

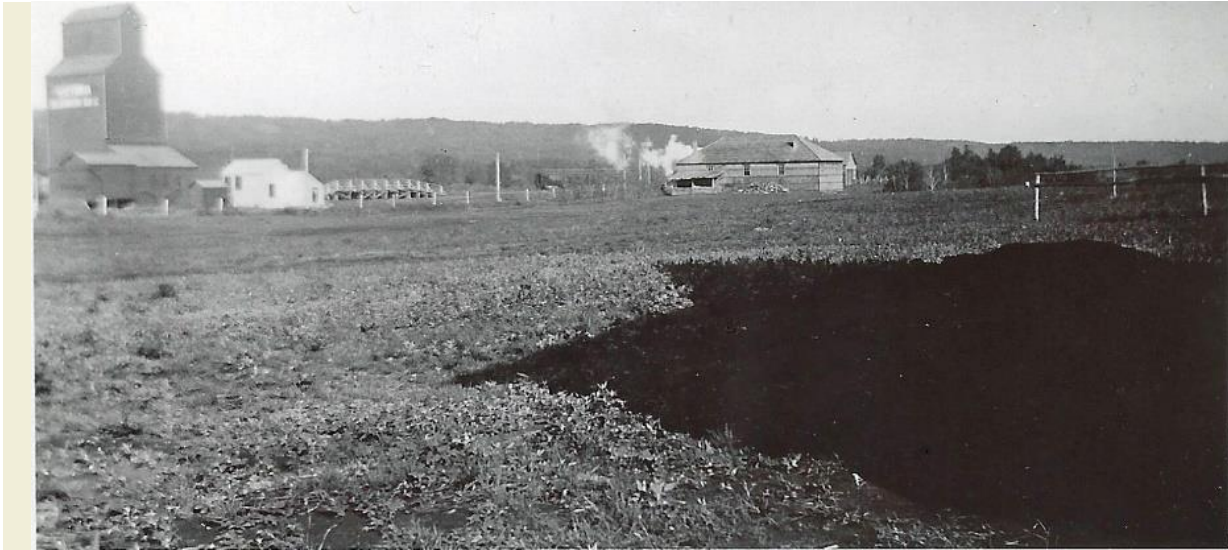
Armistice History

Summarized from <https://elkpointhistory.ca/growth/agriculture/farm-organizations>



1Armistice Elevator in 1930s

One objective was the building of a hall at Armistice, about six miles west of Elk Point. This was undertaken in 1926/27, about the time the C.N.R. brought the rails through the Dog Rump valley, arriving at this spot on November 11 - Armistice Day - this giving the tiny settlement its name.



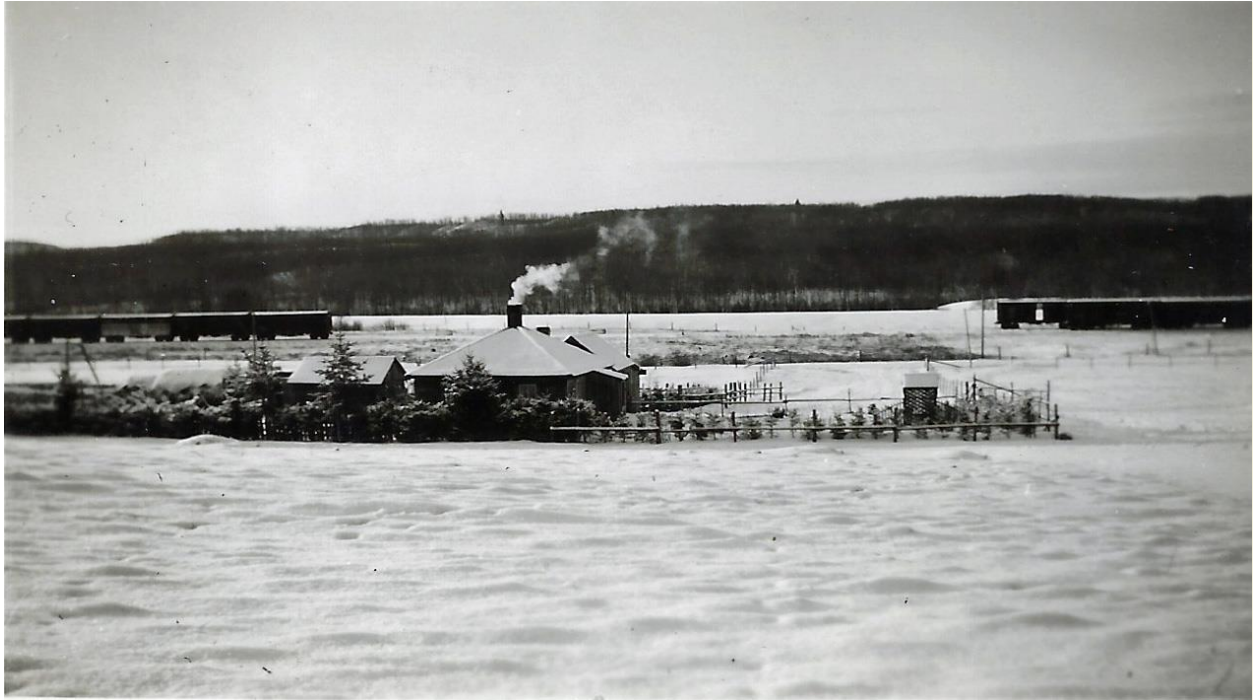
2 Armistice Hall with Elevator and house 1930s

It seems the C.N.R. was not concerned about keeping even those few inhabitants in Armistice, as one Tom Cook had his home where the C.N. wished to lay track, so they smashed his shack down, swept it aside and carried on. There is no recollection that he was in any way recompensed. He later sold his quarter section of land to C.J. Markstad for \$400.00 and left the country.

Delta Springsteel said, "My dad finished our new house after Matt Erickson had done the fine carpenter work and we moved in that fall much to our delight. Then came the railroad with all the excitement. They laid the steel into Armistice on Armistice Day. That is how it got its name. Then they built a grain elevator there and put Percy Martin there as grain buyer and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Martin opened up a grocery

store and had living quarters in the back. Mr. Hobden Senior got a post office operating there and then the farmers got together, many donated the rough lumber and donated their labor to the build the Armistice Hall. Matt Erickson was head carpenter. They had to buy windows, doors and flooring. But it was pretty nice (we all thought). Then we bought a piano and worked hard to pay for all that had to be bought. We had chicken dinners and an oyster supper, all help donated. We had big crowds and in time paid it all off. For our big "do's" we hired a St. Paul orchestra and often times had August Bartling and Co. play for our dances. Sometimes had a professional violinist, Charley Greenstreet, played violin with Percy Martin on banjo and myself on piano. We also used to have school Xmas Concerts there and dance after." For the full story

<https://elkpointhistory.ca/families/pioneer-families-arriving-1920/springsteel-theodore>



3 Haliden's Place in 1930 with train shown

The United Grain Growers elevator in Elk Point was completed in time for the 1927 harvest season, with the Victoria elevator opening in November of the same year. Victoria also built an elevator at Armistice at the same time. Victoria elevator at Armistice was managed by Percy Martin, who stayed a short time, giving way to Roy Wallace. This elevator was later torn down.

In 1968 the town of Elk Point had a huge reservoir built southwest of town. Its capacity when filled totaled more than 20 million gallons of water. This reservoir drew its water from the Dog Rump Creek and Armistice Lake

during the spring runoff. During dry years this water supply system created many problems.