

# Truax Centennial: 1911-2011

In 2011, the former Dollar Land Company Office will, along with the town of Truax, be celebrating its centennial. The following pages will be on display in the front window of this historic building.



The display will vary from time to time, and those who miss one series can see them all at the Truax Homecoming on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

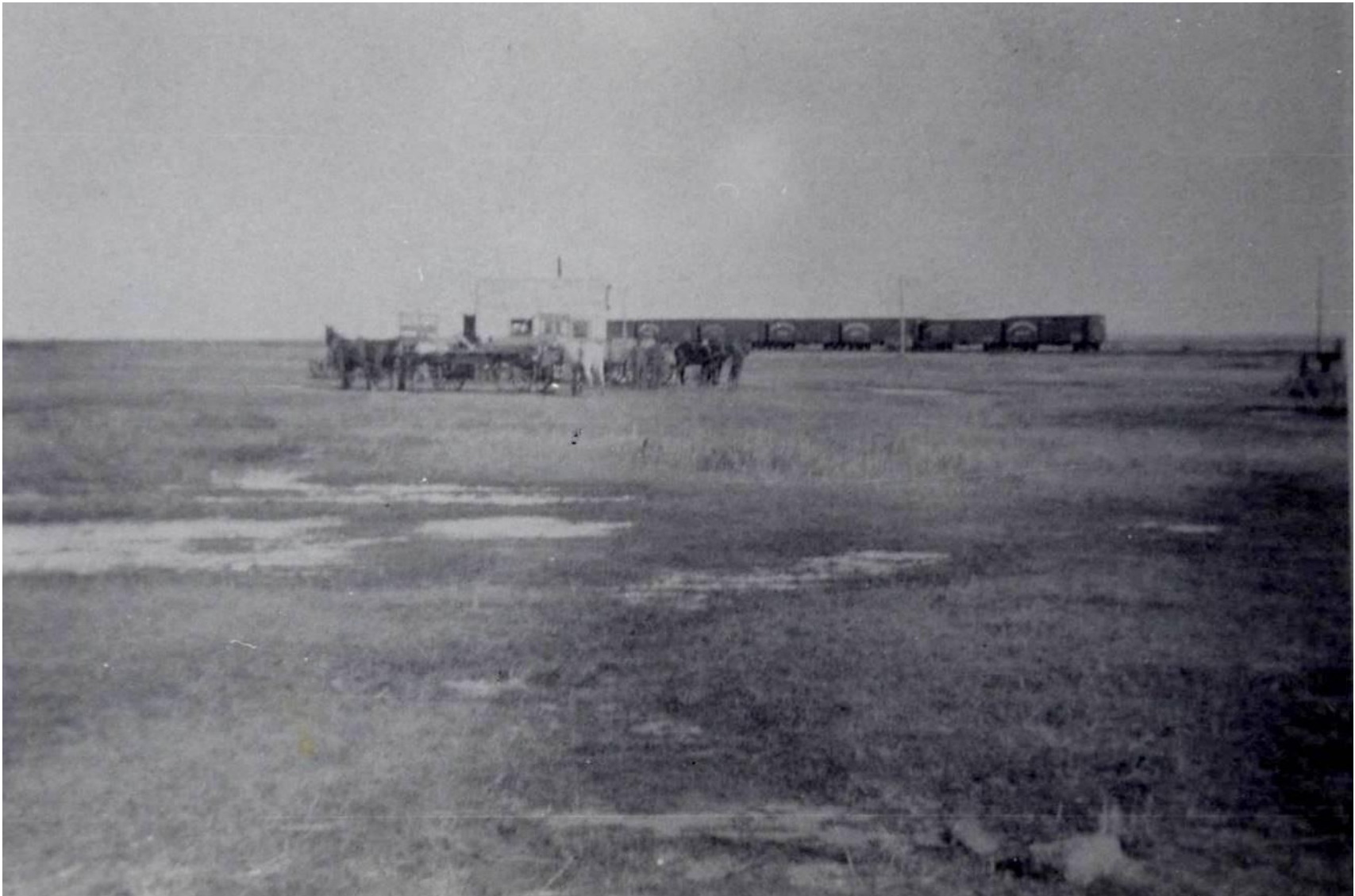
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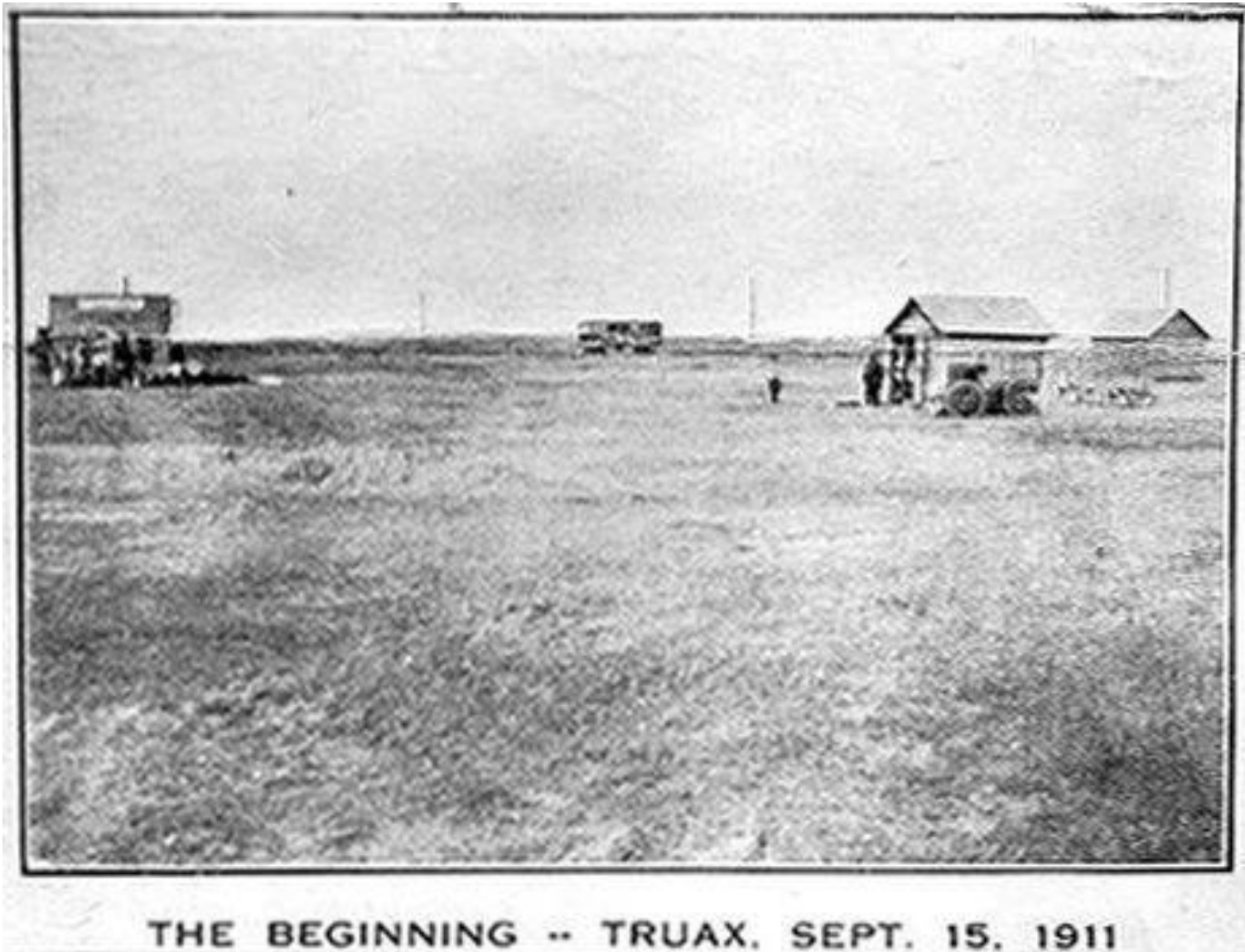
