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**Settling on the Souris Plains.**

It is just twenty-two years ago that the first Christmas was spent by settlers who occupied this fine portion of the province and at this particular season it may be interesting to recall some of the incidents of the first years when the prairie appeared in all their native wildness and were possessed of their ancient grandeur and beauty. In 1881 Christmas was spent near this place by

owned by the Messrs. Spencer. Lumber and supplies were hauled all the way from Brandon. In the winter it took four or five days to make a trip with oxen and heavy loads. In the summer of 1883 Mr. Hartney raised some three or four thousand bushels of magnificent wheat and Mr. Laughland had also a good crop. These men furnished the seed that was planted by a thousand men on farms all over the plains and this was really the commencement of rich, rolling prairie with early spring flowers, and sometimes a grove of aspen, or a small lake where the wild fowl were splashing. The pitched tent, the dry clothing, the dish of hot tea, and the first walk over the new possessions will be spoken of with pleasure. It was in this way without roads, bridges, mills, or convenient places of supply that the whole province became settled and a vast population introduced into the Territories. Railways have now been extended into every district, an extensive trade has been established, the current of commerce has been changed and instead of bringing in food supplies wheat is sent out by the millions of bushels. Throughout the extensive settlements over a thousand miles of western prairie country the farmers are established with towns, markets and railroads convenient. Men have become acquainted and have confidence in each other. They have tried the country, the climate and the soil and have found all excellent.

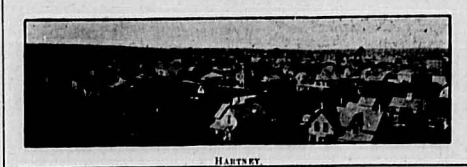
**First Christmas at Hartney.**



PART OF MAIN STREET, HARTNEY

Mr. Wm. Cross, Mr. William Roper and his son Benjamin. These three men occupied a small log shanty which Mr. J. M. Fee and Mr. S. Long had erected on the Fee homestead the previous summer. On this section twelve acres had been ploughed and this was the first attempt at cultivation in this district that has since become so famous on account of the quality and abundance of the wheat produced. The following spring and summer scores of men arrived and all the land was taken up over a wide

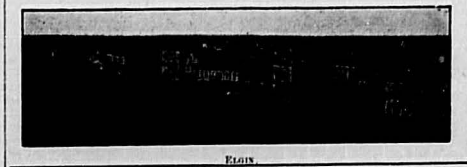
It is just thirteen years since the first village lots were surveyed on the sloping banks of the Souris where now stands the prosperous and beautiful town of Hartney. The first business men to establish themselves at this place were Mr. D. Leckie and Mr. Hammond, who opened a lumber yard. Other pioneer business men were Young & Moore, J. H. Hartney, J. A. Bradley, G. D. Butchart, E. W. Bateman, Joe. Young, Dr. Woodhull, J. F. Shillington, R. Douglass, J. W. Spencer, J. W. Barter, Dr. McEown. This was in the year 1890. There were then two grain elevators, one belonging to Leckie & Hammond, the other to Lake of the Woods. For some time men had been at work constructing the railway track, and the arrival of the first train on Christmas day was welcomed by the people and the sound of the locomotive bells formed Christmas chimes that answered each other not "from hill to hill in the mist" but far across the plains in the clear frosty air of a very happy and very beautiful Christmas day.



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stretch of country. In 1883 small, rude houses appeared at intervals all over the plain, the farms being occupied by Albert Henry, E. C. Nixon, A. James, W. Laughland, Jas. Barclay, Wm. Ansel, C. W. Miller, R. I. Crisp, H. Nugent, D. Gibson, Messrs. Callender, Jas. Hartney, Mr. Craig, M. Calverley, Jas. Clark, W.

At that time there were no churches at Hartney, there were no schools, no concerts, and the only entertainment was in the form of a few dances and parties. On Christmas evening thirteen years ago Mrs. Beynon entertained the young ladies and young men at a very select party at the residence on the "Hartney Farm." Of those who were living in the place twelve years ago only a few are now residents. Those who have observed Hartney develop from a hamlet of a few rude houses into a large town of importance, connected with other places by two railways, supplied with eight grain elevators, mills, magnificent stores of all kinds, churches, banks, schools and beautiful private residences. The prosperity of the town is the result of the prosperity of the farmers of the large district tributary and it is gratifying that the industry and patience of the agriculturists, and the carefulness and enterprise of the businessmen have been rewarded with success.



PLAIN

J. Higgins, James Duthe, W. C. Robinson, Geo. Agraew, Geo. Dawson, Ed. Briggs, M. P. P., Mr. John R. Shepherd, and the present reeve of the municipality and others. The section upon which the town of Hartney now stands was

crossing unbridged rivers, the unloading required at the runways and sloughs that were sometimes encountered, and at length the arrival at the homestead and the happiness that the long wished for destination had been reached. The

In Hartney as well as in other towns all stores close at 7 in the evening after the 1st January.