

TOWN OF HILTON: An excerpt from the Baldur Gazette 1899 Special Edition

Argyle's Eastern Burg

Hilton came to life in the fall of 1889 with the advent of the Northern Pacific railway but did not do much for a year or two; the Manitoba Elevator company, built one elevator that winter, there being nothing further done in the building line until the spring of 1892 when C. Brown put in a lumber yard and Hardware store. Since that time the town has grown steadily until it has reached its present prosperous condition. The nature of the surrounding country is especially adapted to wheat growing, frozen wheat being unknown in the vicinity. The land is of rolling prairie dotted with bluffs, and affords the very best facilities for stock raising, as is testified to by the prosperous condition of the farmers in this locality. Although the town is not as large as its sister towns it has one of the best markets in the municipality, three elevators being situated at this place, namely the Northern Elevator with a capacity of 15,000 bushels, Dominion Elevator 25000 bushels, and the Winnipeg Elevator total capacity of 85,000 bushels. There have been from 100,000 to 300, 000 bushels of wheat marketed in a season according to the crops of the several years. There are several lots of good land for sale in the neighborhood, held by speculators, which would add greatly to our advancement if it were bought up by the actual settler and put under cultivation.

The business firms in Hilton are as follows:

BROWN & SCOT, GENERAL MERCHANTS.

A. S, BAKER, GENERAL MERCHANT.

E.M. FREEMAN, GENERAL BLACKSMITH.

L. McFARLINS, GENERAL BLACKSMITH.

GEO. AGAR, LIVERY STABLES.

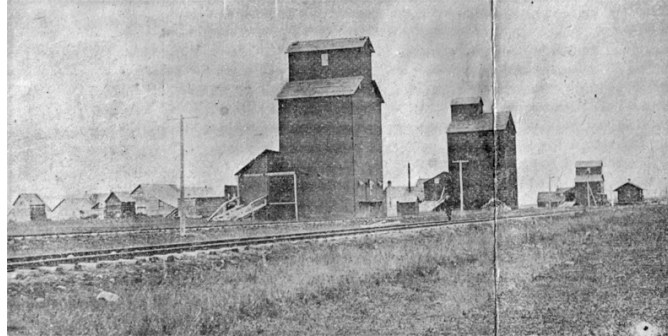
BROWN & SCOTT, IMPLEMENTS AND LUMBER.

Mr. Chris Brown, of the firm of Brown & Scott, Reeve of the Municipality of Argyle, mayor of Hilton, an exceptionally successful business man and probably the most popular resident of the municipality, started in business in Hilton in 1892, and has extended his business to every branch of the general store line. A year ago he opened a branch store at



General Store of Messrs Brown and Scott, Hilton - Photo by F. Stevens

Ninette a few miles distant, on the new railway line. A cut of his store appears in these pages. The district around Hilton abounds in examples of successful farmers, among these may be mentioned Mr. Jas. Scott, Sr. one of the pioneers of the district, whose farm is situated only half a mile from the town. Beside the buildings to be seen here is a fine solid stone barn. Mr. Scott is known as one of the most prosperous farmers of the neighborhood. Scott Bros, sons of the above, are recognized to be among the best farmers of the district and also have stone barns on their farms. Mr J. S. Jackson, another pioneer settler, can be quoted as a fair instance of success. Fine stone buildings are to be found on his farm.



**View of the Elevators, Hilton, showing part of the town.
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