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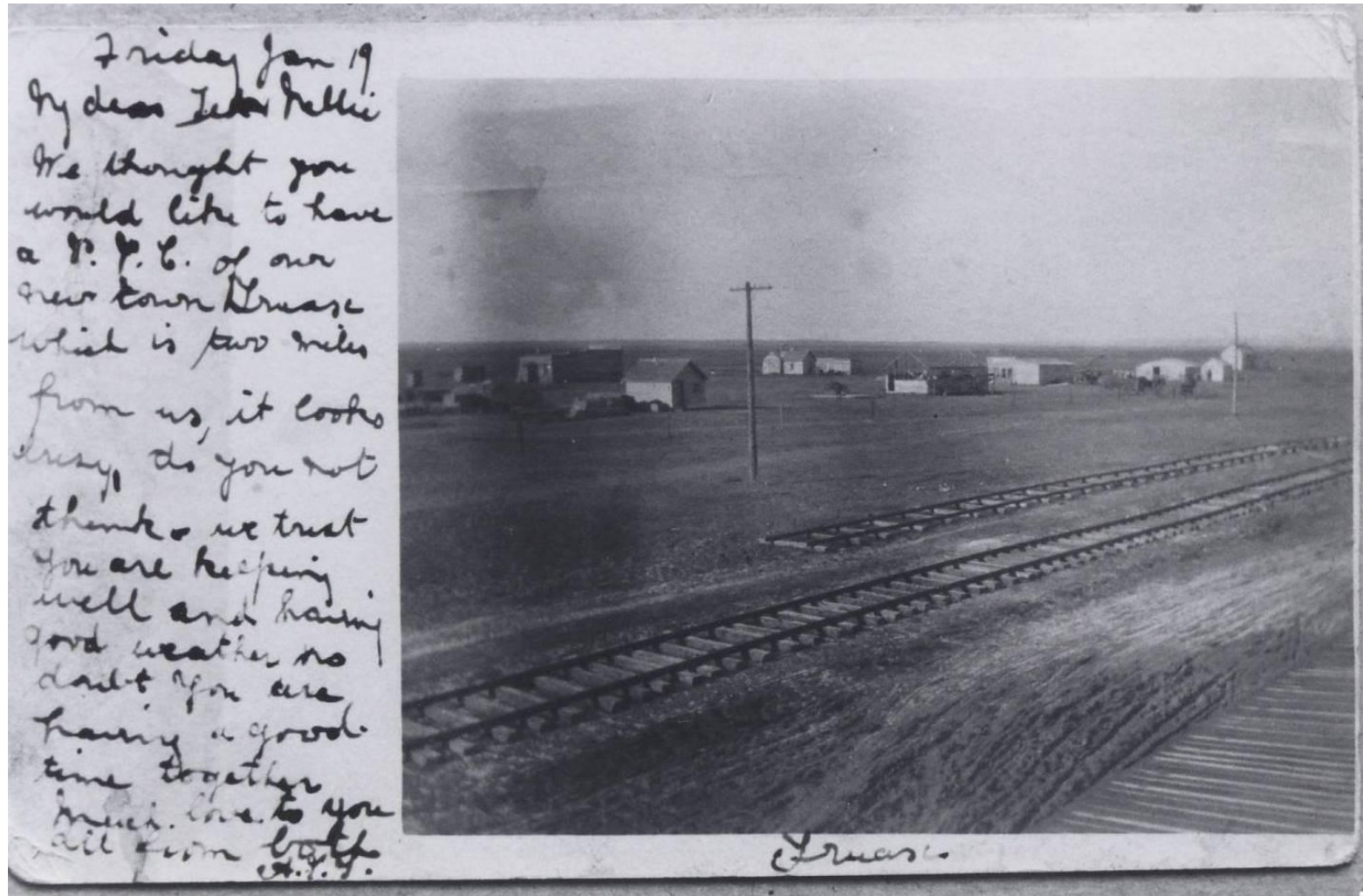
The oldest known photograph of Truax was taken on September 1, 1911,  
as construction of the Canadian Northern Railway  
and several town buildings was just getting underway.



