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DEPOT TILES ARE HERE
The second in the series of tiles produced by the Society is ready. The Pere Marquette Railroad Depot is pictured. Jane Tousignant will again be the one to contact to get yours. They may be obtained at the Jarvis Store and other locations to be announced.

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