

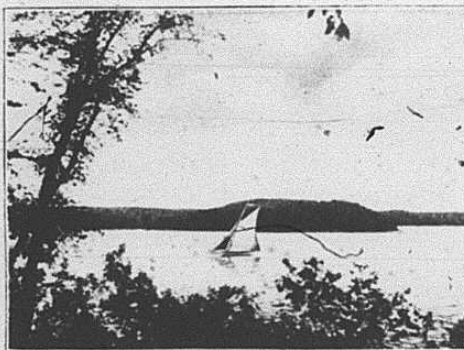
## THE COURTENAY GAZETTE

the amount of business that is carried on at this point. The Village of Courtenay has one attorney, two banks, two barber shops, one blacksmith shop, one stone mason, three building contractors, two coal yards, two clothing stores, two lumber yards, one confectionery store, one drug store, two dry goods stores, one department store, four dress-makers, three draymen, two general stores, three harness shops, two hardware stores, one hotel, five insurance offices, three implement dealers, one jewelry store, one printing office, two livery stables, three loan offices, three music dealers, four music instructors, one millinery store, one weekly newspaper, one news dealer, one physician and surgeon, two painters, two pharmacists, three real estate dealers, one restaurant, two meat markets, one tin shop, one telephone exchange, one church building, and one paint shop.

While the town would seem to be well represented in most of the lines of business there are a number of enterprises that would do well here. One of the most important enterprises that we are in need of at the present time is an up to date flouring mill. We had one here at one time but it was destroyed by fire and the business of the company was in such a condition at the time that it was impossible for them to rebuild and the matter has not been taken up by anyone else. There is one of the best openings in the state at this point for such an enterprise. Another thing of which we stand in need is a creamery. There is a sufficient number of cows among the farmers tributary to the town to make this enterprise a paying investment. We are also in need of a good bricklayer, a hospital, more residences for rent, and a number of other things.

The citizens of Courtenay consider themselves extremely fortunate in being located in a town so close to Spiritwood lake, a beautiful body of water

ten miles south of the town, to which place it is most easily accessible. The lake is very deep, being in some places over one hundred feet, and of good depth all over, is three miles in length and is well suited to small steamers and sail boats. It is well stocked with various kinds of fish and is the most popular pleasure resort in North Dakota.

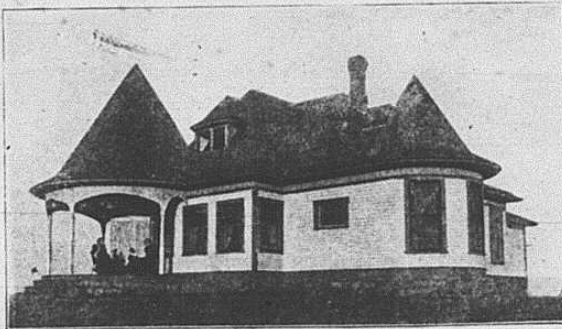


*Spiritwood Lake, the popular summer resort of Stutsman County*

Large numbers of people from outside of the state are being attracted to it by reason of its surpassing beauty and the opportunity it offers for healthful recreation. The lake is fed by many very large perpetual springs of sparkling water and is indeed a charming spot, thoroughly appreciated by the people fortunate enough to own property in that vicinity. Courtenay is the nearest point on the Soo Line and the town furnishes

excellent accommodations to those wishing to visit this popular resort.

We have stated in this article that there was a large amount of grain shipped from this point and in support of this statement we want to give some figures to give a more definite idea of the magnitude of the business that is transacted annually. Every year has seen increased prosperity among the farming class as well as the business men of



*One of the modern residences of Courtenay*

the town and a remarkable condition prevails at the present time on account of the immense yield of all kinds of grain in the fall of 1905. The facilities of the railroad companies were taxed beyond their capacity and they were unable to haul to market the grain as fast as it was poured from the threshing machines

and every nook and corner of every farm building where room could be found was used for storing the surplus grain until such a time as it could be placed on the market. In order not to delay the threshing machines temporary bins were built in almost every field where threshing was in operation and the golden grain turned into these bins to await hauling to market