

SHERBROOKE

Her Past and Present, and Her Future Possibilities.

Sherbrooke, the county seat of Steele county, is pleasantly located at the exact geographical center of the county, and is surrounded by a belt of rich and wealth producing land, much of which, owing to the distance from a railroad station, is still uncultivated, inviting settlers who have energy, enterprise and a desire to see the country increase in wealth, while building up comfortable homes for themselves.

The county seat was located here in 1885, the county building made ready for occupancy in the winter of 1886. During the fall of 1888 the capacity of the building was doubled, making it one of the most commodious as well as comfortable county building in the state.

Sherbrooke has all the surrounding elements to make it one of the best interior towns in North Dakota except that of railroads, and through the enterprise of its citizens and of the people in the neighborhood that want is evidently soon to be supplied by a road from Fargo through Sherbrooke to Devils Lake and other points north-west. With this road assured the growth of Sherbrooke will begin in earnest, and the thousands of uncultivated acres in the near neighborhood will be broken up and much wealth added to the county from what has heretofore been unproductive.

The County Commissioners have recently built a fire proof vault, so that the records of the county are in safe keeping.

The offices of the Treasurer, Auditor, Register of Deeds and County Clerk are located on the first story of the court house, while the Sheriff, Supt. of Schools and County Attorneys offices, with the court room, occupy the second story.

The present officers are: K. H. Brunsdale, Treas; M. B. Caspell, Register of Deeds; L. C. Goplerud, Auditor; S. L. Linn, Sheriff; S. J. Ax Dahl, School Supt.; W. A. Winslow, Clerk of Court; Geo. Murray, County Atty. Mr. P. T. Stankard is employed by the County Commissioners as janitor of the building. The present Commissioners are J. P. Fease, chairman; L. C. Day, O. W. Williams, T. O. Schjeldahl, M. Curry. All the present officers are competent and the people generally would be pleased to see them retained in their present positions.

Sherbrooke has now two general stores kept by T. G. Anderson and P. T. Stankard, keeping most goods in demand. Mr. J. B. Honeyman has the blacksmith shop, keeps on hand most kinds of nails, bolts and shelf hardware. Mrs. A. C. Carpenter is the post-mistress and gives universal satisfaction. Mrs. J. Elliott keeps the only hotel and is very popular with the boarders and travelling public. The Messrs. Bugbee have the livery, feed and sale stable and also drive the stage line from Sherbrooke to Portland and Hope, making alternate trips to either place, carrying freight to and from the railroad.

T. S. Hunt is the genial editor of the Steele County Tribune, which paper is becoming very popular with its patrons and is daily adding to its subscription list.

Since the recent railroad agitation much inquiry for lots and lands in Sherbrooke and vicinity has been elicited, and the prospect is very flattering for quite a boom during the summer of 1892.

Fargo has evidently made up her mind that it is of vast importance to her financially to have railroad connection with Steele county's capital and gather through Sherbrooke the thousands of dollars that are sent from this section for supplies, that could not be furnished here, most of which money now passes Fargo to the cities farther east, which Fargo could as well supply and build up a large and prosperous city at the same time building up an extensive feeder at Sherbrooke and stations intervening. Parties desiring change of location and a pleasant home, where land is cheap and productive, can not do better than to come to Sherbrooke and look over her advantages which are patent to all visitors.