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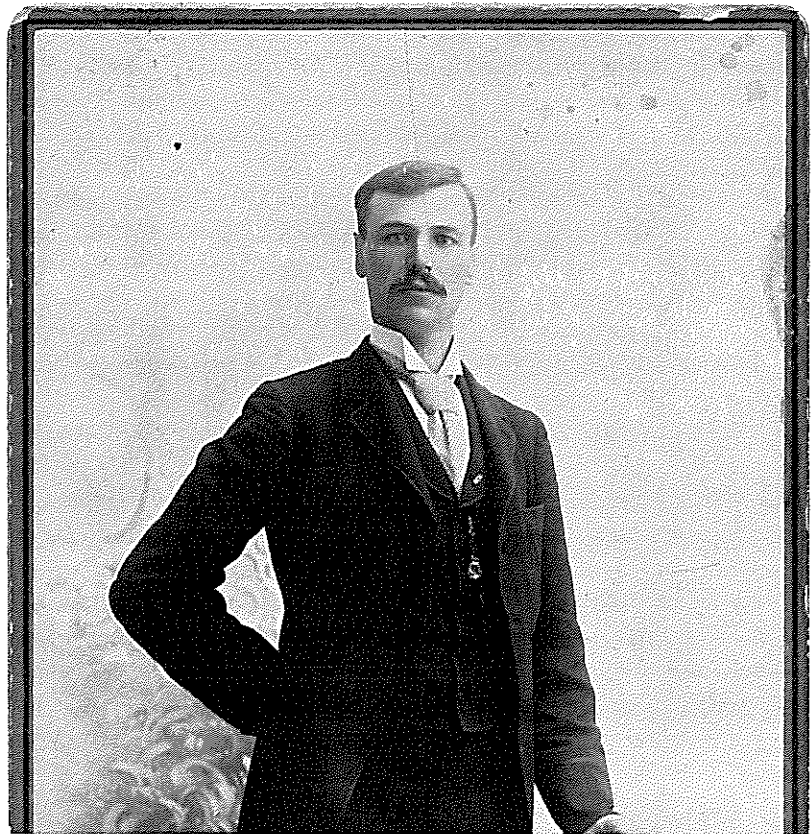
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Early Pioneers



ABOVE:
Left: Steve Thorsteinsson
Right: Thordur Thorsteinsson



ABOVE: Dr. I.M. Cleghorn, who served the pioneers faithfully as a doctor for 35 years and also as an M.P.P.

BELOW: Mr. Alexander Fowler, one of the earliest pioneers and builder of the Fowler Block.



From left to right:
Mrs. Curtis
Mr. P.F. Curtis, one of the earliest general merchants of Baldur.
Jesse Chester on the horse in front of Chester House.

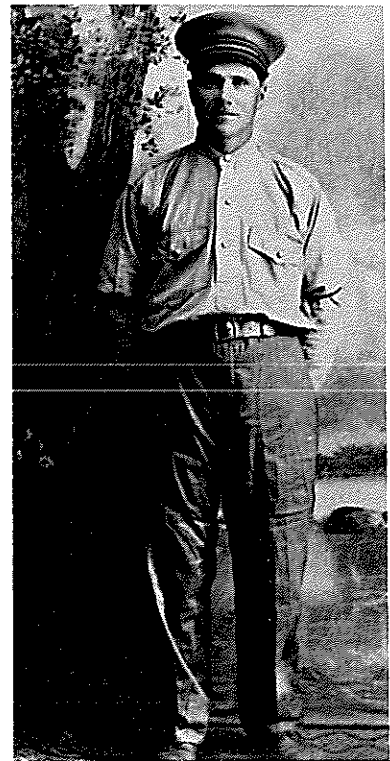


Townspeople posing in front of the Chester House about 1903. On extreme left is Bob Cobbe. The couple at right is Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Curtis. The names of the gentlemen in the middle are not known.



LEFT: Two of the oldest residents of the Wigton district, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke. Mrs. Clarke was the third white woman to cross the Pembina into this district.

BELOW: Bergur Jonson who was caretaker of the school for about 25 years.



LEFT: Townspeople posing in front of Chester House. Second from left is Bill Schultz, riding is Jesse Chester, standing behind the horse is Mr. Heaver.

Baldur's Young Pioneers



Young Ladies Club of Baldur
Left to right:
Standing- Mary Allison,
Miss MacLenaghan, Minnie
Robertson, Bessie Graham.
Middle Row- Bertha Arnold
(Mrs. Chet Goodhall),
Ethel Playfair (Mrs. Tom
Harrison) Miss Oliver,
Sarah Sigvaldson, (Mrs.
Otto Schultz).
Front- Florence Harrower
(Mrs. Harry Bond), Leo
Livingstone (Mrs. Ernie
Sexsmith), Lil Snidal,
Gladys Harrower (Mrs.
Ernie Murray).

Baldur Gentlemen's Club
Left to right:
Back row- Dave Edwards,
Andy Lyons, Steini Snidal,
Art Rankin.
Middle row- Siggi Finn-
bogasson, Lorne Playfair,
Harry Raycroft, Frank
Hurley, Jack Jonson.
Front- Alex Miegel,
Harold Bateman.



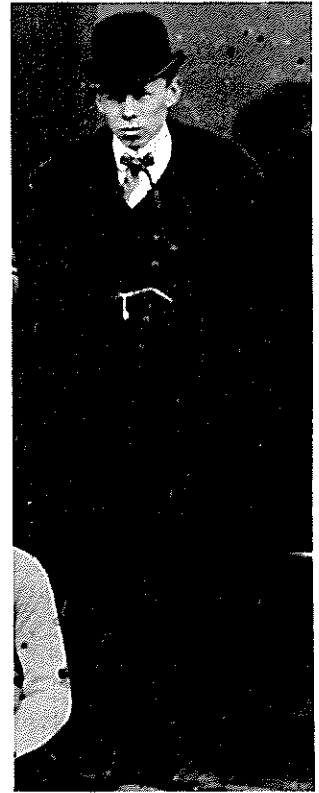
Fashions



What the well-dressed
Gad-About wore about
1900.

LEFT: Dora Fowler,
sister of the late
A. Fowler.

RIGHT: Mr. Jack Jonson



BELOW: A well-dressed young
matron and her children
illustrate the fashions
of around 1905.



A selection of ladies' spring hats.



LEFT: A group of
women in their
every-day attire.

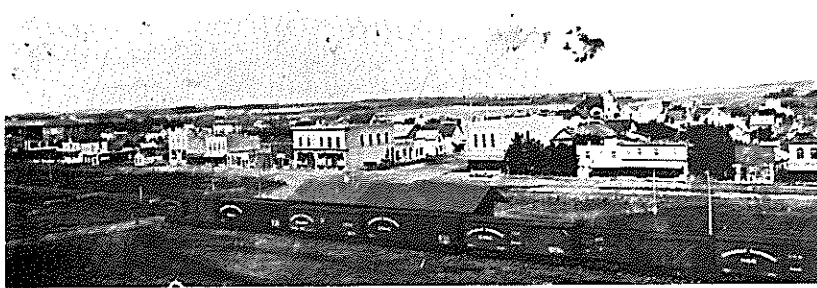
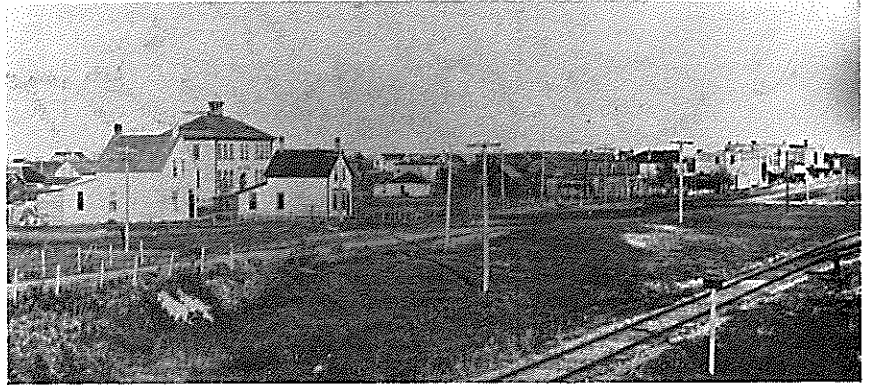
L. Mrs. Jesse Chester
On Mrs. Chester's
right is Mrs. Bill
Frederickson.



ABOVE:
Camera-shy boy is the
late Murray Fowler.

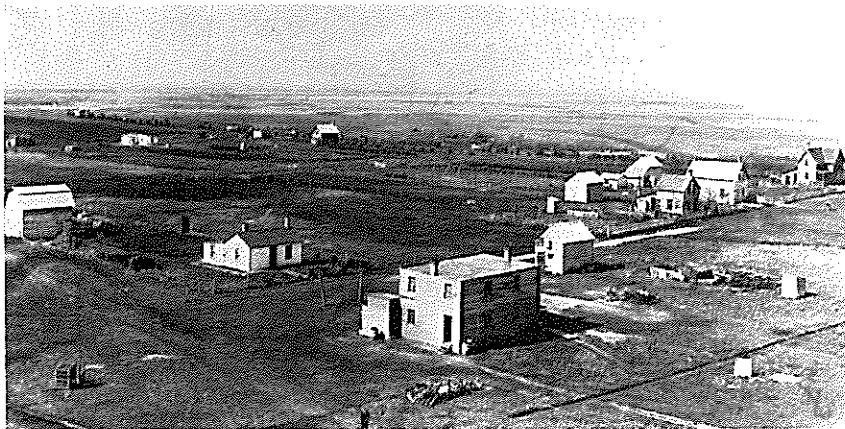
PROGRESS OF BALDUR
(Note the schools)

After 1905



1905

Before 1905



Left-A picture of the south side of Baldur in 1897 showing the house presently occupied by Dave Mesney, and The three large houses on the right are now occupied by (from the right) Harry Freedy, Bert Campbell, and the old Gillis residence which is presently unoccupied. The large building in the foreground old-timers will remember as the McDonald residence. The house which appears farthest away in the picture stood where Mr. S.S. Johnson now lives.



