MORRIS.

Morris is situated on the most extreme westerly point of Red River at its confluence with Morris River, being at the distance of 43 miles from Winnipeg, and 24 from the United States boundary line. It is the

county seat of Morris county, the registry office being already in operation and a county court established. The town is admirably situated for manufacturing and commercial purposes, and will eventually take a prominent rank, being convenient to the markets, with every facility for shipment. The streets are well laid out, being broad and regular. The high bank of both the Red and Morris Rivers afford very desirable sites for private residences, and lots are being rapidly secured. The town being properly handled from the start does not possess any of the drawbacks so frequently met with in other places,—no irregular angles, no narrow or crooked streets, and every street connecting at each end with another.

#### CLIMATE.

The cold in winter is not by any means a drawback, nor so much to be dreaded as people living in more southerly climates imagine, in fact four out of five of the people who have spent winters here aver that they prefer the winter months, the air being clear, dry and bracing, the thermometer varying but slightly for weeks together and the sun shining brightly, making that season most enjoyable. Very true, occasionally we are visited by what is termed a blizzard, making it a little uncomfortable for the time being, but what part of Canada does not have just such visitors. These storms are not more dreaded, or more unendurable, than similar Eastern visitors.

The summer months possess all the advantages of warm sunshine, cooling and almost continuous breezes, the nights being incomparable for sound and refreshing sleep, and almost anything that can be grown in any part of Canada thriving well.

The spring opens at once without the long, dreary, disagreeable weather usual elsewhere. Dismal fall rains are something unknown, this being the prime season, and enjoyed to the fullest extent by every inhabitant.

The streets of the town, and roads generally, throughout the county, are first class, the effects of the heaviest rain quickly disappearing, drying within a few hours. They are acknowledged by people travelling to be superior to any they ever used, in some places equalling a block pavement. There is no limit to the load of grain or other produce to be brought to market, merely a question of what the conveyance will bear.

## RAILROAD COMMUNICATION.

Railroads from all points are certain to touch here. The South-western branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway is already in operation. This has been the one objective point, and now that it is attained the future additional railroads are only a question of a few months. The Canadian Pacific Railway line will be of estimable value in affording direct communication with the entire Eastern railroad system. By this line will also come the future supply of coal, going as it does, directly to the great coal fields of the Souris, so that all doubts as to the future supply are groundless. This line will certainly be the chosen one for passenger travel, by every consideration being the most desirable—the greater height of land and grandeur of the scenery being of importance. The road has been constructed in the most substantial manner, and with a knowledge of its future use as the principal line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Morris, Portage and North-western Railway will be with us in a few months, and a glance at the map will show the reader the benefit of such westerly connection, enabling through-bound travelers to proceed on their journey without deviation, and giving manufacturers a direct line for shipment to the markets of the West.

The Manitoba Central Railway Company have applied for a charter to construct a line from Morris easterly to the Lake of the Woods, and westerly through the noted Boyne settlement, being midway between the main and the southerly line of the C. P. R. The proposed Winnipeg and Duluth Railway will be crossed at a convenient place to catch the through-bound passenger and freight travel. The benefit this line will be to Morris in furnishing an unlimited supply of lumber from the East cannot be over-estimated, as well as commanding the very heart of Southern Manitoba. Men of enterprise and capital are at the head of this road, and they are determined to put it through at once. Now that matters have been set rolling, other roads are sure to be desirous of reaching this place.

A charter has also been applied for to construct an immense traffic bridge across the Red River at Morris, a work of much necessity to the public, and one that will have their hearty endorsement. Having no other town within thirty miles the future of Morris is beyond question.

## WATER FACILITIES.

Morris has every advantage of water communication—rivers and lakes in all directions affording convenient and easy means of travel and ship-

ment. The Red River passing through this county gives connection with every waterfare throughout the continent. To the north direct travel is made by way of the Red River to Lake Winnipeg a large body of water hundreds of miles in length and by other water routes still farther north. To the south, the Red River runs hundreds of miles through the neighboring States, and connections are made with the Mississippi through to the Gulf of Mexico if desired. Easterly, surveys have already been made for a short canal to connect at Duluth with the great chain of Lakes, thence down the St. Lawrence and direct to the European markets, enabling grain to be shipped at Morris for any point in that direction. To the west the Red River has already lines of steamers plying regularly for hundreds of miles, connecting with the Assiniboine, the Saskatchewan, and other streams for almost any point in the great North-west, and travel by water is had, without interruption, to the Rocky Mountains.

The Red River, running through this county, and connecting with every stream of importance, gives the key to all others, and is the outlet for all the waters of the North-west. It is the largest and most central body, and by it must come and go all travel by water. Timber and saw logs are annually passing down it in immense quantities, and without rapids or other obstructions are easily conveyed to their destination. Material for building has been placed on rafts and landed at the desired point. The Scratching River, Stinking River, and other streams at convenient intervals throughout the county, supply water in abundance for every purpose. The best of water is found in any part by sinking wells, as good as can be had anywhere in the Dominion. Cattle and other animals are readily supplied with the best of grazing wherever desired, and, with plenty of water convenient, are always in the best of condition.

Railroads and water courses connecting Morris with the entire continent at all seasons, the best of land being ready for the plow, and the demand for manufactured products being great and continually on the increase, as a field for immigration this county is unsurpassed.

#### FARMING LAND.

The land on all sides of Morris cannot be surpassed, if indeed it can be equalled in any part of the continent, as a drive through the country and comparison of the production of other lands will testify. The upper strata consists of a rich black loam, varying from one to eight feet in depth, under which is a compact, yellow clay a perfect combination for

the purposes of agriculture. The land in this section is classed A 1 on Government reports, and there is nothing to prevent every acre of it from being put under cultivation. The growth is simply astonishing and the yield per acre unequalled; wheat, barley, oats, etc., growing in abundance year after year without the aid of fertilizers, no such article being heard of or used in the country. Root crops cannot be approached either as to size, quantity or quality; regardless of size, the quality is sure to be the best—solid to the core and dry. The quantity per acre astonishes strangers, almost covering the ground when dug, potatoes particularly. Land is rising in value to a surprising extent, being at all times in demand. The reputation Southern Manitoba has as an unequalled agricultural district is well known, and the opinion of numbers of practical men living here, or who have paid a visit, fully sustains all that has been said concerning this part of the Province. The neighboring States will not bear comparison as a farming country, either as to productiveness, or freedom from storms, this country having no such damaging visitations.