**THE BEGINNING -- TRUAX, SEPT. 15, 1911**

Two weeks later a lone railway car sits on the line, while three newly-constructed frame buildings can be seen. The one at the left is a commercial structure with its false front and business sign.





A post card written on January 19 [1912] shows Truax as photographed on Oct. 23, 1911.

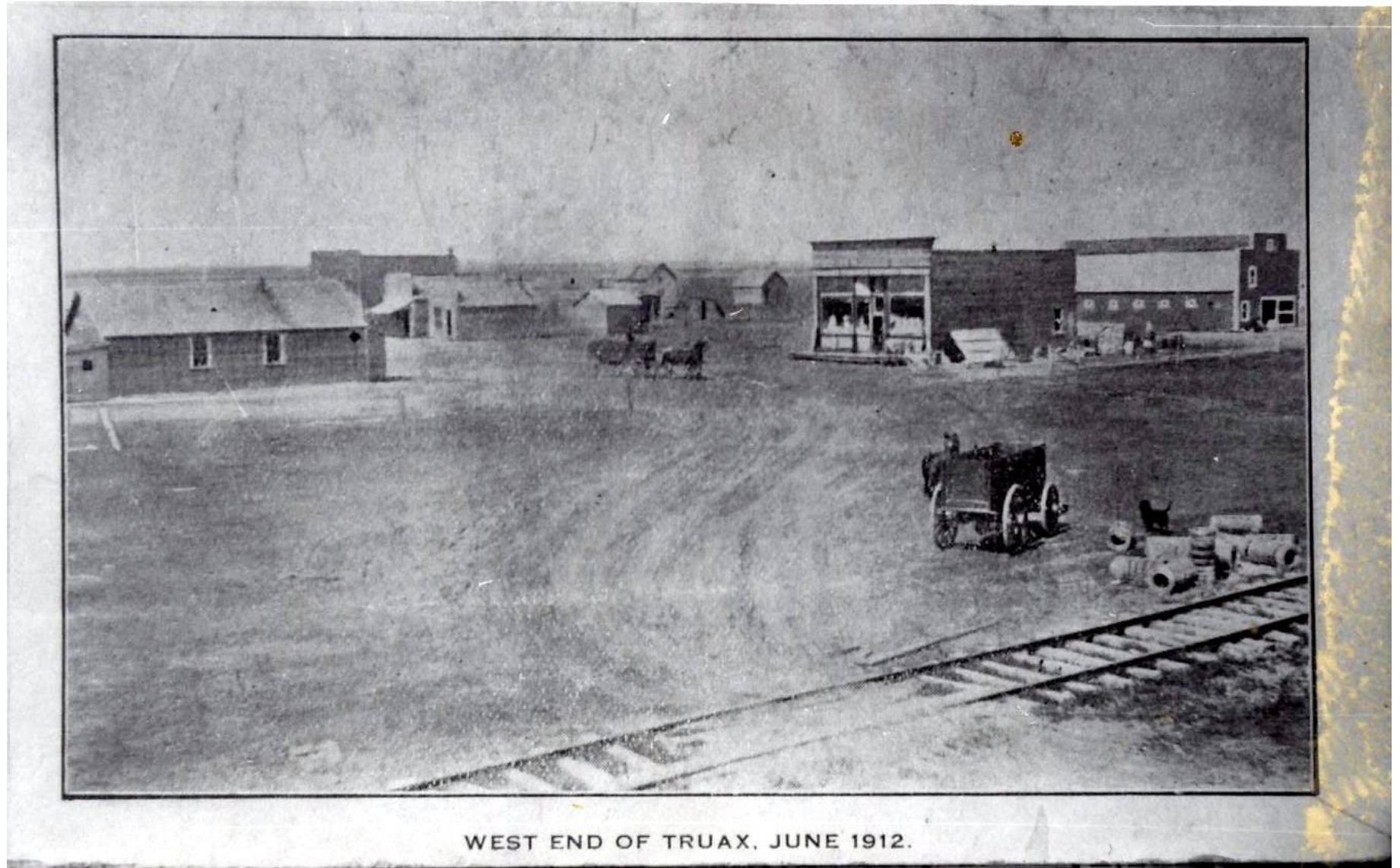
The writer states: "My dear Ted & Nellie. We thought you would like to have a V.T.C.(?) of our new town Truax, which is two miles from us. It looks busy, do you not think. We trust you are keeping well, and having good weather. No doubt you are having a good time together. Much love to you all from both. A. & A.[Taylor]."



By November 5, 1911, Truax was a recognizable village,  
including over a dozen buildings.

A Canadian Northern Railway train is faintly visible behind the buildings on the left.



