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REGINA, CAPITAL OF SASKATCHEWAN

Greatest Railway Centre in Western Canada

"Regina has had progress equalled by few cities in Canada. Its growth in population and prosperity has been phenomenal. Its transportation facilities make it the greatest distributing centre of the Canadian West. It may seem extravagant to claim for any city all the governing factors that enter into the building of a Western metropolis, yet this in many respects can be asserted in behalf of Regina.

"Its geographical position and many other natural advantages respecting transportation, its history from a town of tents, and other features interesting to the financial and commercial world of Eastern Canada, Great Britain and the States, the unbounded wealth of the adjacent agricultural sections, the increasing prosperity of its surrounding cities, towns and villages, constitute so many advantages that it would be difficult to enumerate.

"That such favourable foundations and circumstances exist is proved by the visible products of their very partial exploitation, as presented by a city less than 25 years old, having a population of considerably over 20,000, and growing now more rapidly than even its present citizens ever dreamed of. But no one knowing the circumstances doubts that the future of Regina is certain to be more remarkable than its past. The conditions governing its prosperity are increasing in number and in influence. The keystone of its foundation was laid when Canada's first transcontinental line decided upon the present site as a likely centre to feed and supply the settlement following.

"Fifteen years ago, however, the illimitable wheat-growing possibilities of the Province of Saskatchewan began to be appreciated and developed. To-day the Canadian Pacific Railway is extending its steel tentacles to every centre of Saskatchewan, one of the most productive Provinces in the world. Quick to realize the wisdom of this policy, the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern saw the area and rich products of its fertile plain were too extensive to be efficiently served by one through line, resulting in their making Regina the central distributing point of the Canadian West.

"The opening and extension of the latter lines will add enormously to the business and progress of Regina, which in the nature of things must continue to be the commercial, distributing and financial centre of the Province. This does not necessarily imply that there are no other important and promising business centres in the Province, or that other such communities will not spring up in the future. There is this to be said, however, that if Regina meets all conditions in the same broad manner as hitherto, she will assist in their development, and consequently her own at the same time.

"That the chief city of the Province will continue to be Regina no one disputes. The Regina of the future will be as unlike that of to-day as it is unlike that of its tent foundation some 20 years ago.

"This progressive city has already over 25 miles of railway tracks and sidings, including the most modern lay-out of spur tracks in the Dominion. From its freight sheds will be shipped the ever increasing products of its wheat fields to all parts of the world. There are also important routes to Chicago and other parts of the United States through North Portal, to Great Britain by the Hudson Bay route, and in the future via the Panama Canal



Eleventh Avenue, Regina—Built since 1908