

# Goodlands

Settlers in the area of Waskada and Goodlands in southwestern Manitoba waited in great anticipation for a branch line to be built through their communities. It arrived in 1900.



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The town of Goodlands was first started in 1899 by Bert and Ernest Goodlands who built the first store. In that same year a lumber yard, boarding house and blacksmith shop were established.



The local school was called Lennox School – it had existed long before the town was created.

## Cranmer



In 1928 Cranmer made the news when one of its elevators collapsed. Workers had heard the building creaking and groaning and evacuated in time. No one was hurt.

When a new rail line was built into a region the plan was to have a town about every fourteen kilometres. But as years went by those farmers between Deloraine and Goodlands who still had some distance to haul their grain started wondering if perhaps service couldn't be better.

In 1906 an extra stop, called a siding, was built, at about the midway point and in 1913 the first of two elevators was open for business.

The U.G.G. elevator collapsed in 1928 and was rebuilt. Both elevators continued to serve the grain trade as well as being depots for the sale of coal. The loading platform was also used for other shipping needs, notably the shipping of cream to creameries.

Farmers to the north and south of the new Cranmer siding appreciated the shorter trips to deliver grain.