Concerning the yield from the land during the past season the following will be found of interest:

Wheat, the most important cereal produced, shows an average of thirty-five bushels to the acre. Oats averaged forty-four bushels per acre. Barley is placed at thirty bushels per acre. Peas were not generally grown, but showed an average of twenty-three bushels. Hay all over was very heavy and an enormous crop has been saved. Potatoes exceeded all former calculations, with a general average of 275 bushels to the acre. Root crops ran from 250 to 500 bushels per acre. The raising of flax seed has also been begun in some quarters, with encouraging results.

The quantity of new land broken for next year's cropping is prodigious, the best possible evidence of the continued advance of the country and confidence of the people.

Stock raising is continually on the increase, and good breeds are being imported from the East, with the best results, the rich prairie grass supplying them with the best of feed at a small expense, so that the future in this respect gives a very encouraging promise.

Agricultural machinery of the best class is largely being imported into every section. Steam threshing machines are in general use, and in one district forty-five self binders were at work.



## AS A FIELD FOR EMIGRATION.

That it is not suited to every comer has been shown by past experience. It is not the place for drones, or for those who expect to make money by their wits. You will find that nine out of every ten of those who come to this country and go away dissatisfied are those not to be regretted — those who are not willing to take off their coats and share in the very general prosperity prevailing throughout the Province; people who would like to buy for a song and sell for a competence. This day has gone by — the return of which is not to be desired. There was a time when fabulous returns were possible. Business has now settled down to a solid, healthy and prosperous basis. Investments are sure, and certain of very gratifying returns. The fact is apparent to all that this country is composed of live, wide-awake, go-ahead people — and such are the people most to be desired. They have come to this country principally backed up by pluck and perseverance, and were not slow to see the inviting field before them, each day showing to greater advantage the correctness of their conclusions. They are still at the lever, and each succeeding year finds them many steps ahead.

A very large majority of those who have come to this country have found nearly everything to their liking, and in most instances far beyond their expectations. The soil in the first place has been proved to be all that could be desired — fertile beyond comparison, and adapted to the growth of almost anything required; it is at once ready for the plow, turned with the greatest of ease, and in richness something to be wondered at. The growth is almost a certainty, and the products can be placed at the top of every market. Should any outsider be desirous of making a selection, we tell you candidly that Morris is the gem County — by every consideration as to productiveness, with rail and water communication right at the door to afford shipment.

Business of every kind finds an opening, when conducted by those who understand it. It is not a field for one-horse, slow, or stand-at-the-door people; they will not prosper, probably go away in disgust, with no regrets following them. Every man (in our experience we know of no exception) invests his bottom dollar in this land, and right here he finds his reward. The evidence of prosperity surrounds us on every side, and volumes could be filled in relating interesting and indisputable facts concerning the success of those residing here.

## INDUSTRIAL PURSUITS.

## MORRIS SAW AND PLANING MILLS.

These mills are located on the bank of the Red River, near its junction with the Morris River, and cover an area of ground about 30x80 feet. The business offices are in a separate building, located at a convenient distance from the mills. Mr. Alex. McKay is the popular proprietor, and under his management the mills are kept constantly busy, filling orders for home consumption. Machinery of the very best class has been placed within, and the business of cutting and finishing done under the supervision of skilled workmen. A five-foot circular saw cuts the large logs into the desired thickness of lumber in an astonishingly rapid manner; the edger and planer afterward putting on their finishing strokes for the builder. Mr. McKay carries on as well the furniture manufacturing business, having in the upper flat of his mill turning and matching machines, etc., by which means he is enabled to fill orders for any description of household and office goods. The machinery throughout the building is kept in motion by a 50-horse power engine. The mills turn out a daily average of 11,000 feet of lumber, and also 8,000 feet of dressed lumber, which gives employment to thirty-eight men. Six teams are required to deliver the material when cut. Mr. McKay is also shipping lumber in car lots to Winnipeg, Brandon and other places. His business is constantly on the increase, and he is making frequent trips to the lumbering districts in order that a supply of logs may be kept constantly moving. Mr. McKay also keeps on hand a large stock of brick, sand, lime and building hardware.

## ELEVATOR 50,000 BUSHELS CAPACITY.

Messrs. Geo. A. Glines and John Lane have secured the material and let the contract for the construction of an elevator to hold 50,000 bushels of grain. The building will be located at the siding of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with the front toward the east and facing the town. The ground dimensions will be forty feet in breadth and ninety feet in length,

with an extreme height of seventy feet. The plan of the building throughout will be similar to that of Gooderham & Worts' elevator, Toronto. About 150,000 feet of lumber will be required to complete this building. Each bin will rest upon its own foundation and not be depending upon the building for support. A steam engine will be used in conveying the grain to the desired bin, which is accomplished by an endless chain of buckets, from which the grain will drop, by an ingenious device, at the required spout. The immense quantity of grain being produced in this vicinity, and the central situation of the elevator, is sufficient assurance that the enterprise will be a success, and also a guarantee that the producer will find storage accommodation enabling him to place his grain on any market in the shortest possible time.

#### THE MORRIS FLOUR MILLS.

Mr. W. A. Russell is the owner and operator of these mills, which are situated near the foot of Boyne Avenue, on the bank of the Red River. These mills are very spacious and are turning out an immense quantity of flour of the best grade. The size of the main building is 40x60, three stories with engine and boiler house attached. Four run of stone are kept constantly busy, with purifiers, bran dusters, and all the latest adjuncts for the production of a grade of flour which already has an established reputation. Patent rollers are being placed in position, when it is contemplated to place on the market the very finest quality of pastry flour. An 80-horse engine supplies the power for the machinery. Hay and straw are being used as fuel, and with the most gratifying success. Mr. Russell is filling orders for his goods from all parts of the Province, and also in the North-west. He has of late been sending car loads of flour to Messrs. Langdon & Shepard, contractors on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which goods have given the best of satisfaction.