Baldur Municipal Chambers built around 1920. Baldur was incorporated as a municipality in 1883, and the first Secretary-treasurer was Mr. Stark, followed by Jonas Harrower who served for many years as clerk.

Skardal & Gemmil Transfer which operated from 1934-1945 with a fleet of five trucks. Clem Skardal at the wheel.



A north view of Baldur. Building to the left is the old Northern Pacific Hotel, owned by J. Dew for many years. Garage at centre was owned and operated by Siggi and Eiki Anderson who built it in 1927. To extreme right is Baldur Skating & Curling Rink, built in 1914 after the first Skating Rink (near where the lumber yard is now,) was abandoned.





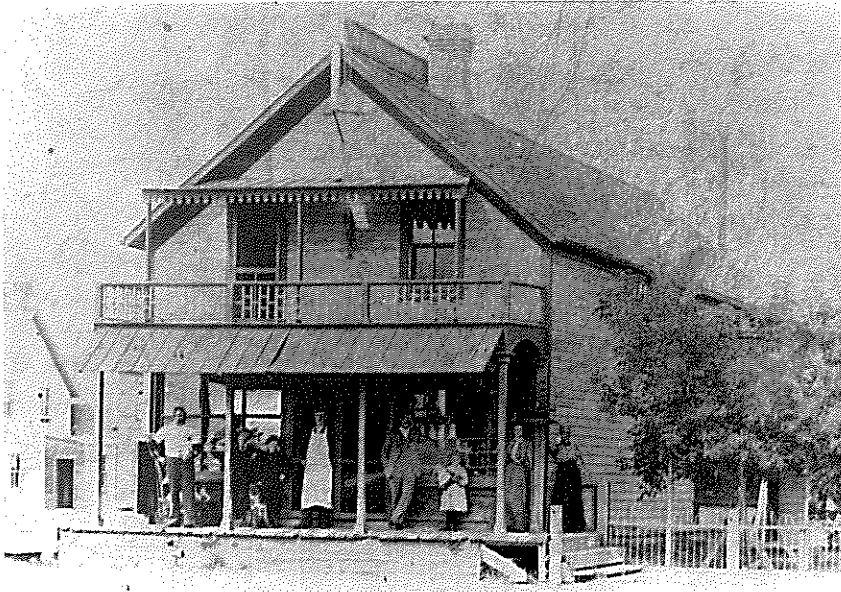
High left - The buildings in this picture of the corner of Elizabeth and second are (left to right), Tom Poole's Hardware, his storehouse, and the Fowler house. Down Second Street is the Chester House. Where Royalite is now is the block built by P.F. Curtis in 1900. At this time it was run by the partnership of Allison and McDonald. The station is seen in the bottom right. The Methodist (United) Church is seen down Second Street and the Presbyterian Church over Poole's Hardware. The picture was taken in 1911.



Low left - The picture was taken between 1900 and 1910. The buildings are (left to right), the Union Bank of Canada owned by Frank Shultz, Cleghorn's Drug Store, the post office with the high school upstairs - now the pool room and barbershop, combination barber shop and tailor shop where Lee's Lucky Dollar is now, Poole's first store and his warehouse, and the Fowler block.

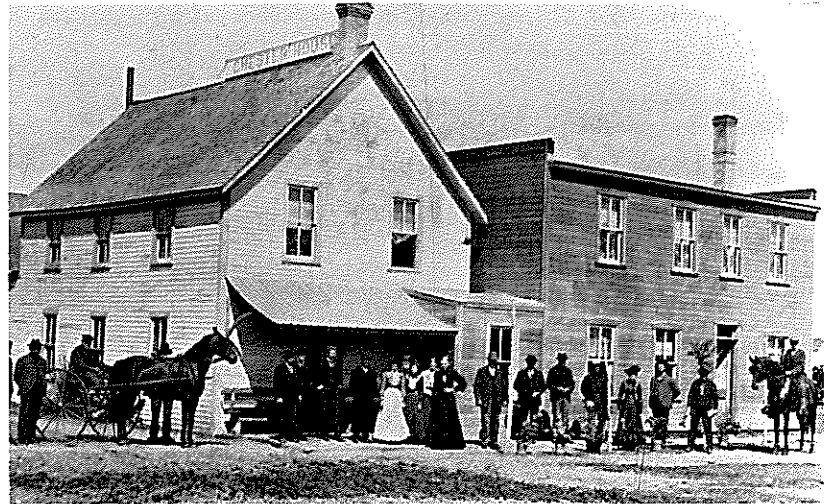
Right: A picture of the Northwest end of Baldur in the 1920's showing the school and the Manitoba Pool Elevator. The house in the centre was owned for many years by Thordur Thorsteinson. It was destroyed by fire in the early 1930's while Daniel McKenzie was residing in it.





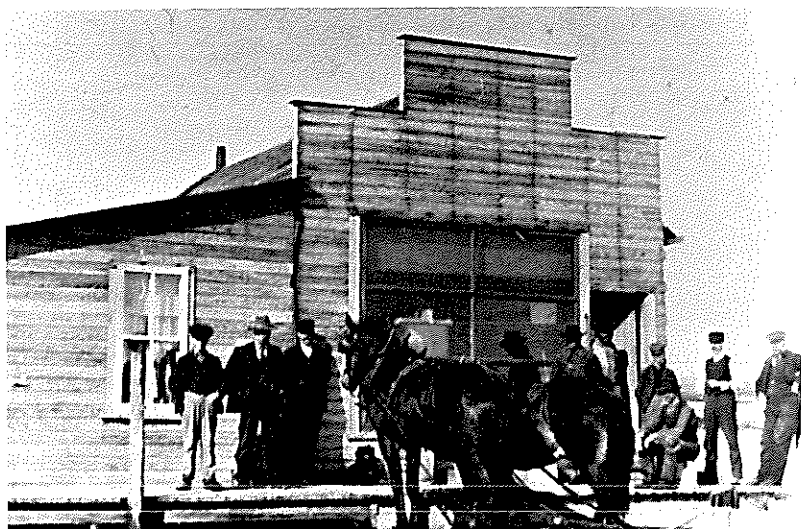
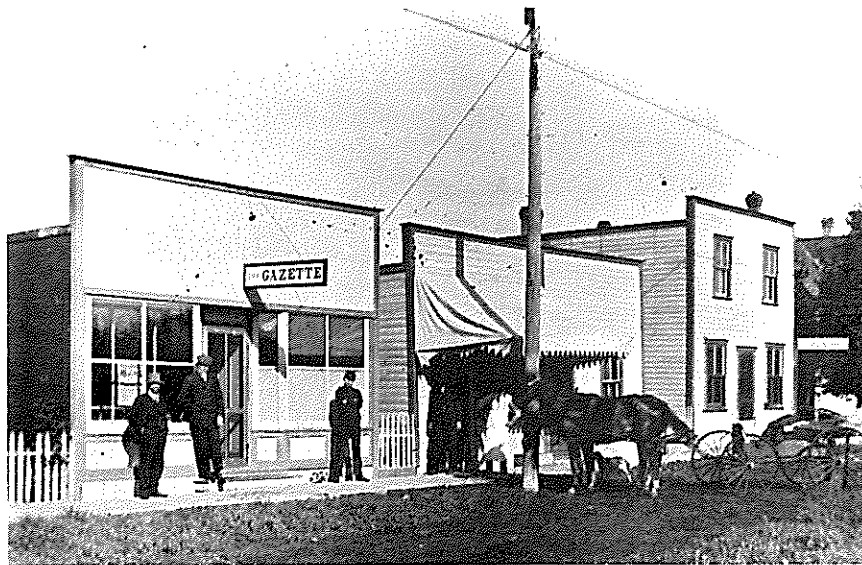
P.F. Curtis's first store, standing where Royalite is now. People in picture are (L-R) one of Curtis's hired men, Mr. Scutten, Chris Frederickson, Billie Band, Frand Bateman, P.F. Curtis, Mrs. Curtis's sister Phyllis Lee, his wife Alice, his mother-in-law Mrs. Lee.

A group of townspeople in front of Chester House. The SAMPLE ROOM at right is where many of the dances were held.



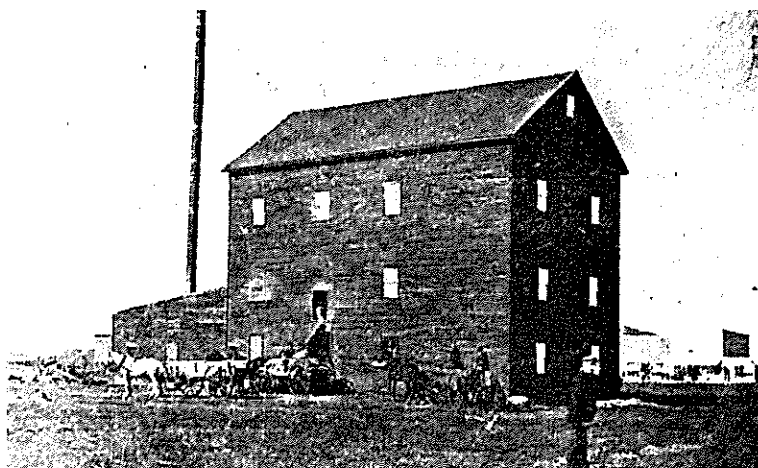
The Fowler block in early days. Note the horses tethered to right of the building.

