

A work of great importance that has been carried out in Winnipeg during the past year is that which has been done in connection with the building of the Permanent Exposition Building where the Products of local factories and the natural resources of the West are on Exhibition at all times.

In a recent speech before the Manufacturers' Convention, W. Sanford Evans said: "Winnipeg offers the best home market in Canada. Winnipeg offers distribution facilities which are better than those of any other place in Western Canada. Moreover, Winnipeg offers the best labor market in the West. This is proved by the large increase in the population year by year. Now, we are not only securing a rapidly growing population, but I believe it is a fact that the City of Winnipeg is putting forward greater efforts to make this city comfortable and attractive to live in than is the case in any other city on the continent. In all the work we are doing in improving our streets and in supplying water, sewer and other services, in all that our different civic departments are doing to render this city more beautiful, in all the efforts that we have put forth in connection with education, it will be seen that Winnipeg is making extraordinary efforts not only to render the city attractive, but to make it a place that men will not only be glad to visit, but will be glad to make their homes in. Some of these results may be seen in the improvement of our sanitary conditions. This city is doing all that can reasonably be expected, to make our population healthy and contented. In these respects and in the other matters important to manufacturers and to labor, Winnipeg offers advantages which I may unhesitatingly state are better than those of any other city in Western Canada. This city has also done more than any other city of its size for the protection of property from fire by the construction of a high pressure system of proved efficiency. The credit of Winnipeg today remains good, and its financial condition is thoroughly sound. This is an important matter when a city wishes to go to outside markets for money to assist it in the development of its projects. And this also applies to the manufacturer doing business in Winnipeg. It helps him that the basis of his business—the city where his investment is made and his interests are—has a good financial name in the world.

From a business point of view, Winnipeg is excellently equipped for the large part she has to take in Canadian affairs. Of railways,