#### ANOTHER ELEVATOR.

Messrs. O'Gilvie & Co., of Winnipeg, have decided to erect an elevator at Morris, the better to accommodate their grain trade in this section, and also to supply their mills, they having for some time been buying largely. The building throughout will be similar in construction to that of Messrs.

Glines & Lane, with fully as great a capacity, and will add very much to the business of this rapidly developing town.

MR. ROBERT MEIKLEJOHN,

Proprietor of the carriage making and general blacksmithing shops at the corner of Main Street and Boyne Avenue, has been in Morris since 1877, during which time he has met with great success in every department of his business. Mr. Meiklejohn is turning out the best of work in his line, and with the farming community surrounding he is annually doing a large trade. Being thoroughly practical he has been of incalculable service to farmers in keeping their farm machinery in working order. Mr. Meiklejohn has had some years of experience in every branch of his business and has established for himself throughout this county a reputation for sterling integrity. He is a large holder of real estate in the town, believing, in company with every resident, that the near future will develop healthy and shining times in the place. Mr. Meiklejohn is also agent for the celebrated Agricultural Implements of Westbrook & Fairchild, Winnipeg.

MESSRS. AUSTIN & ONAN.

These gentlemen have recently established a lumber yard at the foot of Ottawa Street, where they are dealing largely in all kinds of building material, including lath, shingles, etc. The gentlemen named procure their goods at the cheapest markets, from whence they float it down the river in rafts and land it at their yard. This kind of material is always in demand, and the firm have ample assurance of a continuous trade.

MR. C. J. KERCHER,

Proprietor of the Morris Tinware and Furnishing House, represents another of the enterprising men of the town. Mr. Kercher has, in a very short time, succeeded in founding for himself a lasting and profitable business. In addition to the tinware manufacturing business, Mr. Kercher deals largely in coal and wood stoves, etc., and also keeps a general stock of hardware.

MESSRS. LAWRIE BROS.

The members of this firm are rapidly developing a most important dry

goods and general store business. Although but eight months since they purchased the present store on the corner of Main Street and Boyne Avenue, they have succeeded in extending the business to a surprising extent. Mr. Marshall Lawrie has the immediate charge of the affairs of the firm, and under his direction the house is meeting with every success. The assistance of three clerks is required to supply the orders of customers. The store is filled with all kinds of goods in their line, and the finest and best classes of cloths, dress-goods, furs, etc., are being sold at very reasonable prices. This firm is also dealing largely in grain, cargoes of which they are regularly shipping. They are also agents for Messrs. McMillan Bros., extensive millers in Winnipeg.

#### MR. B. J. SHORT.

Builder and contractor, is meeting with good success in his line of business, having aided in the construction of many important buildings. He lately purchased a pile driver, and with its help is enabled to begin from the foundation. By this latest purchase Mr. Short is in a position to thoroughly undertake the work of bridge building. Being a practical man and popular with all his acquaintances, Mr. Short has an encouraging field before him in this progressive county. He also keeps on hand a good assortment of lumber and building material of every description.

In lumber, lath, shingles and building hardware, an extensive business has been done by Mr. Short, who has met with great success in his endeavors to accommodate the public. The lumber yard of Mr. Short is on Boyne Avenue.

#### MR. L. F. MATHE.

This gentleman is most successfully conducting the wholesale and retail wine and liquor business in his recently acquired premises on Main Street, near the corner of Mulvey Street. Mr. Mathe buys his goods direct from the importers, dealing in only the best grades. The goods kept on hand are declared to be the best, and well worthy the inspection of retail dealers. His stock of cigars will be found complete, manufactured from the best leaf, and sold at prices which will make it an object for users to call. In canned goods, pickles, sauces, etc., Mr. Mathe will be

found well supplied, and so soon as his new premises have been put in proper shape his stock will be shown to advantage.

MR. E. G. CASSENS.

The bread, cake and confectionery business of Mr. Cassens, on Main Street, is rapidly assuming important proportions, and having found the present premises inadequate for his trade, he is having built for him a more spacious building at the corner of Charles Street, in which will be placed an oven of the latest pattern. Mr. Cassens also deals in nuts, fruits, oysters, etc.

MR. W. A. RUSSELL.

The large dry goods establishment at the corner of Main and McMillan streets is owned and operated by the gentleman whose name appears above. Mr. Russell's long established reputation has gained for him a steady and continuous trade. The various lines of clothing, boots and shoes, furs, etc., kept by him are purchased direct from wholesale houses in Montreal and Toronto, with whom Mr. Russell has been dealing since first he started. The store is spacious and well adapted to the business, being 25 x 70 feet in size, two stories high. On the ground floor is kept all the usual lines, whilst the upper contains a reserve stock of clothing and the staple lines of goods, such as boots and shoes, furs, hats and caps, etc. As evidence of the extent of Mr. Russell's business it may be stated that he carries \$10,000 worth of stock on an average.

MR. JAMES RODMAN.

On Main street, north of the Morris River, is situated the blacksmithing establishment of Mr. Rodman, where he is successfully conducting all branches of the business, and each succeeding year shows a very gratifying increase. He feels confident that Morris will take second place in the Province in the near future.

BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR.

In the person of Mr. J. O. Robinson, Sr., Morris has acquired a very useful and necessary citizen, and one thoroughly up to the various

branches of building. Mr. Robinson supervised the erection of all the stations and bridges on the line of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, through to Sarnia; completed large contracts on the line of the Great Western Railway, and of late has been employed in building bridges on the Canadian Pacific Railway, west of the Rocky Mountains, where gigantic structures have been erected, and at times 5,000 men employed. In Morris, Mr. Robinson is meeting with every encouragement, having in charge at present the contract for a 50,000 bushel elevator, a spacious addition to the Commercial Hotel, together with various other buildings.

