

prairies. But gradually the small farmers beat the cattlemen. The wheat-growers drove out the ranchers, and the ranges were fenced off and seeded. Immigration suddenly increased with a mighty bound, and new settlers began to flock in from all parts—from older Canada, from the United States, from overseas—from England and Scotland, until it came to be reckoned in hundreds of thousands every year. In every direction one saw farm-houses, from every quarter was heard the hum of reapers. The virgin soil of the prairies began to yield the treasures it had been storing up since time immemorial. Western Canadian wheat became a factor in the world's wheat traffic. Western Canadian beef took its place at Chicago. Lastly have come the great cities, hives of human industry and centers of radiating trade.

Western Canada is far from complete settlement. Only about two per cent. of the total land area of the province of Alberta, six per cent. of the area of Saskatchewan, four per cent. of Manitoba, was actually under cultivation in the year 1913, when a total of about nineteen and a half million acres were in crop as compared with about eighteen million in 1912. Western Canada produces magnificent yields, for its soil is virgin and its climate is superb; and Western

Canadian grain has many times achieved premier honors at exhibitions in the United States, in open competition sometimes with entries from all parts of the two Americas.

Calgary, the Empire City of the plains, the largest city between Winnipeg and the Coast, has a population of some 90,000. It is a shining example of successful municipal ownership, for the city controls and operates all its public utilities, including street railway electric light and power works, and water-supply system. The extensive western car shops of the C. P. R., the erection of which cost nearly three million dollars, and which are second largest repair shops in the world, are now in operation here, and will eventually employ nearly 5,000 men. The city has many splendid business blocks, ranging in cost from \$100,000 to \$500,000; there are 36 public schools, representing a investment of over \$3,000,000, over 460 retail stores, 190 wholesale establishments, 70 manufacturing concerns, and 30 banks.

Edmonton, the capital city of the province of Alberta, has a population of 68,000. It has 90 wholesale houses and a large number of industrial enterprises of various kinds; it is also the center of an important and rapidly developing lignite coal industry