

Elgin



Elgin is another story of rapid growth. In 1898 when the railway came through, there was not a building on the present site. By 1900 the population of the village was about 400, and there were many more families in the district than at present. By 1913, as progress continued, Elgin had a school, four churches, an active band, and 34 places of business.



Most communities – even small ones, had a community band.

In 1912, Elgin Consolidated School was formed when the local school, started in

1884, joined with Alice, Gilead, Maguire, and Millerway Schools. In 1951 a new modern school was built. That school closed in 1986 and a monument now commemorates it.



Built in 1904 this Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building, to the left in this photo, was originally two stories high, providing accommodation for the bank manager. The second level was removed in the 1950s. After the bank closed in 1995, it became the Elgin and District Museum.