#### MERCHANT TAILORING.

Mr. Eli Shilson has, in a very short space of time, built up for himself a paying and steady business, being that of a merchant tailor and gents' furnisher. Mr. Shilson's store is located on Main street, north, which premises were erected by himself especially to suit his own trade. Increase of business has of late demanded more room, and Mr. Shilson has somewhat lengthened his store, reserving just sufficient room for a workshop in the rear. In company with nearly every resident of the place, Mr. Shilson has secured a hold on real estate, purchasing from Mr. Alex. McKay some very valuable private property.

#### MEAT MARKET.

This very necessary branch of business is being conducted by Mr. J. O. Robinson, Jr., who is developing a good trade. Mr. Robinson is supplying the best meat to be obtained. Previous to locating in Morris, Mr. Robinson conducted an important butchering business in Winnipeg, but it is safe to assert that his business here will prove fully as lucrative.

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The Registry Office at Morris is doing a large amount of business, requiring the constant attention of three clerks. The district comprises Townships four, five and six, from Range 2 West to the Lake of the Woods East, thus including the counties of Morris and Youville. Capt. John A. Walker is Registrar, as well as Warden for the County of Morris.

REAL ESTATE OFFICE.

Business in the real estate line in Morris is steadily on the increase. At the office of Mr. Geo. A. Glines, situated on Main street, adjoining the Commercial Hotel, the sales of late have been quite extensive. Mr. Glines, in 1878, acted as agent for Col. W. N. Kennedy, but of late has found it necessary to devote his entire attention to his own property. His real estate in the town is considered to be located in the most desirable situation for business sites, and private residences, running from the Red River westward along Boyne avenue, which street is already a leading thoroughfare. Mr. Glines has large interests in farming lands, for which there is a continual demand; and lately he has been appointed a commissioner and Justice of the Peace for the Province.

HARNESS AND SADDLERY.

Few cities can present a more spacious or well stocked harness and saddlery establishment than that of Mr. Celsus Orton, located on Boyne avenue, between Main and Mary streets. Mr. Orton has here erected a large and handsome store, in which may continually be found a stock of double and single harnesses, saddles, bridles, blankets, whips, combs, etc., suited to every requirement. This gentleman bears the reputation of turning out strong and durable work at liberal prices, in pursuance of which aim he is rapidly building up an extensive trade.

REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE.

Mr. H. J. Thorne is the representative of large interests in town and farm property. His office is located at the corner of Boyne avenue and Main street, at which place he is regularly doing a stirring business, particularly in farming lands. On his list may be found some choice Red River lots, the very best farm property in the Prairie Province. Mr. Thorne is also personally possessed of very desirable town property, centrally situated. Various fire and life insurance companies have chosen Mr. Thorne as their representative, his previous business experience in the East giving him admirable qualifications. The office of Deputy Clerk of the County Court is ably filled by Mr. Thorne, the duties of which position are being transacted in a systematic manner.



## PAINTING.

In the person of Mr. A. Dalziel, Morris has an unusually good house-sign, carriage and decorative painter, and one who is really a credit to the town. Mr. Dalziel's work in every branch shows the ability of a thorough artist, his lettering and combinations being far in advance of ordinary work. Throughout the town are seen numerous specimens of his handiwork. The shop and office of Mr. Dalziel are located on Ottawa Street, east of Main, where he has transacted a large amount of business during his short residence in the place.

## "THE MORRIS HERALD."

All live towns in this age of progress make it an aim to be possessed of a good paper, and Morris is no exception to the rule. During the short time (August, 1882,) the present proprietor has had charge of the "Herald" he has met with most gratifying success in endeavoring to furnish a creditable paper. The residents of the town and county have shown their approval by a liberal patronage, and the result has been that the present facilities will soon be supplemented by the more modern steam press. At present there are in the establishment one newspaper and two jobbing presses, busily at work supplying the orders of customers. The "Herald" circulates largely throughout the county, as well as in every part of the Dominion and Great Britain. Specimen copies are sent free upon application to Geo. B. Frazer, publisher and proprietor.

## OTHER ENTERPRISES

are being successfully conducted in the town, but it is presumed that sufficient evidence is herein presented that Morris is not by any means an imaginary town, but one well worthy the attention of every person desirous of advancement,—a town wherein a few dollars now invested will in a short time increase many fold.

Sufficient evidence is here adduced to show that the town has been found worthy of investment by experienced men.

As evidence of the growth of this county, the reader will be astonished to learn that in 1877 the only residents engaged in farming near Morris

were : Thomas Mulvey, Charles Turner, John Moore, David Adams, W. C. Gibson and Robert Paterson, all of whom are still residing in the county. At the present time there are on the assessment roll 800 names. This will give an idea of the progress made at a time when no railways were in operation in Southern Manitoba.

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## RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The church of this denomination is located on Boyne avenue, at a short distance from the centre of the town. Rev. James Dougals is the pastor in charge and has been such from the foundation. The services at this church are conducted regularly every Sabbath, the congregation on each occasion filling the edifice.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

This handsome church is situated on Russell street, north of the Morris river, where it has every advantage of a commanding position, on the summit of the bank. A large number of the residents of Morris and vicinity are adherents to this church, which was erected under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Cooper. A new appointment has lately been made to this charge.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The members of this denomination have a very neat church in the centre of the town, at the corner of McMillan and Lucinda streets. The members form a very considerable portion of the residents of the town, and under the charge of the pastor, Rev. E. E. McKay, the church is making good progress.

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CANADA METHODIST.

