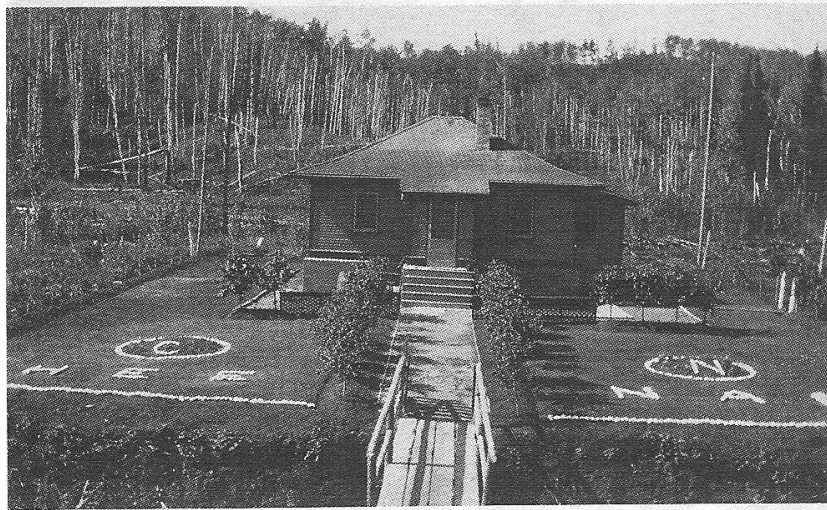
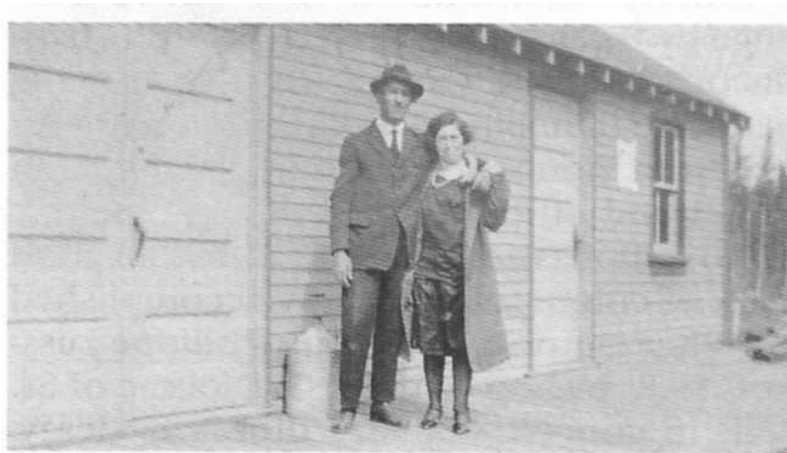


# Edouardville or Heenan

In the spring of 1927, an extension of the CN rail line was built from St Paul to Heenan (this site) following Crookedheel Creek. The railway was extended to Elk Point in that same year. All the clearing and excavation was done by horse and manpower. Camps were set up along the rail bed with large tents for kitchen and sleeping quarters.



Heenan Section Forman home



In 1928 CN built a station adjacent to the railway and a residence for their agent (also serving as their section foreman).



Edouardville in 1950s

About 1930 the Alberta Wheat Pool erected a grain elevator here. In 1931 the name of the station was changed to Edouardville to better identify it with the people living in the hamlet of St Edouard 3 miles north.



Heenan Elevator

In 1961 the elevator was closed. It was scavenged by local people for wood.

# Settlement of the area

In the spring of 1906 the first settlers coming from Quebec, (many from the Beauce area) arrived in St Edouard. Joseph Faucher and Georges Marcoux filed for their homestead and others arrived to build their homestead over the next years. By 1927, 64 French Canadian, 13 Polish, 2 German and 1 Slovak families had settled in St Edouard.

## St Edouard

The community of St Edouard is three miles north of this site. In 1920 the parish decided to build the first church of St Edouard which was in use until the building of a new church in 1961.



Diocesan Renewal Center in St Edouard

This ceased to be used as a place of worship in 1981, and was converted into a Diocesan Renewal Centre. On May 26, 1927, the Roadside Cross was erected on the western outskirts of St Edouard. Electricity arrived in 1949 and a rural phone cooperative was organized then. Highway 28 was built and paved in 1964 one mile north of St Edouard.