

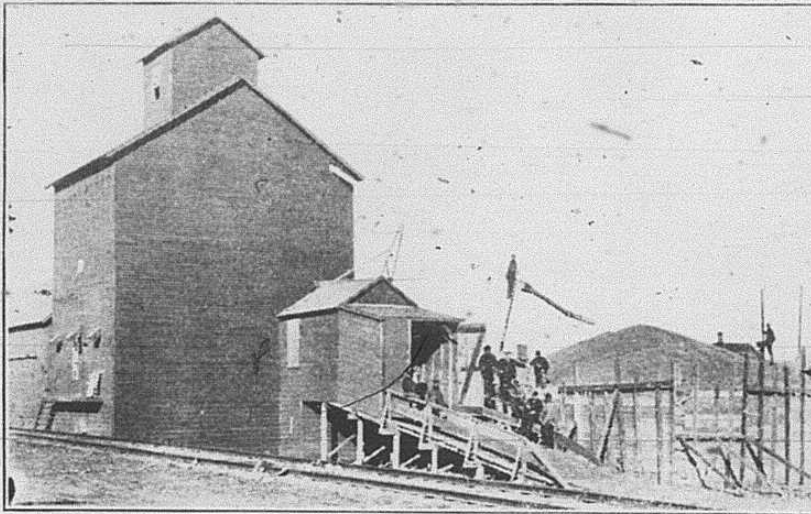
THE COURTENAY GAZETTE

or storing in some safe place later on. But very little loss has occurred on account of this and most of the farmers will build larger bins for the storing of their grain as it comes from the machine the coming season. The elevators of Courtenay were unable to take the grain as rapidly as it was offered for market, but they showed remarkable enterprise in making an effort to handle the business. The Royal Elevator Company conceived the idea of building a large bin outside of the elevator and into this was poured several thousand bushels of wheat. After this the other companies also built large bins and for a time the congested condition was relieved and the farmers were enabled to market their grain without any interruption. There are five elevators in the town with a capacity of 170,000 bushels, but that was as nothing in comparison with the amount of grain in the country and a good deal of the time the elevators were full to the roof and had to close up on account of a lack of cars with which to ship out.

So far this season there has been 450,000 bushels of wheat shipped from this station and it is estimated that there is still in the hands of farmers about 100,000 bushels and the elevators have on hand about the same amount, making a total of 650,000 bushels of wheat that has been raised in the territory tributary to Courtenay during the last season. But this is not all the grain that was raised. There were 150,000 bushels of flax that was worth on an average of \$1 per bushel, and 600,000 bushels of barley and oats, the greater part of which has been used for feeding purposes. But the raising of grain is not the only source of revenue to the farmer on these broad and fertile prairies. There has been shipped from this station in the last few months twenty-five cars of stock to the South St. Paul market and although the price of stock has been rather low

of late yet this has been a source of large income and is an indication of the thrift and frugality of the farmers of this section of the state. The freight receipts for the goods shipped into the town amount to about \$60,000 annually, or \$5,000 a month. The ticket sales amount to \$25,000 a year while the receipts from the express business amount to nearly \$6,000 every year. The amount paid by the farmers for the grain and stock shipped out during the fall and winter amounts to about \$40,000. There has been three men employed by the Soo railroad all the fall and winter and it has been as much as they could do to handle the immense amount of business that has been transacted at the depot. The company has been compelled to

enlarge their depot and there is now a crew of men at work making the much needed improvement. The village of Courtenay can boast of one of the best race tracks in the state. The Courtenay Race Track Association was organized in 1904



An Out Door Bin of Wheat, Royal Elevator Company, Containing 35,000 Bushels

and they purchased one of the best tracts of ground that could be obtained for the purpose of building a race track and went to work to make it the best in the state, and, if the opinion of horsemen can be taken for anything, we believe they have accomplished their purpose. There is a grandstand that will seat five hundred people and every effort has been made to make the meetings satisfactory to the public and the horsemen who patronize the association. They have now held two race meetings and everything has been entirely satisfactory and nothing but success can be looked for. The meeting this year will be held during the first week of July and already preparations are being made to make this even a greater success than the two that have been held. The racing fraternity are expecting to witness some warm events.