This church is situated on Main street near Ottawa street. Rev. I. N. Robinson is the pastor in charge, and under his leadership, the services are well attended. A new parsonage has lately been erected to the south of the church, the affairs of which are in a very healthy state.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

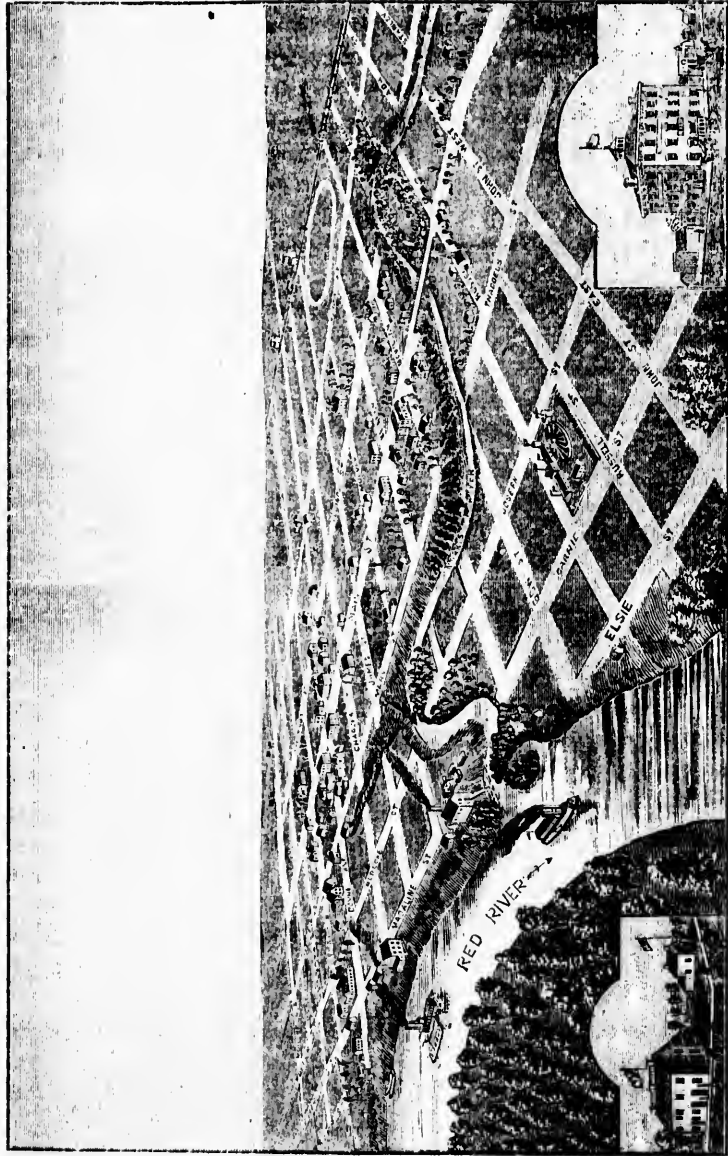
is being regularly held, and the officers are paying every attention to the instruction of scholars.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

An unusually handsome and spacious building affords ample accommodations for the requirements of education. This building was specially erected for the purpose, and is located in the heart of the town. It is 30 x 50 feet in size, two stories, and fitted up with handsome desks. The upper flat is at present used as a hall for various purposes.

The school is superintended by Mr. W. J. Ewart, a teacher of thorough experience, having formerly lived in the eastern part of Canada: under his tuition the scholars are making rapid progress.

Altogether the church and school accommodation of the town is complete.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MORRIS, MANTOBA, IN 1880.

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## THE BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

On the opposite page, very correctly represents the youthful Town of Morris in the Fall of 1880, giving the reader a fair idea of the magnificent location of the town. Two years have added very materially to the business of the town, during which time large numbers of new buildings have been erected and various additional enterprises established. The position of the town, on the Red River is correctly given, as also the Junction of the Morris River. A project is on foot at present to construct a dam at a suitable place on the latter river, and thus create a valuable water power. The railway shown in the engraving is the Western line of the Canadian Pacific, running from Morris through to the United States boundary, and connecting with the entire railroad system of the continent.

At the lower left hand corner is given a view of Gow's Hotel, which, at that time, stood on the corner of McWilliam and Main streets. In the opposite corner is seen a view of a prominent hotel (The Commercial) at present in the town, the business of which has so rapidly increased that an extensive addition has been added to the site.



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF MORRIS, MANITOBA, IN 1880.

## PERSONAL SKETCHES.

### MR. WILLIAM GALLIE

(Lately deceased) was the first man to see the importance of the situation, and did not hesitate to take advantage of it. He came from New Lowell, Ont., in 1872, and at once secured river lots 333 and 335 adjoining the town to the south, at the same time establishing a Stopping Place for stages and travellers, near the Red River, on what is now known as Boyne avenue, and conducted to the present time without interruption. Mr. Gallie leaves the reputation of having been very liberal minded and alive to the requirements of the place, as shown by the various enterprises in which he was engaged. In addition to the hotel conducted by him he also erected the two stores, and different dwellings, principally of brick, on Boyne avenue. He did a large business in the keeping of a general store, one being still in operation. Sites for church property were donated by him, and altogether he established for himself a lasting reputation for generosity and willingness to aid others.

### MR. WILLIAM A. RUSSELL

the well-known and esteemed proprietor of the Morris Flour Mills and also the general store at the corner of Main and McMillan streets, came to Morris in 1874 from Kenntville, Ont. He first engaged in the business of brick making, which he conducted successfully for some time. Shortly after he erected the building on Main street now occupied by Mr. William Ward as a hotel, being the first structure of any kind built on what was then the old Government road. In this building he started the business of a general store, and increasing trade calling for more room he built the

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spacious store at present occupied by him, 70 x 25, two stories, and at the present day he carries on an average a \$10,000 stock. Mr. Russell was the first to see the necessity of having the town regularly laid out, and the old crooked road abandoned for a more regular and straighter course, the benefit of which is apparent to all. The town would, literally speaking, have been spoiled had not this been done. As pathmaster a few years ago, he consulted the Government, and through the Hon. Mr. Norquay had the guarantee that his proposed plan would be recognized in laying out the town at regular angles, which he at once proceeded to do, with the present apparent satisfactory result. A year ago he began in the milling business, in which he is doing a very large trade, his goods being in demand wherever introduced. In the mill are placed four run of stone, with purifiers, bran dusters, patent rollers, etc. The power is supplied by an 80-horse engine, furnished with steam from two large boilers. Mr. Russell has from the time of coming here largely engaged in the grain trade, and is also possessed of considerable town property.