Right - Baldur Gazette, begun by S. Cooper in 1897, taken over by P.F. Curtis and then owned by F. Stevens for many years. Middle - butcher shop. Early owners were Joe Lyons, Howard Brown, and Bill Bray. Right - Laundry - owned by A.W. Playfair in early days.



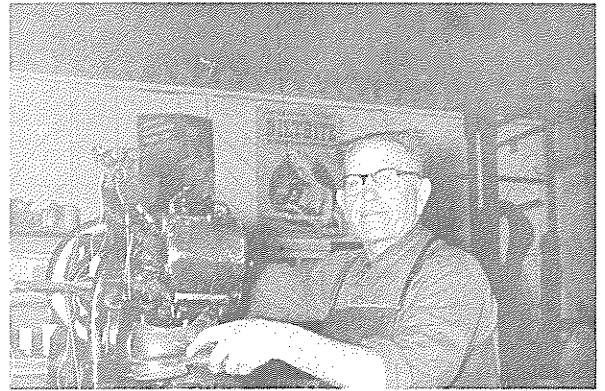
Glenora in the early days. The phones to Pilot Mound and Baldur were located in this store.

Baldur Grist Mill - first built at St. Leon and moved to Baldur in late 1890's. Torn down about 1916.



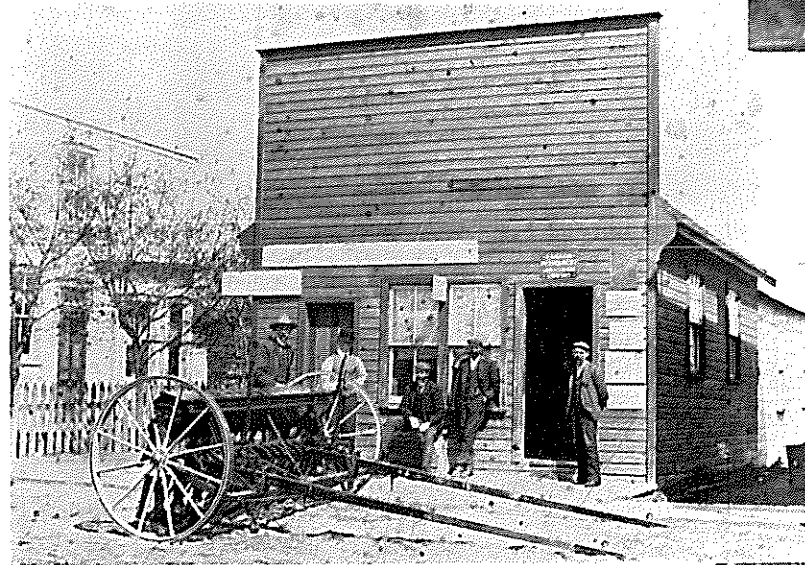
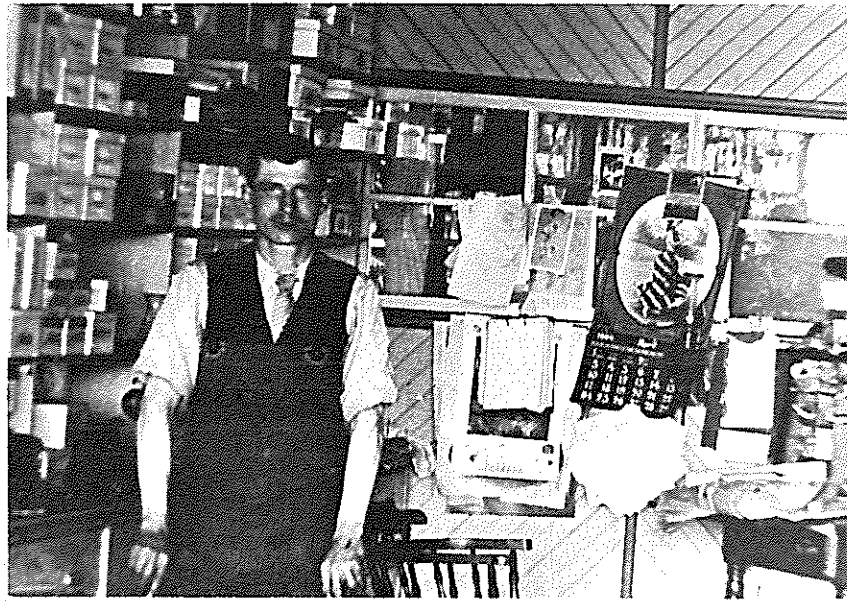


ABOVE: The interior of Fowler's Harness Shop & Shoe Store. Alex Fowler standing at right.

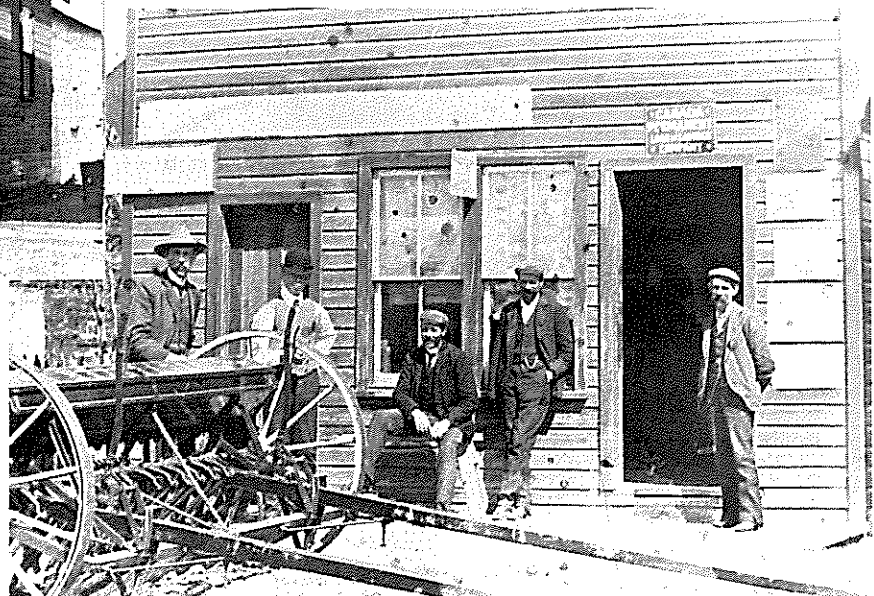


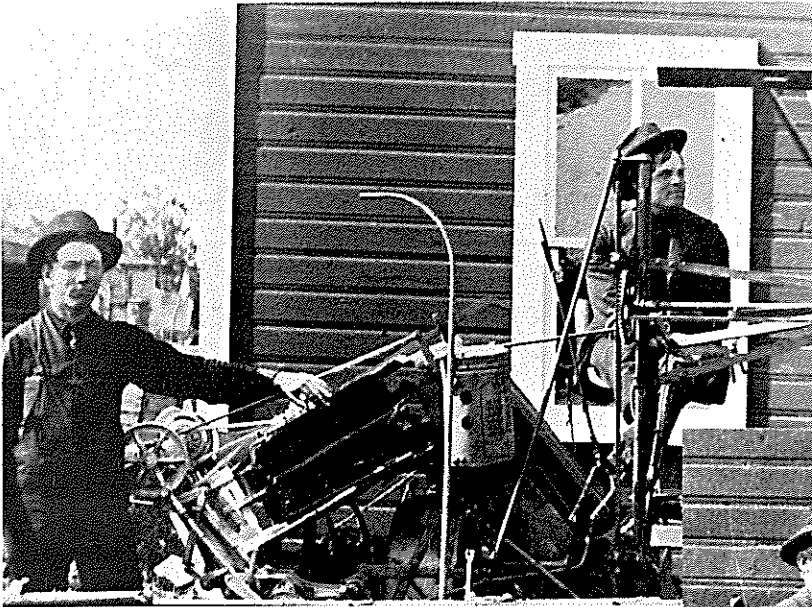
TOP RIGHT: Arni Bjornsson who worked as shoe maker in the Fowler Store for almost 50 years.

RIGHT: A former employee of Fowler's Store.



Full view of the Municipal Chambers which is now the bakery. This building was also used as an insurance office. Attached building at the back was an implement shed.

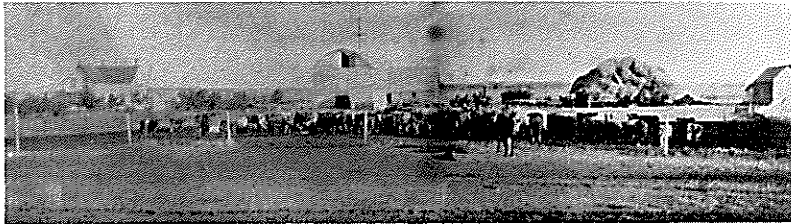




LEFT: An unknown man and Carl Thorsteinsson (r) admiring a "new" binder.



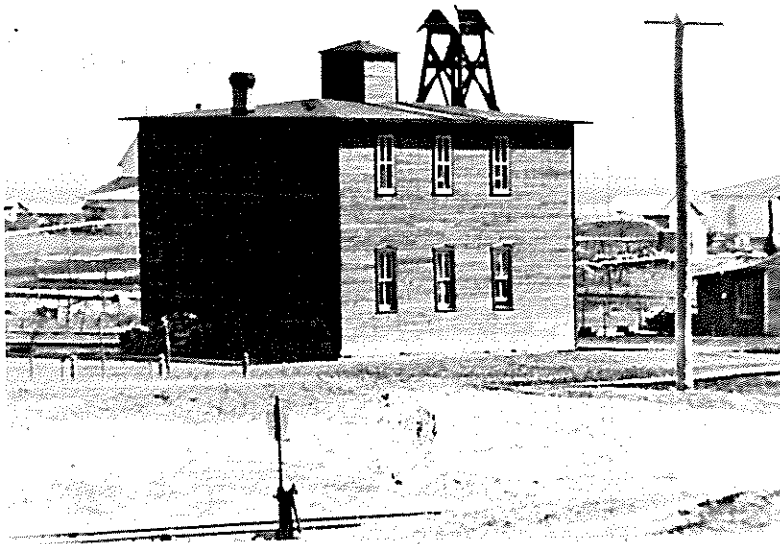
RIGHT: Christian Jonson (l) and Christian Olofson, standing behind an old-time mower and plow.



