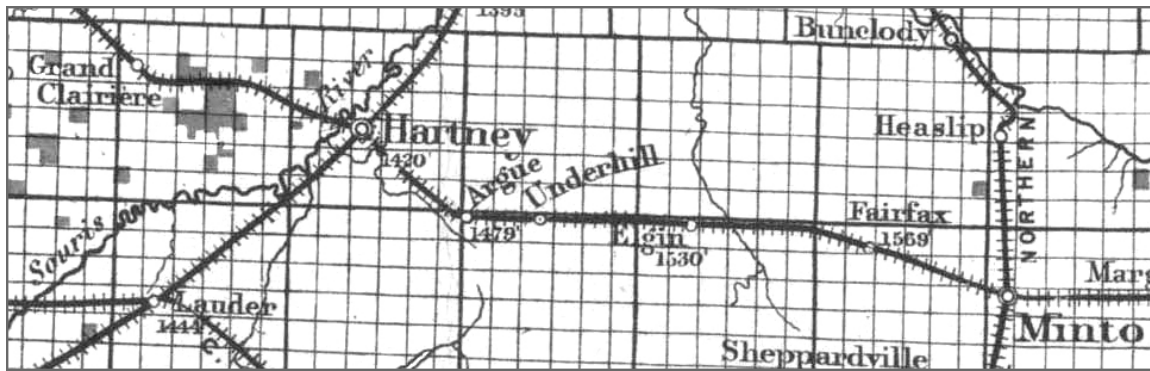


Minto



Minto got its start when the Canadian Northern Railway came through in 1898 and it grew quickly.



Farmers were now able to ship their grain and livestock closer to home instead of hauling to Boissevain or Hartney.

The town soon had all the shops that a community needed to thrive. These shops included everything from a butcher shop to a Chinese laundry.

In 1906 a second rail line from the North Dakota to Brandon made Minto an even busier place.

On October 14, 1930, this booming town met a harsh reality that many communities had to face in those days. A huge fire swept through the business section and razed everything in its path.



Like all small towns in the 1930's, some of the businesses that had been very important in the early days, were no longer needed. People could take their cars to nearby larger towns to shop. So many of the businesses didn't rebuild and Minto's "downtown" was no longer as busy. It did however keep its basic services and continues to serve the local people today.