#### MR. GEO. A. GLINES.

Formerly of Montreal, well and favorably known as one of the most enterprising citizens we have, came to this country in the year 1877, and notwithstanding the numerous drawbacks then existing, embarked his fortune with the handful then forming what is to-day the flourishing county of Morris. Reasoning with himself that the very location of the place must bring it to the fore, once the correct nature of the country was brought to the minds of the eastern people, he decided that no more favorable spot could be found.

For the first two years he followed farming, and subsequently established a general store to accommodate the new comers continually pouring in. Whilst attending to his business he availed himself of every opportunity of investing in town and farm property. The management of his estates requiring so much attention, the store was disposed of. To say that property has increased ten-fold during the short time Mr. Glines has been here does not in the least exaggerate. With the turning of the tide Mr. Glines was found to have acquired a goodly portion of property, yearly advancing in value, and at this time held at a premium in the market. About eighteen months ago Mr. Glines conceived the idea that the town was deficient in not having a commodious hotel, and no other person making a move to that end, he himself set about erecting one, notwith-



standing his many friends were doing their utmost to dissuade him. The result was the erection of the handsome hotel situated on the corner of Main street and Boyne avenue, known as the Commercial, which has proved so great a boon to the traveling public. In every public move of importance he has always been found actively engaged and is deserving of a very liberal share of credit for the way in which Morris has been brought prominently to the fore, notably enthusiastic in securing railway connection, a binding surety of prosperity to present and future residents, in so far as the great advantages of railway facilities are concerned. The late successful struggle to secure the Western branch of the C. P. R. has been almost wholly due to the exertions of Mr. Glines, who was indefatigable in his efforts to effect an arrangement, and the result has been the keystone for the future. With the proposed Manitoba Central Railway his name is prominently mentioned.

It is but just to state that Mr. Glines, having secured handsome returns by his ventures, has at all times been found liberally investing his means right here among us, and to say that Morris is reaping benefit from it is but the truth.

#### MR. JOHN LANE.

Known to every resident of Morris as a large holder of real estate, both in town and throughout the county, formerly lived in Toronto, Ont., subsequently filling an important position in the dry goods house of A. T. Stewart & Co., Chicago. Mr. Lane came to Morris in March, 1878, by way of St. Paul and the Red River, having previously decided that Morris should be his destination. After taking a survey of his surroundings, he began forming plans for the future, securing in the first place what is now valuable town property, and also erecting for his family a comfortable home. The greater portion of his time has been devoted to farming operations, at the present time having four farms under cultivation. He had not been long in the country before he received the appointment of Bailiff, and subsequently that of Deputy-sheriff, which positions he continues to hold, also representing different land and insurance companies. Up to the present time he has laid out 2,500 town lots, of which he has sold a considerable number at good prices. The section of 640 acres owned by Mr. Lane, and situated four miles west of Morris, is declared to be a very valuable farm, and on this property he purposes placing some substantial brick buildings. 300 acres

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of this farm are under cultivation. The total quantity of farming lands owned by Mr. Lane aggregates 6,000 acres, and this, in addition to his town property, is sufficient evidence that Mr. Lane's success, since coming to this country, could not be outdone elsewhere. Mr. Lane, at the present time, is largely dealing in grain, having, in company with Mr. Geo. A. Glines, begun the construction of a capacious elevator, modeled after the most approved principle.

R. F. McTAVISH, M. D.

The Doctor came to Morris in 1877, having previously lived in Iowa, the result of his change of residence being that his health has been greatly improved. Although but so short a time in the country the Doctor is widely known as one of the best citizens we have, and while following the practice of his profession most satisfactorily, has acquired considerable real estate. In the future government of the town the Doctor will probably figure prominently.

A complete list of those who have made this country their home it would be impossible to give, in the limited pages of this pamphlet, and space will only admit the mention of a few prominent residents whose names are familiar to every one residing here:

W. H. BIDWELL,  
GEO. C. WILDE,  
S. J. COLLUM,  
CAPT. J. A. WALKER,

JOHN E. MALLEY,  
J. B. WHITE,  
THOS. MULVEY,  
C. A. SKEFFINGTON.

Together also may be noted the names of the following outside individuals who are holders of real estate within the town:

COL. W. N. KENNEDY, Registrar of Winnipeg. Mr. Kennedy contemplates the erection of a handsome residence at Morris, in which he proposes to reside.

SCOBLE & DENISON, C. P. R. contractors, Winnipeg.

CRAWFORD, BECK & WALLIS, land surveyors and civil engineers, Winnipeg.

MR. FISHER, a large manufacturer of Montreal.

CAPT. H. S. DONALDSON, of Winnipeg, who has been in the country since 1867.

ROBERT ADAMSON, Banker, Winnipeg, who purposes the erection of a handsome block of stores in Morris.

CAPT. McMILLAN, senior member of the late firm of McMillan Bros., Millers, Winnipeg,

STEWART MULVEY, Brewer, of Winnipeg.

C. S. RANKIN, Barrister, of Winnipeg,

O'GILVY & Co., Grain dealers, Winnipeg.

CHARLES HUSTIN, 208 McGill St., Montreal.

GEO. A. STEVENSON, of Brainard, Minn.

E. P. LEACOCK, M. P. P., for Birtle.

LORD ELPHINSTONE, London, England.

SIR JOHN WALROND, England, who is at present in the county superintending his extensive estate.

DUNCAN JACKSON, Esq., Winnipeg, largely interested in town property. Mr. Jackson intends to take up his residence in Morris the coming spring.

