

century they had implement dealerships in Austin, MacGregor and Bagot and sold insurance and real estate.

- As the population increased the need for a larger school became apparent, and in 1905 a two-room, two-storey brick structure was built on 29-11-11 on First Avenue in the southeast corner of town. The teachers in 1900 and 1901 were Neil Livingstone, Flora Wilson, Frank Belton and Grace Smale. The record books are missing from 1902-04 but the following were listed as teaching at Austin School for the remainder of the decade: Albert Smith, Olive Oswald, Albert Smith, Chester McClellan, Henry Everall, Frances Creighton, Laura Ronrig and Kate Ball. There were one hundred and thirteen pupils enrolled in 1908.

- In 1907 the Austin Football Club held the Manitoba Championship. The team consisted of Jack Cuthbert, Harry Gale, Dr. Camsell, Gerry Prior, George Smith, Scotty White and Ed Wheeler.

- The new Argyle Hotel was erected on Second Ave. on the site of the present day Community Hall in 1908, Mrs. Speed was the owner.

- According to a writeup in Sidney's newspaper "The Spectator", Austin's July 1st celebration in 1909 included baseball, horse racing, men's races, the one mile heat was three times around the track, children's races and football. The last ball game was played between Arizona and Austin. When the train pulled into the station the pitcher and several other players left on the train, thus calling the game.

### 1900 Businesses and Services

Argyle Hotel - Mrs. Speed  
 Austin Flour Mill  
 B.P. Hepp - Tailor  
 Bell Telephone Co. Line  
 Booth Bros. Machinery Agency

Booth Bros. - Grain Warehouse  
 Canadian Elevator Company  
 Canadian Order of Foresters - Hall  
 Cockshutt & John Deere Implements - H.E. Hamilton,  
 F.W. Taylor  
 Dr. Camsell - Doctor  
 D. McFarlane - Blacksmith  
 Dominion Elevator Co.  
 Gale & Harding  
 Isabella Hughson - Seamstress & Tailor  
 Irving Bros Hardware Store / Elston's Hardware Store  
 J. Heric - Clerk  
 J. Stinson - Merchant  
 J.H. Jarvis - Minister  
 J. M. Dick - Bookkeeper  
 L.C. Emes - Minister  
 Massey Harris Company  
 Rogers Bros. - Elevator  
 The People's Elevator  
 The People's Store  
 Thomson Cement Plant  
 Thompson's Drug Store - H.E. Thompson - Druggist  
 W.D. Duncan - Hotel  
 W.H. Duncan - Saddler  
 W.D. Sloan - Agent  
 Wheeler & Duncan  
 William Knox - Merchant

### 1910's

- A map of 1910 shows the capacity of the Austin Flour Mill to be 750 barrels a day, with steam heat, electric lights, 200 feet of 22 inch hose and 6 double sets of rollers. A note below reads " Silent, July 1910". The mill ceased to operate in 1912 and was demolished in 1923. The People's Elevator had a capacity of 40,000 bushels, Dominion Elevator Co., 28,000 bushels and Western Canada Flour Mills 30,000 bushels, for a total capacity of 98,000 bushels of grain. The population of Austin is noted on the



Beaver Street Austin 1909 looking north from the present Community Centre. The steeple of the Baptist Church is on the right and the Presbyterian Church (United today) is on the left