

The Past in Our Future

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At present our world is strangely different from the 1880's. Each one of us is a product of the early beginnings in what is now known as the RM of Shellmouth-Boulton. Many years ago someone broke the way; today we are the recipients of the accomplishments of those before us... 100-125 years later.

From meager beginnings where roads were hewn through the bush, timbers hauled by horses to build homes, electricity and telephones were unheard of, years have come and gone to make the amenities we enjoy today. The basics such as the land, farm yards, fishing, hunting, homes, stores, halls, schools, churches, garages, post office, restaurants, hotel, were built through time and most remain in an updated version.

Nestled in the mid western portion of Manitoba, along either side of highway #83, between Russell and Roblin you can find a quiet yet unique area containing a lot to be proud of. The RM of Shellmouth-Boulton including the village of Inglis has a passion for diversification. The RM has continued through the years to capitalize on what they have, in nature, in resources, in talent and with a spirit of togetherness among the people, doing what they can and in the best they know how as a collective group. A specific reference to this is the accomplishment of the amalgamation of the RM of Shellmouth-Boulton in 1999 as a first in Canada.

Reminiscent of times past are: the wooden elevators a heritage project that has preserved the last remaining row of 5 wooden elevators in Canada, located in the Village of Inglis, the St. Elijah Romanian Church, and the Paulencu Pioneer House. The additions in more recent years of the Skinners Arboretum Trail, The Lake of the Prairies, Shellmouth Dam, Asessippi Ski Hill, Several Bed and Breakfast facilities, all combine to promote tourism and enhance the viability of the area.

The **RM of Shellmouth-Boulton** extends to you an invitation to join in the **Homecoming** events planned for **Aug 1, 2, and 3, 2008**. You will have the opportunity to renew friendships, and as well celebrate the mix of old and new in the municipalities. The eclectic blend of events through out the week end will be the reward experienced from the process that has developed over the years from the insight of our forefathers. There is knowledge and skill passed down through the generations; this is where the area has excelled by modernizing to meet the trends and needs of today while still preserving the past. Experience the mirage of interests flowing, and the economy growing as you spend the week end looking around. Enjoy the sights and sound of festivities as you join in the following events planned for this special week end.