

The City of Jamestown, North Dakota

JAMESTOWN, the metropolis of Stutsman County and the county seat, is located in the fertile valley of the James River and is numbered among the most beautiful and progressive towns in the state. It is now the third largest town in the state and is a very important point on the Northern Pacific Railway.

The town came into existence through railroad parentage and the christening of the future metropolis of the James River Valley region was done by a railroad official, General Rosser, a former

With the attainment of its majority in 1902 came a sudden impetus of growth and in July, 1905, the city had officially 5,093 people. If the census were taken at the present time it would show a considerably increased population as there are constantly people coming to the town and locating and becoming permanent residents.

Jamestown is division headquarters and railroad center of the Northern Pacific system in North Dakota. All trains on both the main and branch lines are dispatched from this point. The



Street Scene, Jamestown, North Dakota

chief engineer of the Northern Pacific Railway. The name of the James river suggested Jamestown and the name of the little village was thus launched into the nomenclature of the state from suggestions of the limpid waters of the beautiful stream and recollections of an historical city famed in the early annals of the nation. The town was christened in the year 1872 amid the activities of railroad grading on the main line of the N. P.

The country adjacent to Jamestown was gradually settled up by a farming population and it was soon apparent that more people were necessary in the town to transact the business and it took on a healthy growth that gave it a population of 2,800 in 1900, while the town was not yet of legal age.

monthly pay roll of employees runs from \$15,000 to \$25,000, varying with the business of the season. There are fifteen miles of side tracks in the city. The railroad repair shops, round house, and master mechanic's headquarters are located here, together with the depot of railroad supplies for all parts of the road in the state east of the Missouri River. With the increasing population of the country dependant upon the railroad for transportation services, the increase of railroad population and railroad interests of the city is bound to keep pace.

In addition to being the headquarters for the main line of the Northern Pacific running across the state from east to west, the branch lines of