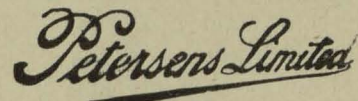


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Five per cent of the people over ten years of age can neither read nor write. The number of townspeople is about 275,000, the remainder of the population being scattered more or less sparsely over the province.

The system of education is similar to that in the neighbouring province of Saskatchewan.