#### MR. C. A. SKEFFINGTON.

This gentleman came from the County of Antrim, Ireland, arriving in the Prairie Province in the fall of 1879. Mr. Skeffington traversed the greater portion of the Province during the first six months of his arrival, compared the productions of the soil in the entire West, and unhesitatingly decided that the fertility of the land in Morris county was beyond compare; that it would outwear any soil he had seen in the whole country. Having so decided, he purchased a large quantity of land at a distance of eight miles from the town of Morris; and to this day declares that practical test of the land more firmly strengthens his previous opinions. Mr. Skeffington bears an unblemished reputation throughout the County of Morris, at whose Council Board he occupies a seat. Through his agency many desirable citizens have taken up their residence in the county, and Mr. Skeffington has ample evidence from Mr. Connolly, Dominion Emigration agent, Dublin, Ireland, and other well-known personages, that the number of people intending to locate here next season is far in advance of any previous report. The farm of 4,000 acres lately purchased by Sir John Walrond Bart., was pointed out to him by Mr. Skeffington.

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various ways by Mr. Skeffington, it is pleasing to notice the number of titled gentlemen and other influential personages who have invested a goodly portion of their wealth in and about Morris. Mr. Skeffington alone has been instrumental in placing thousands of acres in very desirable hands.

## MR. R. J. BELL.

who came to Morris in the year 1878, to erect, in company with Mr. Alex. McKay, the M. E. Church, was so much impressed with the fine location of Morris that he decided to remain and assist in the building up of the town. Mr. Bell was, for the first three years of his residence here, in company with Mr. Alex. McKay, in the saw mill, but is now following the business of contractor and builder. He has assisted materially in the progress of Morris.

## MR. W. H. HUNTER.

Who formerly owned the business at present carried on by Messrs. Lawrie Bros., is at present operating in real estate, in the various branches of which business he is thoroughly posted. Mr. Hunter conducted the dry goods and general store business most successfully, and has shown himself to be equally as well fitted for his new venture, being an unusually popular member of society.

## MR. D. JACKSON

came to this Province in the spring of 1878, and after looking over the country and investing in a few sections of land, returned for the winter to Ontario, but having once visited this land of promise, he, like many others who have once seen this country, could not remain away, and returned with his family in 1879. Mr. Jackson had viewed the fine country surrounding Morris, and decided there was no better place in the Northwest to settle. He secured over a thousand acres of land a short distance from town, on the Morris river, and went extensively into farming. Mr. Jackson, seeing the rapid progress of Morris, and reasoning with himself that with railway connection the town must soon become a place of importance, sold part of his farming lands and lately invested in over 200 lots in the town, and will now assist in building up our young city.

## HOTELS AND LIVERY.

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### THE COMMERCIAL.

In the erection of this hotel Mr. G. A. Glines has conferred a boon upon the traveling public as well as adding greatly to the attractiveness of the corner of Main Street and Boyne Avenue, at which place the hotel is situated. The business of the house has been so great that Mr. Glines has begun the building of an addition, and when completed the house will occupy seventy-five feet frontage on Main Street and fifty feet on Boyne Avenue, being three stories in height. The house will be arranged and conducted in every respect first-class, with spacious parlors, dining, sitting and billiard rooms. J. R. Mullett & Co., are the lessees. The principal, Capt. Mullett, took possession of the Commercial in June, 1882, and has since done a very extensive hotel business. Every attention is given to the guests of the house, and the Captain's name, with his numerous anecdotes of his travels in all parts of the world, has become a household word throughout the Province.

### GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. F. G. Gow has had the block of stores on the corner of Main and McMillan Streets fitted up as a hotel, the premises lately occupied by him having proved inadequate. The new house will be found fitted up with every accommodation, and the wants of the traveler are supplied in a neat and home-like manner. In size the house is 35x45 feet, two stories. Every regard is paid to comfort and cleanliness, and a visit once paid is sure to be followed by a second.

ANGLO-AMERICAN.

Mr. Wm. Ward, of the Anglo, is having his house altered and improved, keeping pace with his neighbors. A billiard room is being added and the house renovated generally. Mr. Ward is deserving of encouragement in his endeavors to accommodate the public.

RIVERSDALE HOTEL.

This house is situated on Boyne Avenue East, is supplied with ample dining, sitting and bar rooms, with sleeping rooms for a large number of guests. Mrs. J. Gallie is the competent proprietress of this house.

MORRIS LIVERY STABLE.

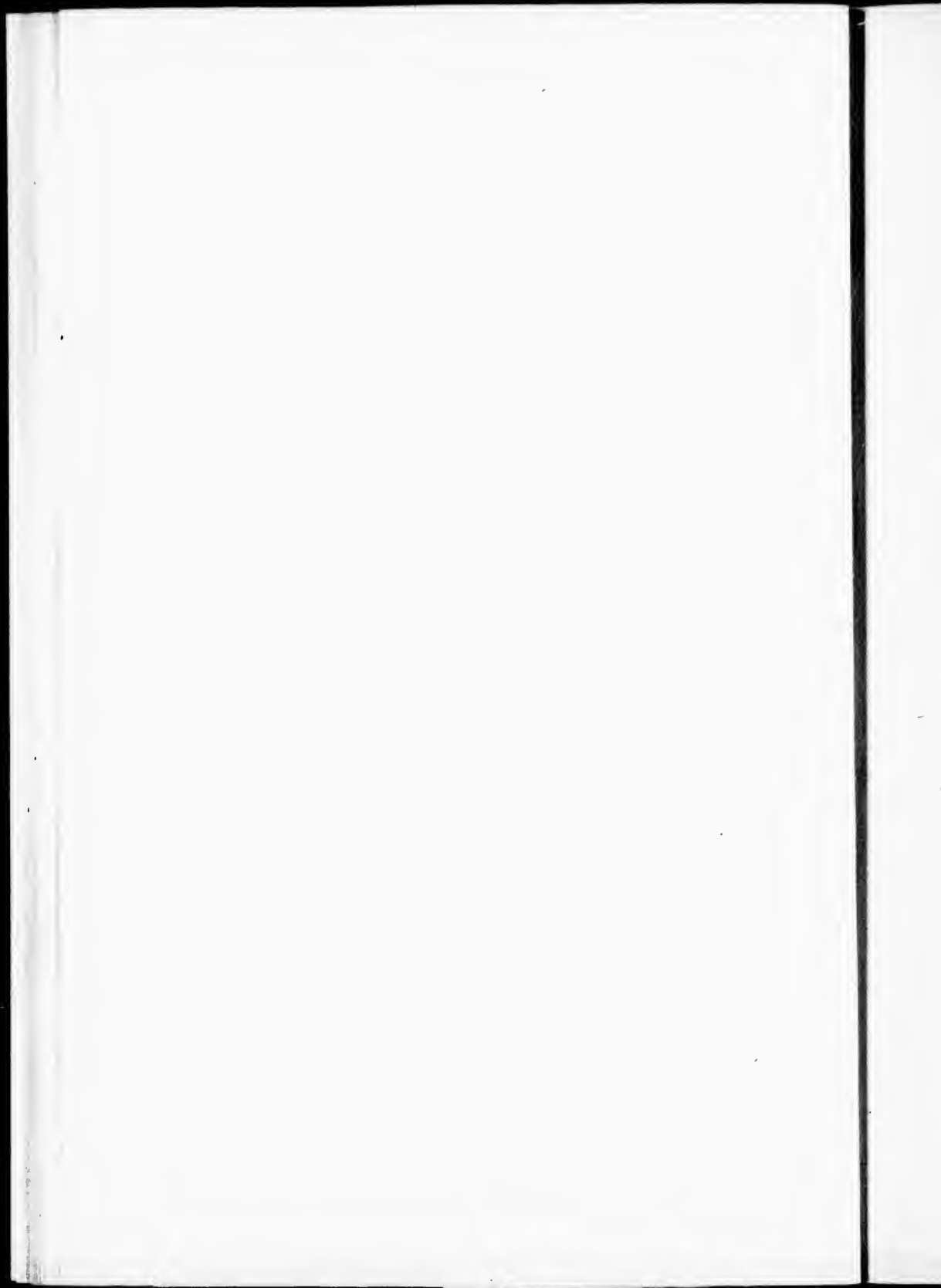
Mr. Fred. G. Gow keeps on hand a supply of turnouts to meet the requirements of travelers. His stables will at all times be found stocked with the best animals and rigs.

