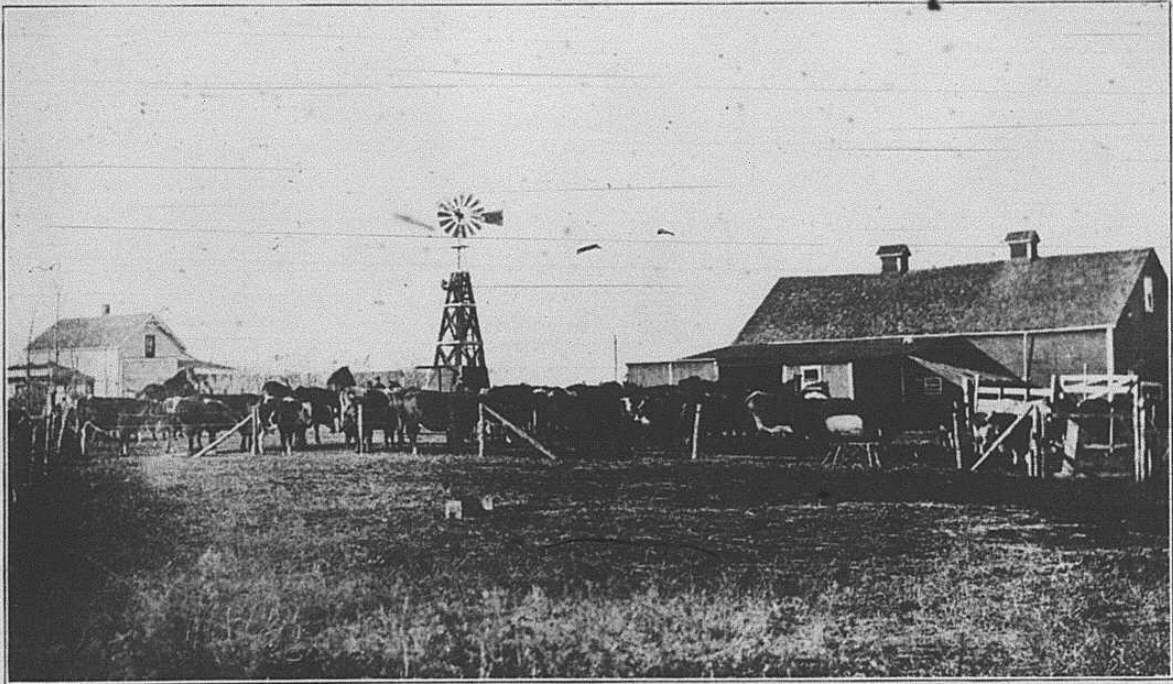


Mr. John H. Reid

Mr. John H. Reid reached Jamestown the morning of May 14, 1886. At this time the city was falling off—dry years and booming had killed it. The ride home of thirty miles to Corinne township on a heavy loaded wagon was a trial, although the country looked fine. After passing twelve miles en route there was not a dwelling in sight except two unoccupied shacks and in the vicinity of what is now Courtenay there were only five residents. Many who had filed on claims had come to the conclusion that they were of no value and had deserted the country and gone back east for a new start. One thing which Mr. Reid observed on this first trip across the country was the nature of the rich

farming operations. He never lost sight of the fact that this was a good country for raising stock and engaged in the business with only two cows and one mare. He added yearly to his herd and inside of seven years was the owner of a fine herd of grade short horns and a few teams of good horses. He found good profit in raising beef cattle even in the days of cheap beef as the fine grasses and feed make such rapid increase in weight that stock raising is a profitable side to farming. Mr. Reid has kept adding to his stock until he now has one of the finest herds in the state, all the cattle being good grades of fine color and quite a few registered short horns and his horses of the best



Farm and Ranch of John H. Reid, adjoining the Townsite of Courtenay

grasses which afforded such hopeful chances for stock raising. Land at this time was easily obtained either by purchase or government grant and he spent several months in making his selection and finally filed on the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8-143-62, besides taking a timber claim, the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 6-143-62, just west of the present townsite of Courtenay. Mr. Reid was far-sighted in making a selection in this part of the country. He reasoned that by getting a considerable distance away from Jamestown that the chances were better for getting a railroad, and in this he was not disappointed. In 1892 the Soo road reached this point and bought the town site from Mr. Reid and platted the town of Courtenay. Mr. Reid has platted two additions to the town since and in this way has added considerable to his already profitable

Hambletonian stock and travelers of rare appearance and fine action. In the fall of 1896 Mr. Reid purchased the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 7-143-62 and now has this well improved. He has fenced a portion of it for pasture and has a fine well and wind mill on it. The balance, 90 acres, has been broken up and cropped, with fine results. He now has a fine farm of 410 acres entirely free from incumbrances and is located surrounding the thriving village of Courtenay. The half tone shown on this page will give some idea of the farm as it looks now. This excellent farm is offered for sale at a reasonable figure. The ranch is on a first-class basis and is a growing concern as a grain, dairy and stock farm, which is not only paying a nice yearly profit but is affording a first-class living and is a property which will increase in value for the next twenty years.