LEFT: Ab Cramer's farm where Sid Paddock lives now.

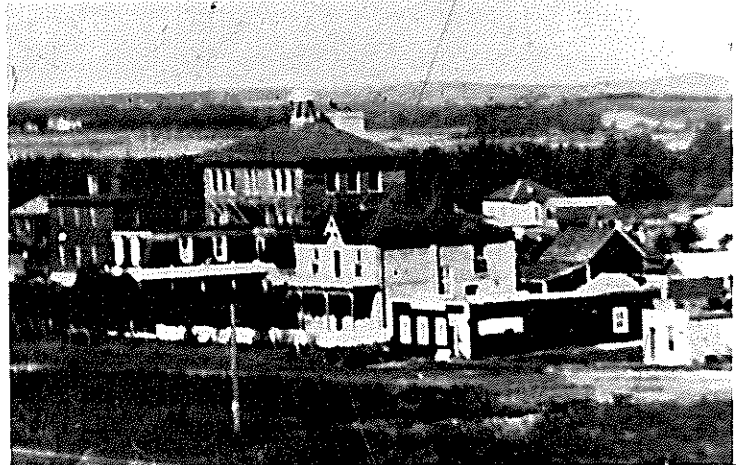
To the right is the Implement Cockshutt Plow Co., located where Ramage's Garage now stands. This building was owned by Chris Jonson who operated it for many years. The top two pictures are enlargements of portions of this picture.





Baldur School - built in 1893. Only the lower room was used as a school, the upper being reserved as lodge rooms and public hall. High School was held above present pool room. Miss Jeanie Wells, Indian missionary in Canadian N.W.T. was the district's first teacher. Miss K. Murray (wife of the late Dr. Cleghorn) came in 1894.

Background - present Baldur School being built, 1905. Note old Simpson School to left of it, which was torn down after 12 years use as it was regarded as obsolete. Bell in new school was donated by Premier Greenway.



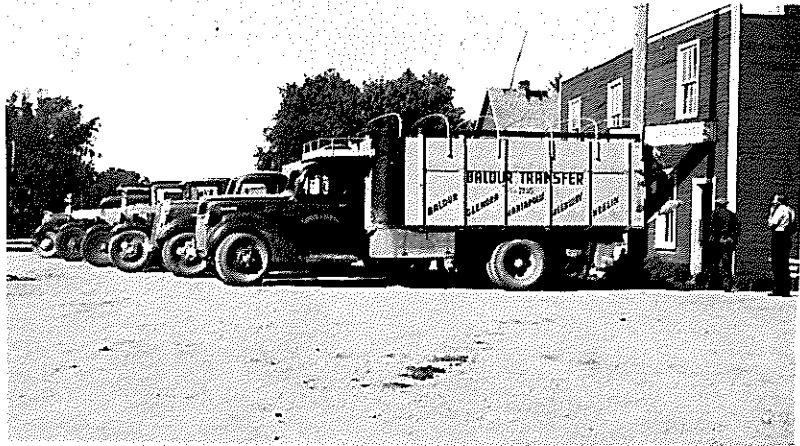
Total enrollment of Baldur School 1910. Intermediate department was established in 1902.

Second Street in Baldur

Left - old Massey-Harris Garage. Billy Herron was first agent, then William Price, C.K. Lodge, and now Clem Skardal.



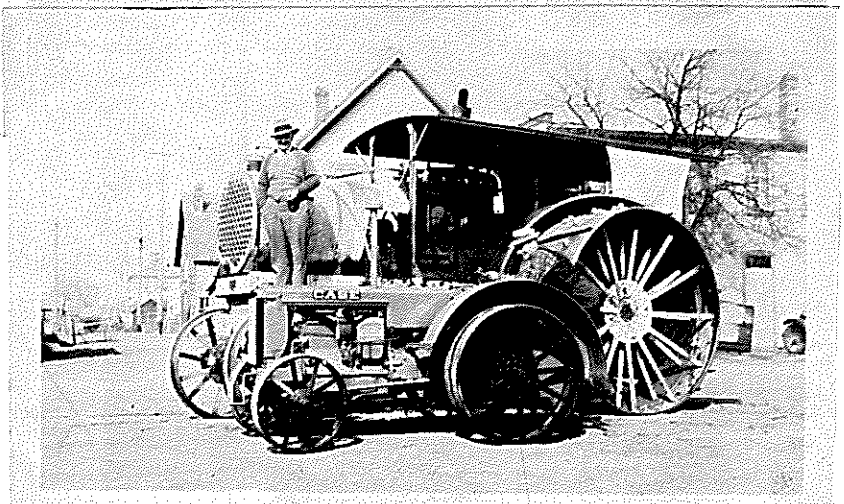
The Skardal & Gemmil Transfer Service.

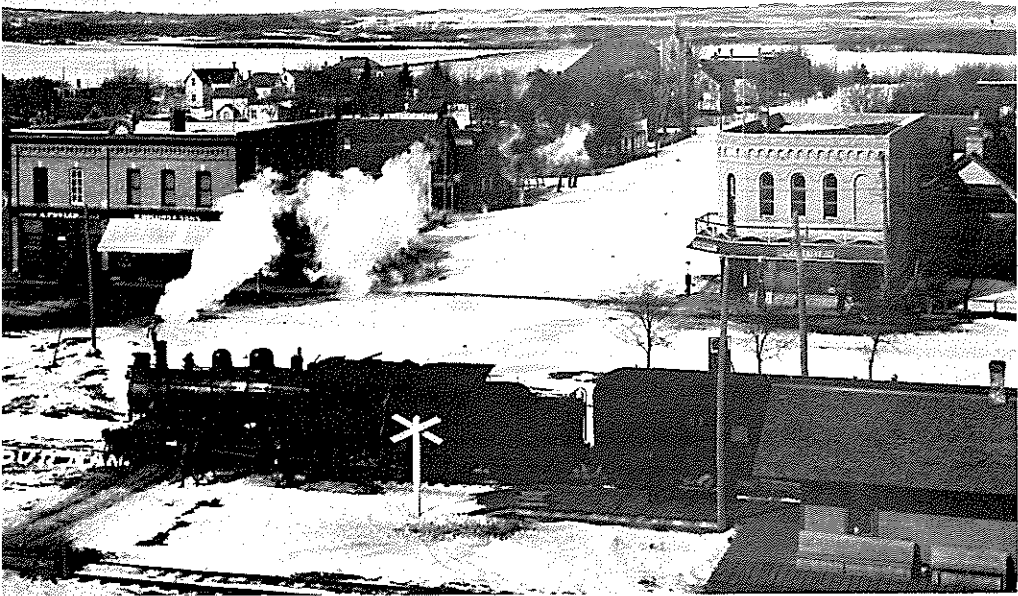


Right - old Massey-Harris garage. Odd Fellows Lodge met upstairs.
Middle - first Blacksmith Shop built by George Cramer. House on left is Goodman's where Hotel is today.



Tractor in the rear is old "Twin City" Model - first municipal tractor bought to build roads. Clem Skardal ran it with Carl Thorsteinson running grader which pulled behind it.





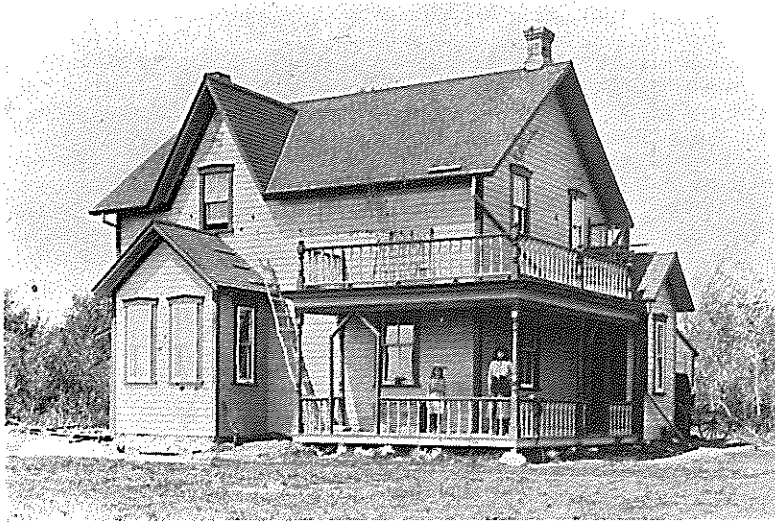
The pictures on this page are three views of Baldur about 1925.



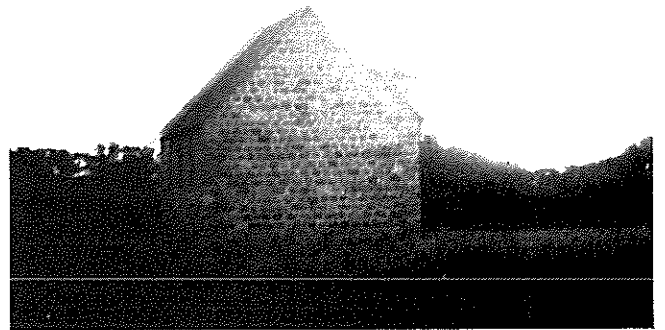


Some Early Buildings.

Left and lower left-house and barn are pictured on the Smeaton homestead where Jack Stone is today. Mr. Stone's mother is the girl at the right on the verandah.