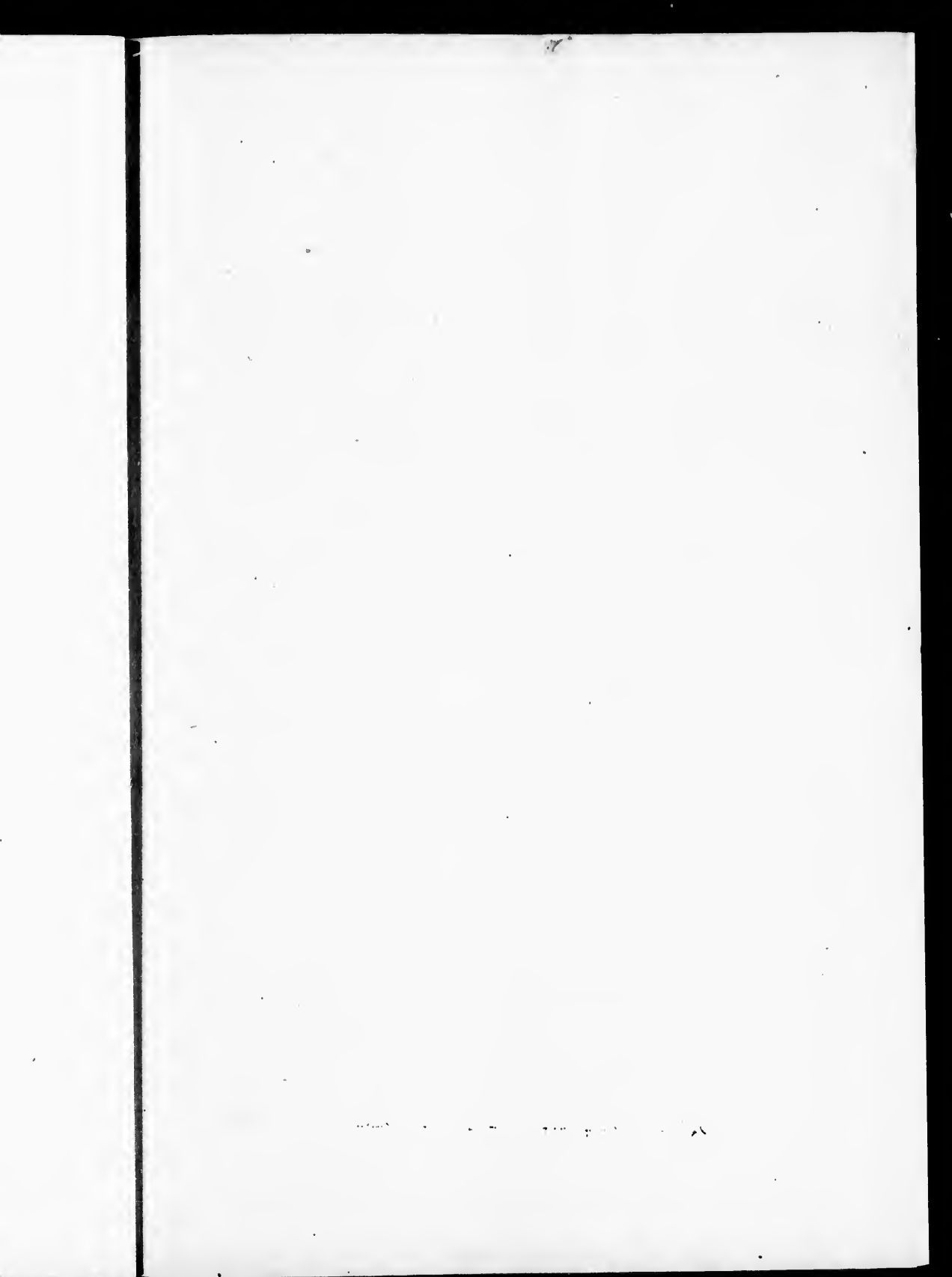
COMMERCIAL LIVERY.

So soon as the stables at the Commercial House are finished a livery and boarding stable will be established, room being reserved for transient visitors. The stables now being erected cover an area of 30x70 feet.

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