Boissevain

The railway line that now serves Boissevain was put into operation on January 3,1886.

When the line approached the spot then known as Cherry Creek, the CPR announced that they would erect a station there and a town appeared almost overnight.

Local businessman George Morton, quickly moved his general store from the earlier location of Wabeesh, in the Whitewater area, to the new town of Boissevain, where other buildings, stores and houses, were springing up.

The Boissevain CPR Station

Within a few short years the new town of Boissevain grew into the town we would recognize today.

Three churches, St. Andrew's Presbyterian (1887), St. Matthew's Anglican (1889), and St. Paul's Methodist (1893) survive today. Preston and McKay built a large Flour Mill in 1889, which proved to be an important boost to the local economy.

In 1906 the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson Bay Railway, which linked Brandon with the Great Northern Railway system in the United States provided competition for the CPR and additional service. The CPR also provided additional service when it completed its Boissevain-Lauder extension in 1913.

The Boissevain Great Northern Station