Right-one of the most familiar landmarks north-west of Baldur, simply called the Old Stone Church. Now gone, it was built in 1906 by the Methodists.



The Old Stone Church

Right-The Playfair home, built about 1897 by G.W. Playfair who was one of the founding fathers of the town and its first Reeve.



Senior Room: June 30, 1910

Men: (left to right), supervising examiner, Mr. Jollow, Jim Allison, Harry Strang, Morris Miller, Felix Turner, Harry Martin, Russel Welsh, Jim Aikens, Murray Fowler, Eric Martin. Women: back row; Jean Strang, Jennie Smeaton, Ethel Miller, Agnes Mabon (Gillis), Sadie Gillis, Alice McManus, Lily Hallgrimsson, Freda Sigurdson, Jorunn Bardarson, front row; Isobel McNevin, Berle McNevin, Gladys Harrower, Certie Brown, Myrtle Sinclair, Jennie McLennan (Strang), Florence Harrower, Myrtle McNevin.



Primary Class, 1910

Teacher

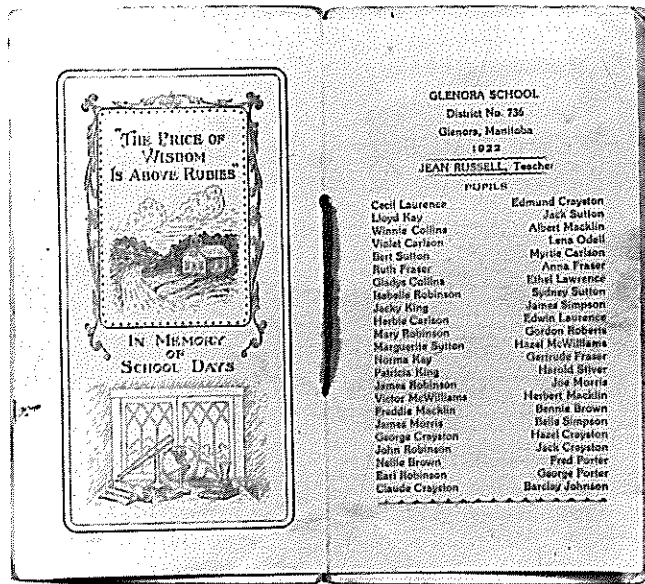
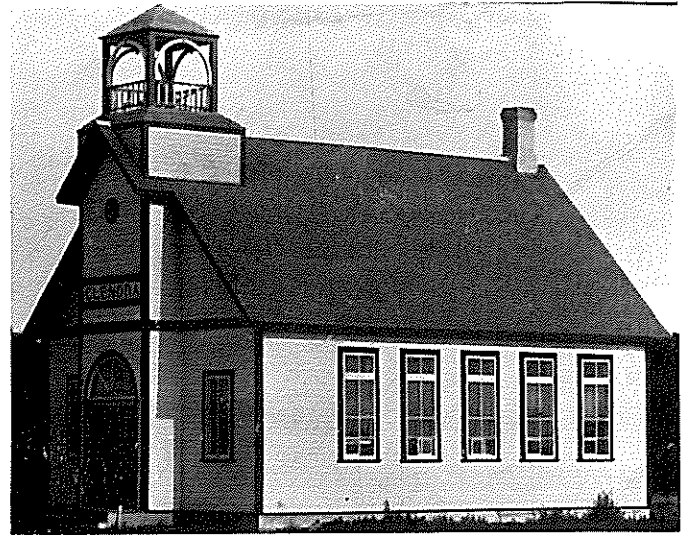
Back row: (left to right), Brian Poole, Sig Joel, a McPee, Stanley Livingston, Danny McDonald, Raymond Cleghorn, Murray Cleghorn, Roy Smith, Cliff Lyons, George Smith, Hart Rickter, Dan Joel, Art Cramer, Svein Bergman, Middle row: not known, Fanka Helgason, Clara Poole, Florence Fowler, not known, Dora Fowler, Jennie Snidal, Muriel Rankin, Murray Fowler, a Cramer, a Cramer, Anna Dalman, Stina Dalman, Daisy Cramer, Arni Ejorson. Front row: Jonas Bergman, Margaret Dalman, Stina Bergman, Svana Antonious, Vera Cramer, an Isberg, a Cramer, Sena Hallgrimsson, Lily Christiansson, Minnie Ejorson, not known, J.M. Johnson, a Scammel, Stanley Graham, a Scammel.

Senior Room: May, 1912

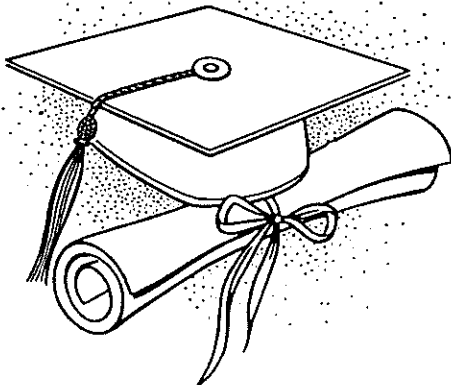
Ladies: (left to right), Miss Miller, Emma Cornock, Jenny Smeaton, Jean Houston, Lizzie Hiscock, Ethel Miller, Jane Mabon, Sadie Gillis, Lena Davidson, Ena Sinclair, Vera Cramer, Muriel Rankin, Jennie McLennan (Strang), Maggie Strang, Centre: W.A. Shannon, principal. Gentlemen: Jim Aikens, Numi Hjalmarson, Alvin Porter, Eric Martin, Morris Miller, Roy Kuffman, Murray Fowler.



Glenora School, 1922

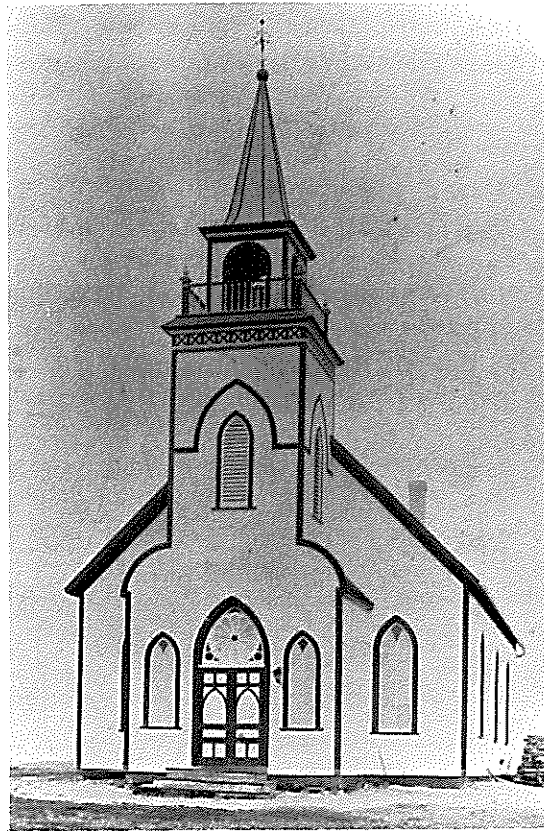


Souvenir of 1922 enrollment
at Glenora School





An early picture of the Baldur United Church.

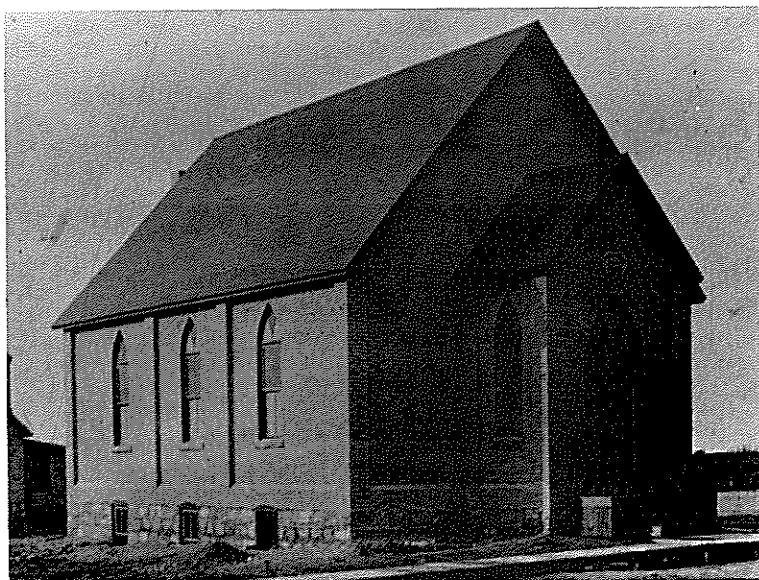


Frelis-Söfn Grund Church, north of Baldur.

An early Ladies' Aid meeting.



The Building of the
Methodist Church, 1904;
now the United Church.



Baldur Presbyterian Church
built in 1900. It stood
where the Memorial Hall
stands now.

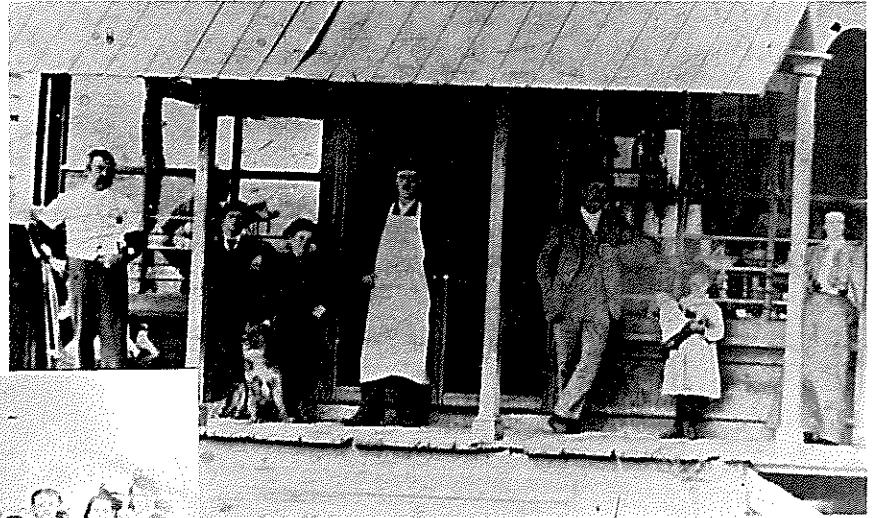


An early Bible Class of the
Presbyterian Church



A picture of the students of the elementary section of Baldur School taken in front of the Fowler house.

