

that Manitoba is the beginning of a vast grassy sea of virgin wealth—of a boundless prairie of untold fertility, and at the outer rim of this wonderland sits, queen-like and majestic, young, but strong and lusty and prosperous—outstripping all its rivals, rapidly increasing in importance—an adolescent giant, whose yet untried strength is indicative of a sturdy manhood. In this place, midway between two great oceans, Winnipeg has sprung up as if by magic, as if in this latter day the genii of Aladdin's lamp had created a city in an incredibly short space of time. For sudden growth, combined with solidity, the world has probably never seen its counterpart. In a few years it has risen from a hamlet to a metropolis. There is no flimsiness about its buildings—no mere temporary makeshifts of structures, as in many of the mushroom towns which have risen on the western wilds. The first surprise excited in a stranger on visiting Winnipeg is its broad, paved streets, the substantiality and magnificence of the public buildings, the neatness and taste of the private residences, and the possession of all the accompaniments of metropolitan life. To-day it can, with pardonable pride, claim a development unparalleled in the history of Canada, and boast that its name, synonymous with all that is progressive and prosperous, is more widely and familiarly known in every quarter of the civilised globe than that of other cities of greater age and pretensions." It is remarkable that the resources of the North-West were so little known till within recent years. Now they are rapidly being taken advantage of in proportion to the access facilities afforded.

As the headquarters of the Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway, a railway which is in the course of construction, it will be brought into closer connection with the mother country. Arriving at the station, the stranger is at once struck with its commodiousness, and the busy and active life of which it is the constant scene. It is provided with excellent waiting and refreshment rooms. The sidings of the train yard would extend, if stretched in a straight line, some twenty miles, while the engine sheds and workshops erected by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would do credit to any country or town in existence. The land offices of the Company are within