

of pluck and energy and a determination to succeed at whatever hazard.

O. T. Fosholdt and John Syvertson were the first to engage in business after the town was started and in the fall of 1892 started a general store at what is now the corner of Third and First avenues. The following spring they moved to the corner of Fourth and Railroad avenues where Mr. Fosholdt still continues in business, Mr. Syvertson being in the clothing and dry goods business next door. A

Every year has seen new buildings and other improvements added to the town. The citizens enjoy the advantages of two elegantly equipped passenger trains each way every day. They are run so that a person wishing to transact business in the Twin cities can leave here in the evening and wake up in Minneapolis in the morning ready to attend to his business. He can spend the day there and start for home in the evening, reaching home the next morning in time for breakfast. The principal



Business Block in Courtenay, N. D., Erected and Owned by Dr. A. W. Macdonald

reastaurant was about the only other business house until the summer of 1893, when others engaged in various lines of business. At that time there was only one elevator, the Osborne & McMillan company having opened their house during the fall of 1892. The town made steady progress until 1895, when it was visited by a disastrous fire that almost wiped out all the buildings and for a time things seemed rather blue. But the people went to work and built better buildings, thus evidencing their undaunted faith in the country.

business buildings are constructed of brick with pressed brick fronts and large plate glass windows adorn the fronts of the stores, showing a large variety of merchandise and giving the town a metropolitan appearance. There is also a large amount of cement sidewalk on the main business street and on some of the residence streets. There are two excellent bank buildings and they are numbered among the most modern and sound financial institutions in the northwest. They represent a capital stock of \$37,500 and they carry on an aver-