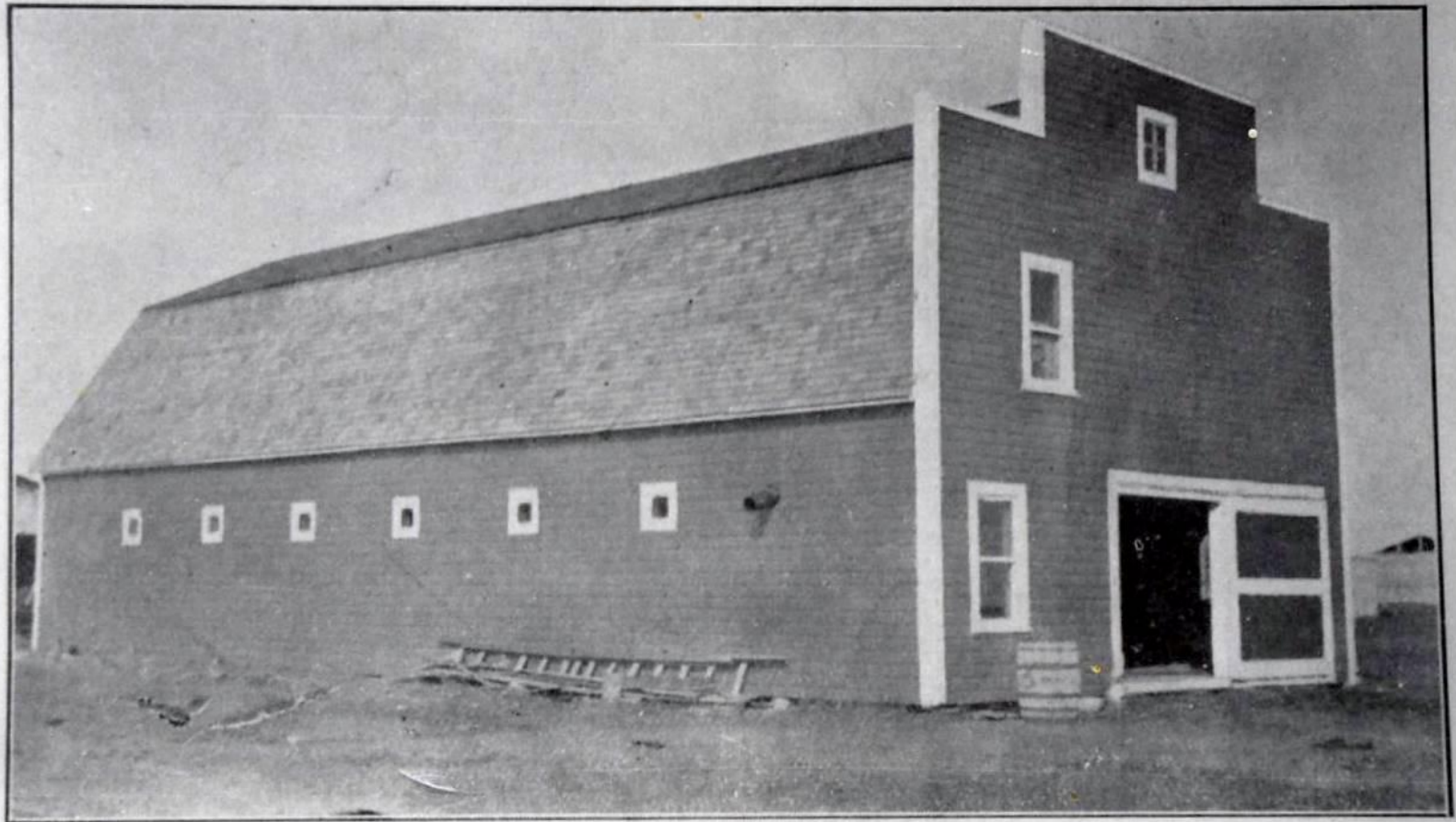


During the summer of 1912 a photographer captured several views of the new town, including this general shot from the railway tracks, looking towards a horse and wagon driving on Main Street. These photos were made into post cards.



Close-up view of three building on Main Street, in June 1912 (not 1914). The Butcher Shop eventually became the Dollar Land Company Office and was faced with pressed metal siding. This is the building where you are now reading this display.





STROETER BROS.' LIVERY AND FEED STABLE

Close-up of the Stroeter Brothers Livery Barn, with its gambrel-shaped roof and false front. It was located behind the General Store. Before the advent of motor vehicles, every town boasted one or more livery barns to accommodate horses for travelers and residents alike. By the 1920s, most had been replaced by Service Stations.





Truax, around 1914. The Canadian Northern Railway station stands at the head of Main Street, in front of the Southern Elevator Company's grain elevator. A steam engine puffs smoke to the right of the station. Wooden sidewalks flank both sides of the street.

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