



as a grain market. With the arrival of many immigrants in the nineteenth century, Winnipeg has become a lively multicultural city.

*Regina, Saskatchewan*, at the centre of a large wheat-growing region, is a hub of wholesale trade, rail activity and farm equipment distribution. It was originally called "Wascana", which is Cree Indian for "pile of bones".

*Edmonton, Alberta* is the most northerly city of its size in Canada. Situated in the midst of one of the richest agricultural areas in Canada, Edmonton has served for many years as a collection centre for grain and livestock and as a distribution centre for agricultural implements. Within a 160 km radius of the city are oil wells and thousands of kilometres of oil and natural gas pipelines. The mining of coal deposits recently regained importance after a period of decline.

*Calgary, Alberta*, petroleum capital of Canada, is at the centre of a ranching and meat-packing area. The Calgary Stampede, with its rodeo events and chuckwagon races, is an annual celebration. The legendary chinook, a warm southwest wind, causes unseasonably warm winter temperatures to alternate with the cold winter temperatures. Calgary, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, has outpaced other metropolitan areas in terms of population growth rate.

*Vancouver, British Columbia*, a major port lying on the Pacific Ocean, is a thriving western rail terminus and a fishing, logging and manufacturing centre, sometimes described as the gateway to the Orient. The Vancouver Stock Exchange is located here.