Snowflake, Manitoba

• Once-thriving small town in the Pembina Valley of Manitoba
• Served a farming community, settled by migrants from Ontario 1881
• When CPR came through in 1896, a hamlet relocated and was renamed “Snowflake” in 1899
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• Served by CPR, two grain elevators, station
• *Snowflake Herald* newspaper from 1903
• Stores, school, churches, arena, cement sidewalks, gas station
• Royal Canadian legion branch established 1947
  • Built a war memorial 1961
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• CPR ceases passenger service, station demolished 1964
• School rebuilt in later 1960s
• Railway ceases service, closes 1981
• New arena 1983
• Legion branch closes 1986
  • War memorial relocated to La Rivere MB 2006
• School closure proposed 1987, protested
  • School closes 1992
• United Church closes 1994
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• Now almost abandoned
• Two abandoned grain elevators
• Metal street signs, cement sidewalks
• A sad example of the disappearing branch line blues