



every centre of Saskatchewan, one of the most productive provinces in the world. Quick to realize the wisdom of this policy, the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern saw the area and rich products of its fertile plain were too extensive to be efficiently served by one through line, resulting in their making Regina the central distributing point of the Canadian West. The opening and extension of the latter lines will add enormously to the business and progress of Regina, which, in the nature of things, must continue to be the commercial, distributing and financial centre of the Province. This does not necessarily imply that there are not other important and promising business centres in the Province, or that other such communities will not spring up in the future; there is this to be said, however, that if Regina meets all conditions in the same broad manner as hitherto she will assist their development and, consequently, her own at the same time.

That the chief city of the Province will continue to be Regina, no one disputes. The Regina of the future will be as unlike that of today as it is unlike that of its "tent foundation" some twenty years ago. This progressive city has already over twenty-five miles of railway tracks and sidings, including the most modern layout of spur tracks in the Dominion. From its freight sheds will be shipped the ever increasing products of its wheat fields to all parts of the world. There are also important routes to Chicago and the States through North Portal, and to Great Britain by the Hudson Bay route, and in the future via the Panama Canal to the markets of continental Europe. With all this, transportation facilities are increasing. The completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific line westward, united with the line from Regina to North Portal, where it connects with the Great Northern system, will, at an early date, provide the main artery for traffic between the Eastern American centres, Prince Rupert and the Japan trade.

The monetary value of all these advantages would be difficult to over-estimate; they can in all seriousness be said to be the real arteries pouring gold into the commercial coffers of Regina, and subsequently benefiting every city and town in the Province of Saskatchewan.