

St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Ex-Mayor mAs of this city is wearing the stripes in Sing Sing Prison today because he was proved guilty of aiding and abetting crime in the place he was sworn to try and sweeten by standing behind the laws that make crime difficult.

The churches of Minneapolis are many and magnificent and they are well attended. These Western lands are settled by so many Eastern people who were trained in religion that in every city you can find some of "the salt."

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St. Paul is ten miles from Minneapolis. The cities are connected by a fast electric tram line. By the way the tram service of these cities is said to be the finest in the world. It is the finest I have seen. The greatest care is taken to prevent accident and secure comfort and speed. St. Paul City has a good name. There was a chapel erected on the centre of the present city's site by a mission priest in 1858. The chapel was named St. Paul's and thus the city came by its name. St. Paul has the really grand State buildings. They have been growing up for years and are still growing and they shall continue to grow for some years yet. The cost of them is now in the millions of dollars but cost is a small concern here if critical taste is suited. On Capital Hill are many political residences that have about them the ample air of this western land and dwarf the homes of the most luxurious life in our eastern cities.

St. Paul is a big manufacturing centre also. Its great industry is shoe-making. Many large factories concerned with man's sole are here in St. Paul. It is a fit spot for such a work and the St. Paulites claim that the shoes fit. Many wholesale houses in all the lines of business are here and the trade they carry on in the surrounding States is very large and lucrative. St. Paul claims to do the principal wholesale and Minneapolis the retail business of the State. The buyers in smalls go to Minneapolis and the sellers in bigs go out from St. Paul.

St. Paul gets shipping that Minneapolis misses. The largest vessels can come to St. Paul, but a smaller class to Minneapolis. St. Paul is 3000 miles from the mouth of the Mississippi. What a waterway this mighty river is. But American enterprise uses comparatively poor resources to secure business successes in such a way that often our better Canadian facilities are beaten and that to our shame. The American is a charming friend and a dangerous competitor. He will "do" you if he can when you are on a "deal" with him and when he has "won out" will blandly tell you that "you must get your eye teeth cut."