



## *Foreword*

**R**EGINA has had progress equalled by few cities in Canada. Its growth in population and prosperity has been phenomenal. Its Transportation Facilities make it the Great Distributing Centre of the Canadian West. ¶ It is impossible in a brief brochure of this nature to cover all questions that may be asked, but it is hoped that its limited contents will be of service to visitors and persons interested in Regina. ¶ In the matter of illustrations, the compiler has endeavored to include such as will together convey, at least a fair impression of the present appearance and modern layout of the city. But it is only fair to say that those herein published and described could be in many respects quadrupled by views and observations quite as authentic and attractive. 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 favorable foundations and circumstances exist, is proved by the visible product of their very partial exploitation, as presented by a city less than twenty-five years old, having a population of considerably over 20,000, and growing now more rapidly than even its present citizens ever dreamt 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 and today the Canadian Pacific Railway is extending its steel tentacles to