

up of large numbers of men chosen for outstanding qualities to represent their fellow-men.

Sports and sports gatherings help to make Winnipeg an attractive city to live in. Under existing conditions of life no city that does not lend itself to enjoyment of sports can hope to be favored among communities. In this respect Winnipeg has found great favor with the people who make up her own population and with those who visit the city. The big bonspiel week that takes place every winter has placed Winnipeg on the world's map of sports events, being in fact one of the biggest things in sports in all the world. Summer sports that include baseball, cricket, lacrosse, tennis, lawn bowling, polo, horseracing, rowing, trap shooting, and field hunting after July 1, make up a sports programme that would be hard to beat, and the splendidly long and generally clear summer days lend additional charm and value to the city as a place for full enjoyment of sports opportunities. In the fall the ducks and prairie chickens give the hunter of small game his fill of such sports, and since each season has its appropriate line of sports events, the most special or the most catholic taste in sports may be suited and satisfied.

Civic improvements of recent date have been kept well up to the mark demanded by the rapid growth of a modern city. For that feature of highway improvement which puts Winnipeg in a class by itself—the expenditure of over \$1,000,000 was made in the year 1911. This item of public cost is an important one, in that it is laying a foundation of real value for a great city. The broad asphalted streets of Winnipeg make an impression on the visitor to this city that is always strongly favorable.

Park extensions have brought the public parks in Winnipeg to 526 acres, of which 282 acres are in the City Park, with the rest divided among 24 small parks conveniently located for use by the people.

The public schools have partaken of the general expansion. The number is now up to 33, and the value of school buildings and sites in Winnipeg is \$3,500,000. New technical school buildings that cost \$750,000 have added to the educational system of Winnipeg.

All of these improvements operate to make Winnipeg a better city to live in and to increase trade and business generally.