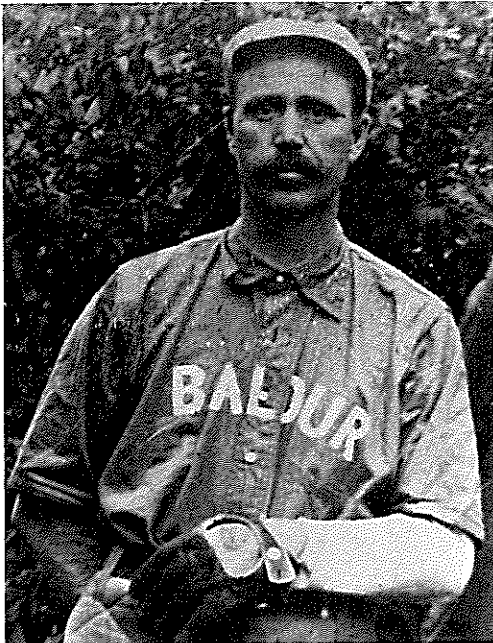
Right - A picture taken in front of P.F. Curtis' first store. The people in the picture are (left-right), Mr. Scutten, Chris Frederickson, Billie Band, Frank Bateman, Mr. Percy (P.F.) Curtis, Mrs. Curtis' sister, Phyllis Lee, Alice Curtis.



This picture is a picture of the junior room at the present Baldur High. The teacher was Miss J. Rankin. It was taken in 1910. The students are: (left to right), back row, Thora Hallgrimson, Irene Wray, Evelyn Cramer, Gladys Craig (Cramer), Mabel Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Runa Gudnason (Breidal), John Pope, Borga Oliver (Magnisson), Helga Oliver (Davidson), Annie Davidson, Jana Davidson, Alice Poole, Bertha Lyons; third row, Hilda Morris, Signy Morris, Helen Breault, Runa Johnson,

Florence Martin, Alice Lyons, Jessie Fowler, Annie Hawn, Hazel Hawn, Marion Price, Pearl Smith (Woodworth), Jessie Playfair, Anna Olson; second row, Eddie Cramer, Ralph Fowler, Lou Johnson; not known, Baldur Olafson, Gordon Cramer, Dan McDonald, Orville Bingham, Steini Helgason, Lestor Heath, Chris Dalman; front row, Raymond Cleghorn, a Hawn, Halli Hallgrimsson, Bill Frederickson, Bjorn Frederickson, a Hawn, Royden Mitchell, Valdi Clemenson, Jonas Oliver, Halli Davidson, Harry Hawn.

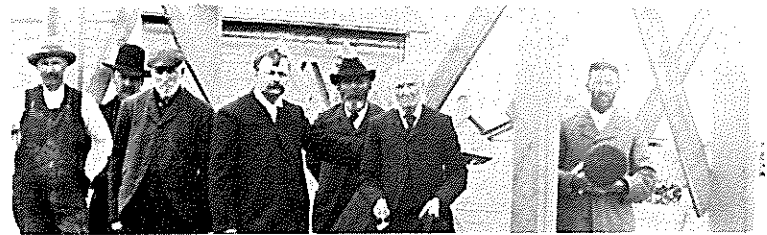
Popular Pastimes -I-



ABOVE: Baseball was a perennial favourite. Alec Fowler was a member of the Baldur team.

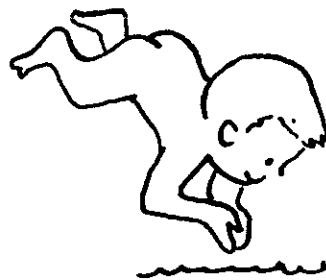


ABOVE: Crowds are gathered here to watch snow plowing operations on the railroad. Note how many of these curious little boys seem to be grown men.



ABOVE: A group present to watch the raising of the framework of the first Methodist Church in Baldur.

BELOW: Mr. P.F. Curtis out hunting.



SWIMMING: (Sorry, no authentic pictures available.)

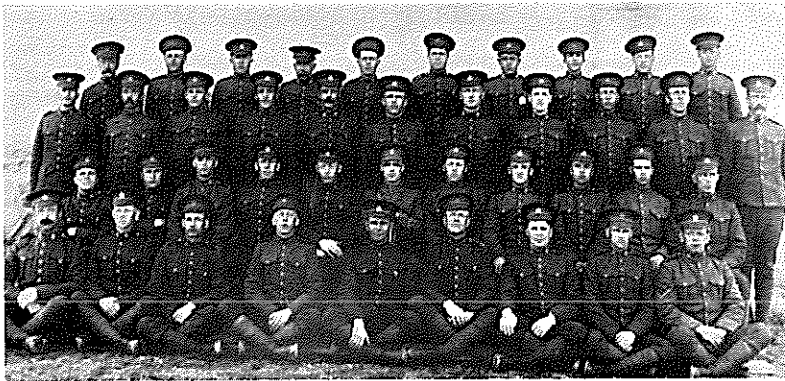


ABOVE: Mr. P.F. Curtis and wife and their hired girl, Mabel Best out camping.



A picture of the Baldur Baseball Team. In the back row, from left to right are Billy Bingham, Bill Sexsmith, Alexander Fowler, Mr. Cornock, Bert Dalzell, Jack Johnson, and Clyde Playfair. In the front row are, left to right, Mr. Oatway, Ernie Sexsmith, Ralph Fowler, Howard Brown, and Otto Sholtz.

An unbeatable Hockey Team
The people in the back row, left to right are: Murdock Campbell, Sam Johnson, Clyde Playfair, and Jack Johnson. In the front row are Roy Sholtz, Harold Bateman, George Playfair, and Frank Goodman.

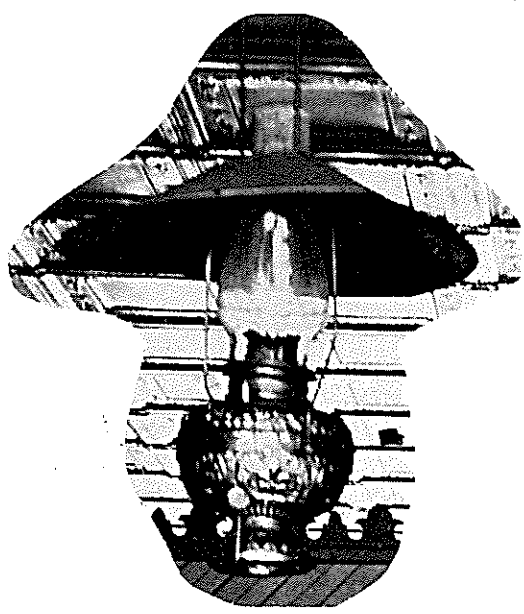


222nd BATTALION

Soldiers in training at Baldur, 1914.
By name left to right: front row, Sgt. McEwen, Pall Johannesson, Geo Emerson, Mr. Gosselin, Alex Bannerman, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carroll, Fred Josephson, Charlie Cuthbert; second row, Carl Thorsteinson, Jim McLean, Bill Garrett, Bill Kelly, Clarence Mitchell, Lieut. Johnson, Art Cramer, Geo Turrill, Jocker Gerolomj, Norman Kenny, Bill Sexsmith;

third row, Harry Landers, Mr. Anderson, Bill Chester, Emo Montroy, Mr. Caragus, Harold Chambers, Svein Anderson, Harry Bond, Mr. Strutt, Charles Hawkins, Mr. Odell; back row, Alf Baker, Art Conibear, Jacob Cadnason, Ted Groves, Fred Fenny, Dave Messny, Mr. Bryce, Mr. French, Harry Macklin.

FREE LAND! CHEAP LAND! LAND FOR THE ASKING!



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This Certificate is not valid unless countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, or a Member of the Dominion Lands Board.

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THE PATENT
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OTTAWA

Certificate of Recommendation for Homestead Patent
Department of the Interior,
Dominion Lands Office

Winnipeg 12th June 1902 189

I Certify that Edmund Wilson Stone
who is the holder of a Homestead Entry for North West quarter
of Section Number 17 Township 5 Range 12
West of the 1st Meridian, has complied with the provisions of the
law required to be conformed to, in order to entitle him to receive a patent for such
homestead, and that I have recommended the issue of such patent.

Countersigned at Ottawa, this 27th
day of June 189

Commissioner of Dominion Lands. SENIOR ASSISTANT Local Agent.

DOMINION LANDS.
INTERIM HOMESTEAD RECEIPT.

No. 41592

LANDS OFFICE
MAY 1892
OTTAWA

I Certify that I have received from E. Wilson Stone
of Winnipeg the sum of 15.00 Dollars, being the amount for Homestead Entry for 20
Acres of land described as follows:
Quarter of Section 17 Township 5 Range 12
West of 1st Meridian, and that the said E. Wilson Stone
is, in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred in such
cases by the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Act," respecting Homestead rights.

Local Agent.

NOTE: All instalments of money must be paid on or under the supervision of the Local Agent.

1892 Note.—The conditions upon which this Entry is granted are printed on the back hereof.

Close up views of Homestead land grants issued for the price of ten to fifteen dollars.

