

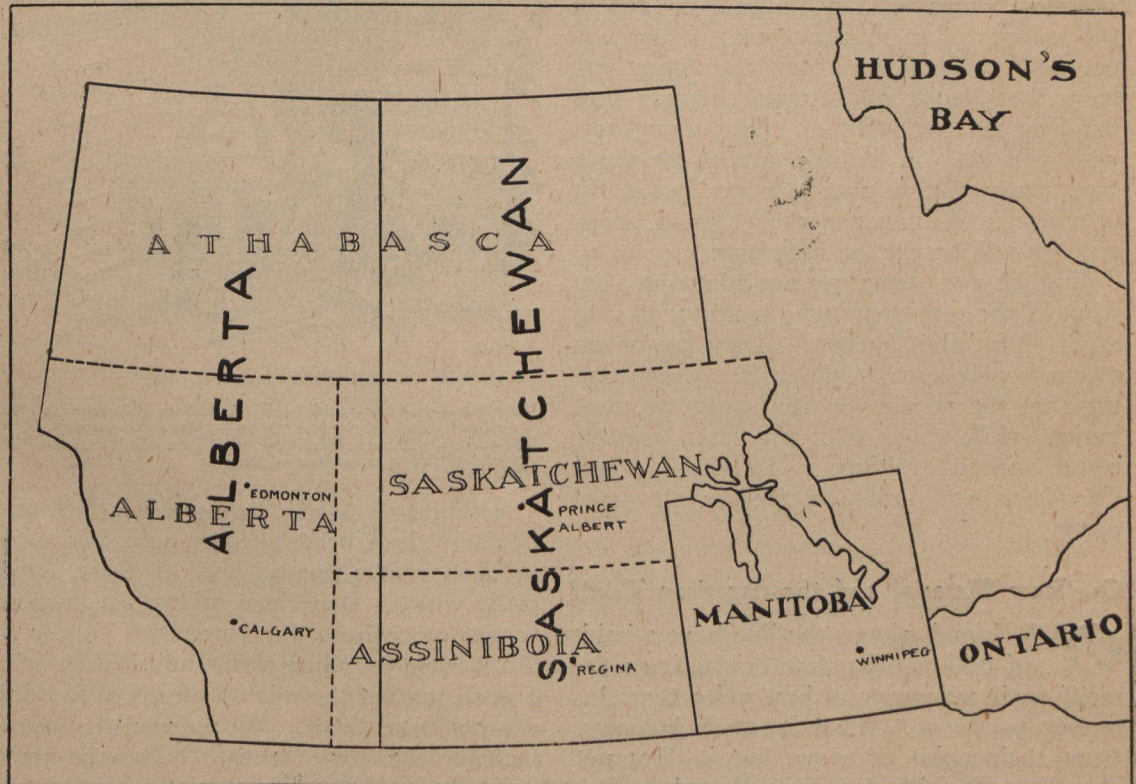
A recent writer makes an attempt to analyze the character of the Westerner as influenced by the country he lives in, his remarks applying as well to the Canadian West as to the American States. The Western spirit is a composite quality. Natural conditions of geography and climate are at the bottom of it and beget, in the first place, enthusiasm; energy and optimism are the outcome of enthusiasm; and these three are balanced with a healthy sincerity. The West is pre-eminently an industrial country, and the men who live its life battle not with other men but with the forces of nature. Therefore the Westerner does not concern himself with social problems, but with industrial achievement. That is what makes the West such an economic force in the world to-day, or, at least, in the American and Canadian world.

The West is strong and free; it has no vain traditions; it is rich in possibilities and even richer in hopefulness. The ozone of

the wide expanses has got into the ways and methods of business, and pioneer courage has developed courageous enterprises. Therein consists, as nearly as one can express it, the spirit of the West, which brings even the unenterprising under its sway and promises to change the whole complexion of our modern conditions.

More People Coming

A RECORD year in immigration is the outlook for 1905. We have grown accustomed to glowing reports, for every year is showing increases, yet the cry of "more people coming" is as welcome as ever. The country is ready for them, provided always that they are the right kind of people. So far as the arrivals to date and the reports from immigration agents indicate, there will be a heavy movement from the British Isles and a large influx from the United States. These are the two



THE TWO NEW WESTERN PROVINCES

The dotted lines show the present territorial limits, and the black lines the bounds of the two Provinces as proposed