

= Fort Sheridan and Highwood =

The village of Fort Sheridan, whose corporate existence dates from 1886, was originally platted by Rev. Drs. Everts and Jeffrey, of Chicago, and during its earlier years was taken under the protecting wings of various Baptist church organizations. Designed originally as a residence suburb purely, the town has by an evolutionary process become the seat of the greatest inland military establishment of the government, and the best business town between Chicago and Waukegan. The village was originally known and organized as Highwood, and the railroad station and post office in the business portion still bear that name, although the corporate title has been changed to "Village of Fort Sheridan." Adjoining Highland

go & Milwaukee Electric Railway company, whose cars traverse this street, connecting the town and military post with all suburban points north to Waukegan, and south at present to Highland Park.

The chief residence portion is west of the C. & N. W. railway and is laid out on the park plan. The residences are of a high order, being in harmony with their elegant surroundings.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The large revenue of the village from licenses and franchises has permitted constant and liberal public improvements without recourse to direct taxation. There are eight miles of sidewalks; 11 streets are graded, one street macadamized. Many miles of water mains are laid and electric light

and contains roomy and elegant quarters for the village offices and fire department, a modern jail, courtroom and assembly hall. Waukegan avenue, a 40-foot street, is now being regraded, curbed and paved for its entire length with macadam and gravel. The village secures its water from the Highland Park waterworks at eight cents per 1,000 gallons and will derive a net revenue of about \$1,000 per year from the sale of water to residents and the electric railway company. The village owns all mains and meters and has ample fire fighting facilities. One hose station is located at the village hall, and another in the residence district on the west side. A fine and efficient police system is maintained, and in all departments of official government and management Fort Sheridan village is away above the average.

The population is about 1,000, exclusive of the Fort Sheridan military establishment. The public school system is ample for a much larger popu-



FORT SHERIDAN BARRACKS.

Park on the south, the village limits embrace an area of 350 acres, including Prall's subdivision, annexed two years since. The village is now 1½ miles long from north to south, and one-half mile from east to west, and lies on either side of the Chicago & Northwestern railway. The chief business thoroughfare is Waukegan avenue, which forms the west line of the Fort Sheridan military reservation, and fronting upon which are most of the business places, Fort Sheridan park, the village hall and the main power plant of the Chicago

circuits extend in all directions, current being furnished from Highland Park. Ten thousand dollars has been spent during the past six years on the streets. A system of surface drainage empties into a trunk sewer, costing \$1,000. It is now proposed to purchase twenty acres on the "Skokie" for a sewerage farm and to construct a complete sewer system to be operated by gravity, reenforced by a pumping plant on the sewerage farm. Last year a splendid village hall was erected at a cost of \$10,000. The building is two stories high with a fine basement

and the schools are of a high order of excellence.

The electric railway people have located their main power house and operating department here, and give employment to a large number of well-paid people.

Fort Sheridan park, described at length elsewhere in this issue, is a successful and highly appreciated amusement enterprise.

Our business houses are in a healthy and thriving condition, for, in addition to the town and transient patronage, over \$5,000 each month is dis-