

A Call From The West

Who has not heard the call of the West? Like the blast of the hunter's horn in the silent forest, its thrilling and inviting sound has awakened the echoes of the land. Springing from the granite heart of our mighty Rockies, that call wanders through their valleys, climbs over the "great divide" and steals its way to the foothills. Soft as the evening breeze, strong as the howling blizzard, it sweeps across the prairie, gathering, as it were, on its triumphal march to the East, something of the immensity of the plains and freshness of the lakes.

In the din of our manufacturing cities, in the quietness of our towns and villages, by the rivers and winding bays of our Maritime Provinces, along the peaceful shores of the St. Lawrence, the call of the West has been heard. Its alluring voice has cast a spell upon our youth, the hope of the country. From all points of Eastern Canada young men and young women are going West as to the mysterious land of brilliant promise and great possibilities.

The Call of the West? All Canada is eager to hear its message. Has not the merchant his ear to the soil, listening to the throbbing of the growing harvest on our Western prairies? He knows that in the furrows of that rich loam lie the wealth and prosperity of the country at large. The eastern manufacturer anxiously scans the daily paper to be posted on crop conditions in the West. They regulate to a great extent the activities and output of his plant. And when college and university days are over, where does the young professional man turn his eyes? To the West. Westward, with the sun, he travels; its fiery course is an invitation and a harbinger of his bright career.

The Call of the West. Across the ocean it has gone and awakened the dormant energies of old European nations. Settlers of every race and creed have rushed to our shores, like the waves of "the heaving and hurrying tide."

The attraction of the Canadian West has become general, at home and abroad. Nothing can stop this onward march to