RIGHT: A list of requirements that had to be met before the homesteader could call the land his own. These regulations show that while land was bought for fifteen dollars, it was paid for in monthly installments of grit and hard labour.

The entry to which it refers be revoked or cancelled, unless the homesteader secure to take possession and cultivate the land entered for, to hold possession of the same, to the exclusion of any other person or persons whatsoever, and to bring and maintain actions in law or equity against any wrong doer or trespasser on the lands, as effectually as he could, to prevent a patent of such land from the Crown, but not to sell any of the timber thereon to persons other than homesteaders.

In case of the death of the homesteader before the completion of his homestead duties, his legal representatives succeed to the homestead right, but they, or some of them, must complete the necessary duties, and in no case will a patent issue for a homestead unless the person applying is a British subject by birth or naturalization.

A homestead entry is liable to be cancelled at any time that the homesteader is found to be in default in the performance of his duties, or in case it is proved to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior that a settler has made any false statement in the affidavit in support of his application for entry.

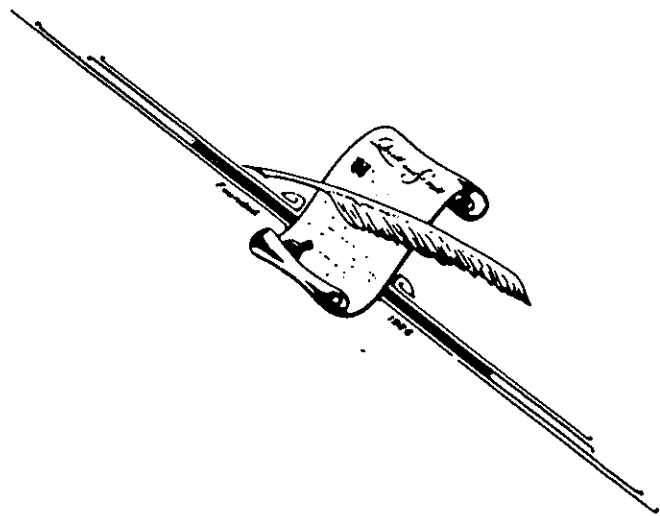
Homestead duties may be performed as follows:

1. By residence on homestead for at least six months in each year for three years, dating from time of perfecting entry by becoming an actual resident and by cultivation of the land to a reasonable extent.
2. By continuous residence for 12 months, after date of entry, 20 acres at least of cultivation, the erection of a habitable house, and payment for the land at current Government price per acre.

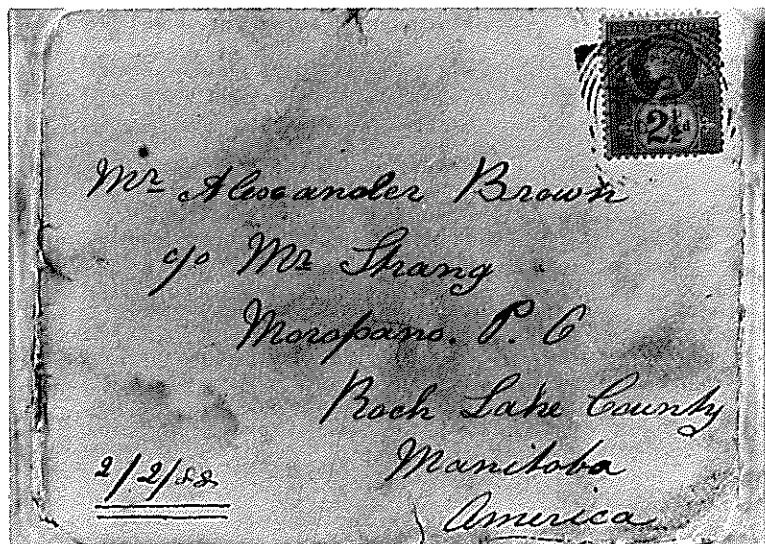
Six months is allowed in all cases for commencing the performance of duties, and where entry is obtained after 1st September in any year the time is extended until the 1st of June following.

Residence on homestead cannot be done by proxy.
Any special leave of absence that may be granted shall not count as residence.
Any assignment, transfer, mortgage or charge, or any agreement to assign, transfer, mortgage or charge a homestead right, or any part thereof, before the homesteader shall have received a certificate of recommendation for patent in proper form is forbidden, and operates not only to forfeit the entry, but also to disqualify the person assigning or transferring from obtaining another entry.
Proof that a settler is entitled to a patent must be made before the Local Agent of Dominion Lands, a Homestead Inspector or an Intelligence Officer. Failure to apply for patent for homestead within a period of 5 years from date of entry renders right liable to forfeiture.

Letters from Home



LEFT: An early letter from home pleading for news. Morapano was the name given to early Glenora postal district. Notice the 2½ cent stamp and the fine quality of the script.



Bruna Well

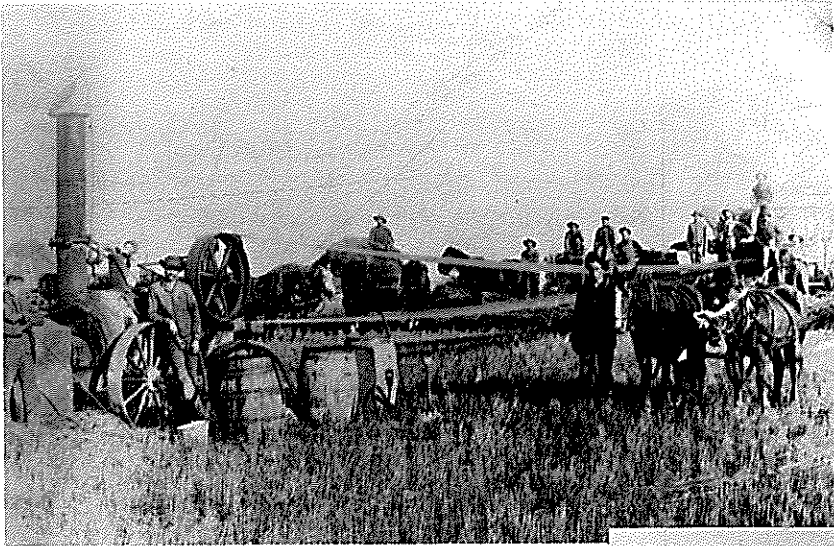
Dear Brother

just a few lines
to fill up Harry's spare paper.
The X Elm house is made very
grand it is made twice as big
as it was before & Mr. Stephen
the Tanner is come to live
there. The Road down from
the but down in front of the
Elm is walled up. Mrs. Thowen
has 2 cows and polly do do the
butter and milk the cows
I must now conclude now and
the next time you next write
I hope you will address
your letter to Oliver Brown
Billings
Todge

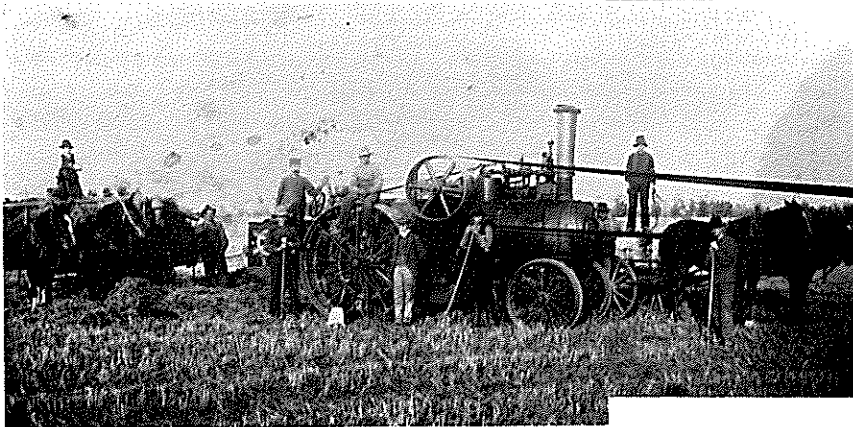
I am getting seven
shillings a week. We
are clearing bushes to
plant fir trees on Headless
Hill. Tye and Ware
are with us. We are have-
ing nice weather here
not hardly any frost.
There is a Coach running
from Ross to Monmouth
it has four horses. The
Whitchurch brass band is
getting on very well. If
you want to know who
are in it, tell me and I
will tell you next time.
W. Watson is quite well
but still wondering why
some of you dont write to
him. — Henry Brown

HARVESTING IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

Harvesting on the Johann
Johnson farm around 1914.



Gangs of men from many
parts of Canada came to
the prairies in thresh-
ing season to find work.



Below: third from right-
Steini Johnson.

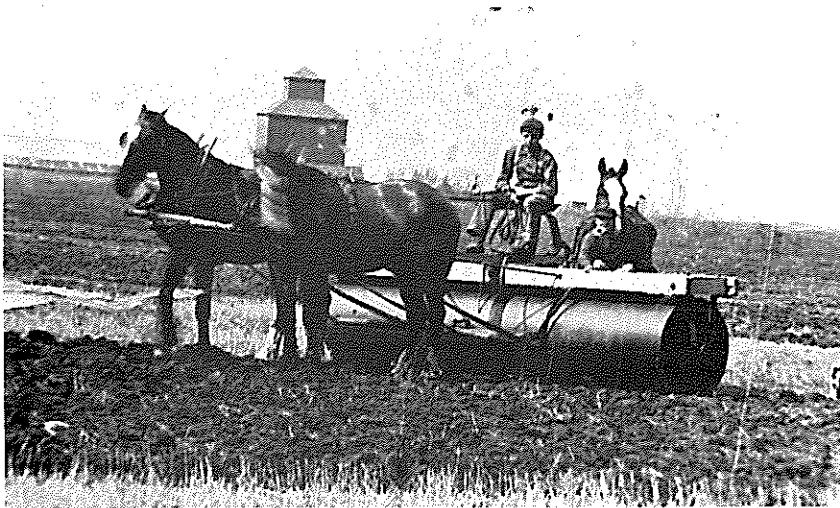


Top: third from right is John
Bjornsson, fifth is
Tryggvi Johnson Sr. The
threshing outfit is a
Garr-Scott steamer with
Rummley separator.

