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rest of the year, that the same strong demand for new structures that has marked the first two-thirds of the year will be carried through for the remainder of 1912, so that it is almost absolutely certain that the building figures of Edmonton for this year will run into the enormous sum of \$15,000,000.

And so Edmonton is justifying the faith of those who started this city in the very path of progress, by doing big things in this year of our Lord 1912. A card census taken in June showed that the population of Edmonton is 53,383, as contrasted with a little more than 18,000 so lately as 1908. It has been a year of excellent crops. It has been a year of marvellous growth. It has been a year of remarkable railway construction. It has been a year which points to other years of even more rapid progress toward the great ultimate which Edmonton is certain to attain—that of one of the first cities in Canada, and, beyond a doubt no lower down in the scale of Western development and growth than second place. Winnipeg may retain the lead it has at the present time and which it has attained by that wonderful process of building up which makes it one of the most remarkable cities in the world. No other city in Western Canada has to-day so many, and such good, claims to second place among the cities of the West within the next decade as Edmonton, the capital of Alberta.

#### CALGARY.

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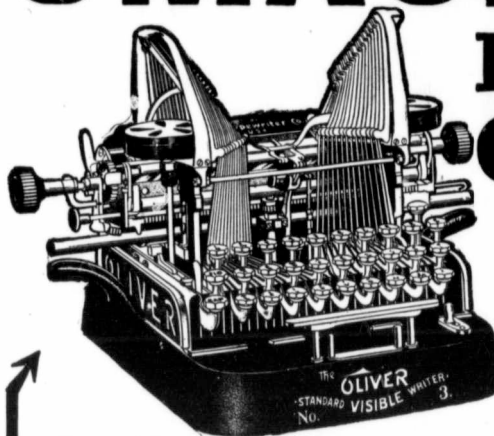
last of 61,340, increasing at the rate of 1,000 persons per month, Calgary draws heavily on the surrounding district for food-stuffs, yet there is a greater demand than the immediate vicinity can supply.

General, mixed or diversified farming is coming more and more in evidence as the country is opened up, though the grain area is also increasing. Some of the largest bonanza farms of the west are located in Alberta; also some of the finest dairy farms, fancy horse and sheep ranches, as well as the everyday homesteader and small rancher. The official returns give six per cent. of the land under cultivation. Homesteads are no longer to be had near existing railroads, but land is very cheap considering its producing power.

This summer saw an oil boom resulting from the discovery of an oil basin, where it is expected there will be obtained an outlet from the oil known to be underlying much of this district, but which so far has not been successfully reached.

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The possibilities for agriculture are very great here, because this city seems destined to become, as Senator Lougheed says, one of the great cities of Canada, and the fertile soil, good water and good climate with which this district is favored offer opportunities to reap a rich reward in supplying the market which is now here, and will be to a still greater extent in the future.

Calgary has an interurban railway system projected, and grading done on a portion of the road. This company, with a

charter for 1,200 miles of country street railway, will use this city as a hub.

A municipal electric street railway built by the city runs fifty cars over fifty-three miles of track and turned \$100,000 into the civic treasury last year.

Churches, schools, a university affiliated with the old McGill for degree-conferring powers, two more transcontinental railways working within the city limits to link up the connections, and a north and south line from the

international boundary are among the facts not to be lost sight of in a consideration of the city phenomenal of Sunny Alberta.

#### ELECTRIC PRINCE ALBERT

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so important and valuable is this branch of employment that a recent issue of a well known magazine devoted space to an article entitled "The City of Silver Saws," which dealt minutely with