

Melville progressing as province's smallest city



Saskatchewan's smallest city, with a population of about 4,600, is an agriculture service centre with a strong railway history. It is named after Charles Melville Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, who perished in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. The city is on Canadian National's east-west and north-south lines and the railroad is still one of Melville's major employers, employing several hundred local and district residents.



Charles Melville Hays

Agriculture is the city's pioneer industry and the rich harvest of farm and ranch form the hard base of the economy. The rural trading area population of over 50,000 supports a growing complex and is a major food-production area of Saskatchewan, noted for its outputs of grain, livestock, poultry, and dairy products.

Tourist attractions include the Melville Heritage Museum, located next to St. Paul Lutheran Home on Heritage Drive and the Melville Railway Museum, located in the city's 70-acre Regional Park. The city is also proud of its community swimming pool, parks, two arenas, four tennis courts, an 18-hole golf course and the Melville & District Agri-Park which hosts pari-mutuel horse racing, 4-H activities, and barrel racing. There is also new construction along First Avenue on a Communiplex which will feature a new ice rink

and convention center for the city. The city also boasts a multiple use Community Works facility (former Parkview School) which houses the Melville Art Club gallery, playschool and is home to many community events.

Excursions from Melville will lead you south to beautiful Crooked Lake Provincial Park in the Qu'Appelle Valley. Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site are also within easy driving distance.

For more details on city attractions, events and facilities, contact the Melville Tourism and Convention Board, Box 2863, Melville, Sask., S0A 2P0. Phone 306-728-6840 or stop at the tourist information booth (railway caboose) off Highway 10 on Queen Street.



Melville GTR Station early 1900s.

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