



Winnipeg—A Holiday Scene on Main Street.

Winnipeggers out for a holiday—This view shows but four blocks of Main Street, one of the City's principal thoroughfares, which is over three miles in length.

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The Wonder City of the West

WINNIPEG has had its ups and downs, but just now there is nothing but "Up! Up! Up!" The new settlers who are daily arriving find it difficult to believe that thirty years ago Winnipeg was only a trading post with a few hundred inhabitants. To-day it claims to have a population of 115,000 and to be larger than any other city in Canada, with the exception of Montreal and Toronto. Its broad boulevards, and long, paved and well-lighted streets, bordered by an ever-increasing array of fine buildings, make it look more like a city a century old.

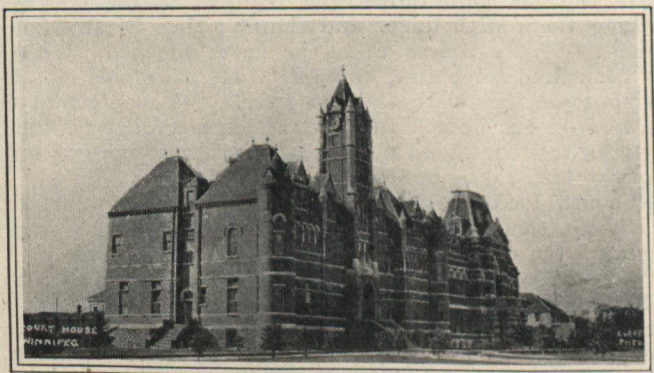
The city is now fairly throbbing with life and energy in its efforts to keep pace with the marvellous growth of the West. Manufacturers are coming in, wholesale firms are adding story after story to their warehouses, business blocks of great dimensions are in course of construction and the residential portion of the city is spreading out at a pace unprecedented in the annals of any other city of the size on the continent.

During last year the total cost of new buildings constructed, amounted to \$12,760,450. These figures added to those of 1902-3-4-5 give a total of \$42,500,000 spent in new buildings in the last five years. The realty values of the city in 1900 amounted to \$26,973,650. Compare these figures with those of 1907—for it was only a few days ago when the assessment commissioner handed out the approximate valuation at \$95,000,000.

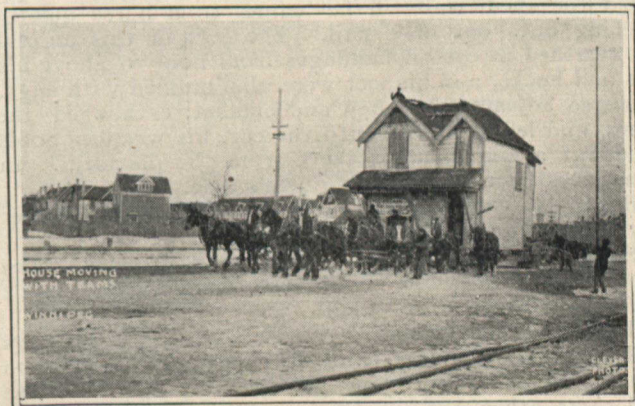
With each year's growth of the Canadian North West, Winnipeg advances in proportion, and some idea of the close connection between the two may be formed when it is known that as a financial centre Winnipeg is classed

at the head in bank clearings increased percentages. The past increase over 1905 was 36.42 and since 1902, bank clearings which then totalled \$188,370,003 have increased to \$504,585,914. It sounds big to those who are not familiar with the fact that in Winnipeg there are the largest individual railway yards in any one city in the world. Yet this is a fact, and the railway facilities are only in the making. The "Hill System" have recently purchased a right of way into the city at a cost exceeding \$2,225,000. The new Grand Trunk Pacific has only recently broken ground on their new shops, outside the limits, which will mean when completed, an outlay of at least a million dollars. The Canadian Pacific people are this spring spending over \$500,000 in additions to their present large shops, where they now employ over 2,800 men.

Now that the future of Winnipeg as one of the foremost cities on the continent has been established, the far-seeing business men of the community realise that a great industrial movement is sure to follow the remarkable increase in immigration, and the following organisations of Winnipeg, comprising the City Council, the Board of Trade, the Bankers' Association, the Builders' Exchange, the Manufacturers' Association, the Trades and Labour Council have organised what is known as the Winnipeg Development and Industrial Bureau, which organisation has just moved into newly equipped offices in the centre of the banking district, Main Street, where accurate and reliable information is furnished to all enquirers. The leading citizens are determined that no effort shall be spared to maintain the present rate of progress.



Winnipeg—The Law Courts.



Moving a House to make way for the new Hill Railway.