FARMING AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

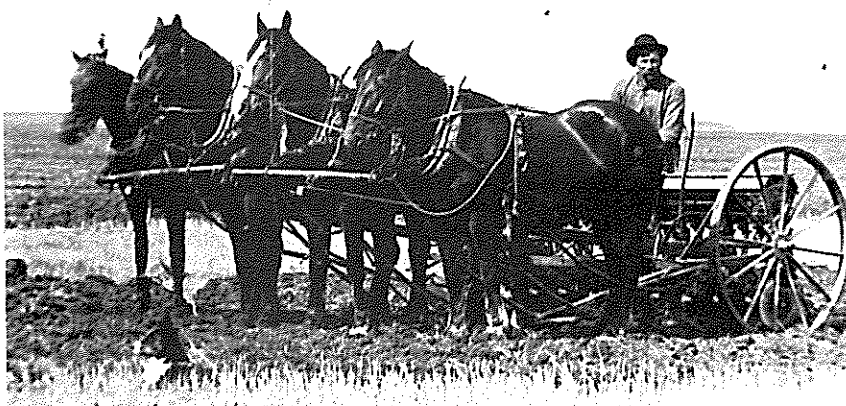


Above-A hired man on the farm of M.T.Cramer.

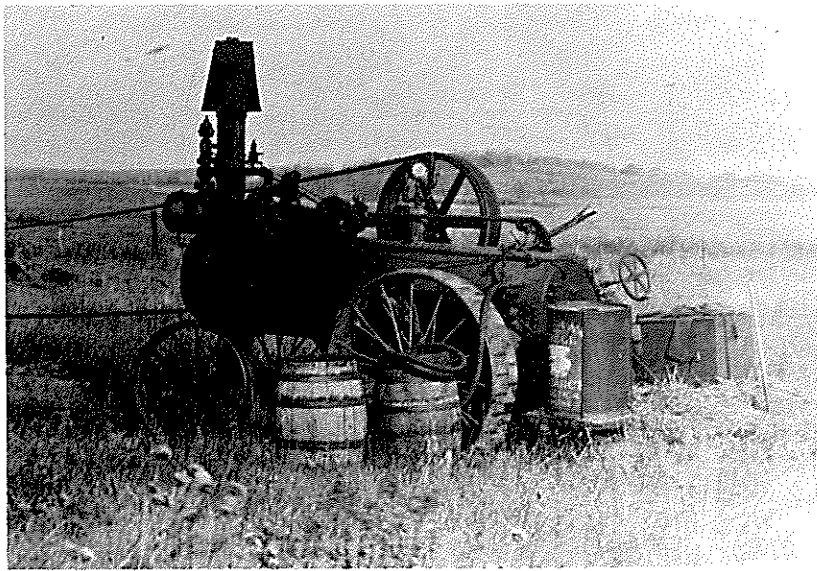


Left-Jesse Cramer preparing the land for seeding with a steel roller.The little boy sitting at the right is Art Cramer,who died in the First World War.In the background is the old Dominion Grain Elevator which stood where the U.G.G.coal sheds are today.

Right-The pictures above and below are enlargements of this picture.

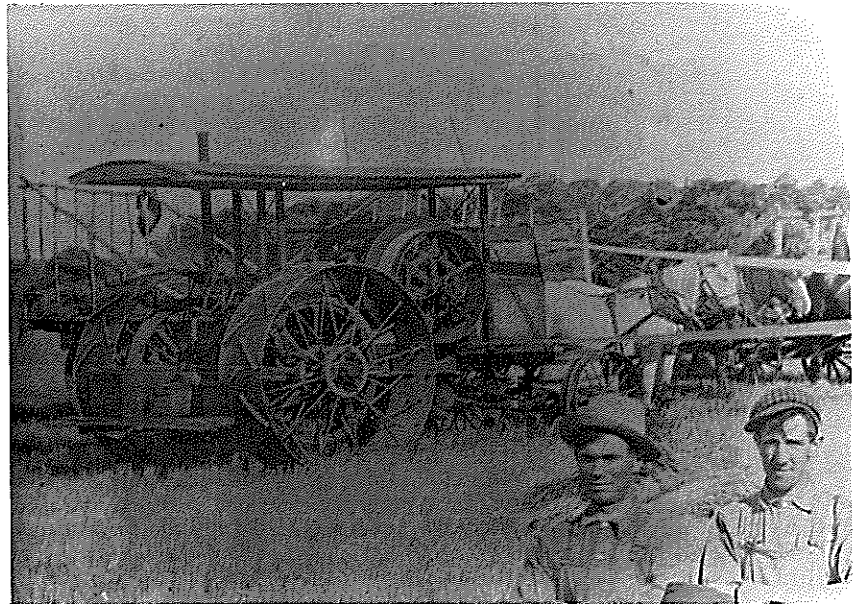


Left-Mr.M.T.Cramer on the seeder.One of the oldest settlers,Mr.Cramer came to Baldur with his brothers in 1880 after having helped to put the railway through to Winnipeg in 1879.The Cramers were noted for their hard work and prosperous farms.

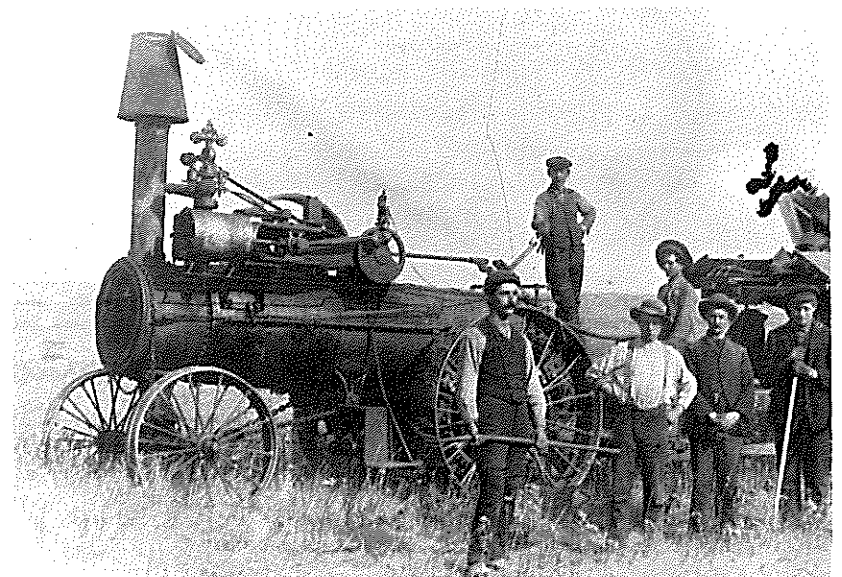


Self-propelled straw burning Robert Bell Steamer used about 1914. Threshing in this picture is at the farm at Johann Johnson.

The engine to right was used by Clark Threshing Gang in 1915. It was a self-propelled International gas engine or a Rummley Oil Pull.



Close up of Robert Bell Steamer. Men employed in threshing gangs earned around \$1.00 a day for more than twelve hours of work.





Close up of threshing gang moving to a farm to begin harvesting.

RIGHT & BELOW- Various stages of the threshing operation. Unseen workers of the threshing gang are the many women who worked, often from 4 in the morning to midnight, preparing the food that kept this prairie army marching. In the days when there were no such things as prepared food mixes, these women deserve a great deal of credit for the banquet that they were able to produce.



Aren't you glad you're farming in 1967?



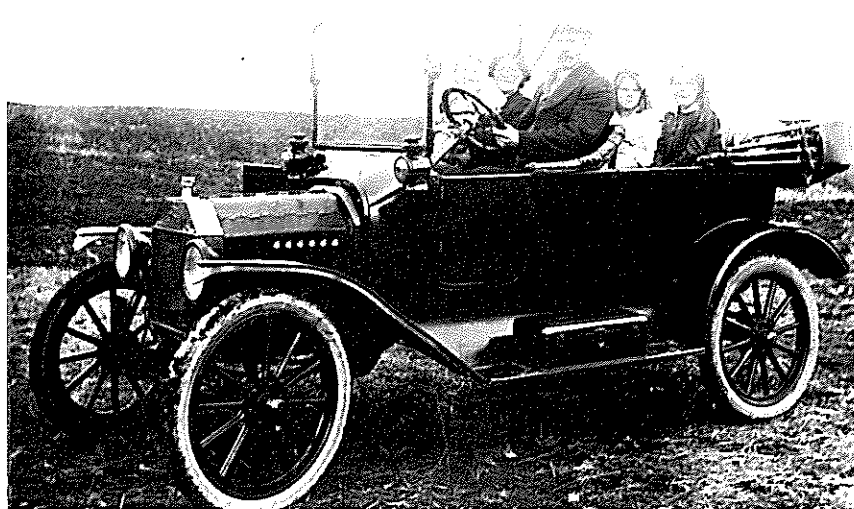
Put on
Your
Old Grey Bonnet!
Transportation in the
old days.

ABOVE - Single driver sulky owned by Jesse Chester. The horse MAGGIE C was a noted runner of those days. With a conveyance of this type, a trip from Baldur to Glenboro could be made in $1\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

Right - a de-luxe single seat surrey with fringe on top for sale at Chris Johnson's Implements. Some ran as high as 350 dollars...notice the headlights.



Below-Mr.Saedal and his family in their new 1915 Ford. Some models featured bucket seats and stick shift.



Below- the late Johann Johnson in his Reo in about 1914. This car was considered in 1914 to be what the Chrysler is today.



