

Where Bow and Elbow Meets

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A market? Of course Calgary has a market. You can buy anything from a ton of hay to a bunch of radishes.

Yes, I know, you thought the land was fit only for ranching. That's the fault of some fool advertising life-insurance that told only half the truth. It certainly is a grand ranching district. The rolling nature of the country surrounding the city causes a wide distribution of streams and clear, cool springs, and provides coolness or ravines where the cattle can get shelter during the winter storms. The heavy summer dews furnish uniform moisture for the grassy slopes and keep them green and nutritious through a long season. Then the sunshine cures the prairie grass in such a way that it is able to yield enough food to send the cattle to the "round-up" looking as fit as stable-bred cattle in Ontario. They're not very sleek, maybe, but the weight is there all right—and the price.

That's just what I mean. The cattle around Calgary run the range all winter and don't know what the outside much less the inside of a stable looks like. The wise rancher, of course, always lays in a supply of prairie hay for feeding any weak or very young stock.

How about horses? Horses do as well on the range as if stables, and young colts are fed only during the first winter. It costs no more either to raise a four year old colt than a steer of the same age, so if a man has a few good horses to start with, his fortune is soon made.

By the way, the champion hackney stallion, "Saxon" at the St. Louis world's fair, was bred and raised only 11 miles from Calgary. Its a fact, too, that the city of Calgary conducts yearly one of the largest purebred cattle auction sales in the world. Every May the ranchers from far and near gather there to purchase stock and exchange information about breeding. Thus the quality of the cattle is kept up to a high average. There is a stockyard company too, that has provided excellent facilities for buyers, sellers, and shippers to transact business. Oh, Calgary is the great stock centre without a doubt.

But that wasn't what I started out to tell you, was it? That's only half the story, and the minority half, too.

About three or four years ago, the Calgary "old timers" suddenly wakened to the fact that the Calgary district possessed possibilities in the line of agriculture never dreamed of in the early days. They had been making money so fast out of their ranching that they paid little attention to anything else, until some heterodox Americans came over and began dabbling in winter wheat farming. Then the indifference of the country changed to interest, and interest to the most intense enthusiasm, when it was found that Alberta Red, a variety of Kansas Turkey Red, had carried off the gold medal at the Portland exhibition, in competition with winter wheat from all parts of the United States.

Do you see what this means to Calgary and the surrounding district right now?

First, it means that land in these wheat areas is going to double and treble in value in the next few years, and that man's fortune is made who now, either homesteads or buys, at the low current prices, virgin soil capable of producing hard wheat. Its surer than any gold mine project, for the experimental stage is past and it has been proven beyond doubt that the Calgary district possesses every necessary condition for winter wheat raising—nitrogenous soil, limited moisture, short growing season and a dry atmosphere.

Did I say that the land will double and treble its present Olow price? It will do far more than that. Do you know that the Canadian West is, at the present time, the vast last great area of undeveloped farm land on the American continent? It is positively the "Last West." Wheat out danger to life or limb as is encountered in mining, without fear of either Klondike chills or tropical fevers, there is open to the willing soil of this Last West gives to every intelligent, industrious worker, not only an honorable abundant living, but secures to him a "rainy day" fund for old age.

And if the district of which Calgary is the heart, has been remarkably prosperous heretofore, with its successful ranching, its rich yields of spring wheat, oats, barley, roots and hay—how much more wealthy will it be, since the introduction of winter wheat! The threshers' returns from 1898 to 1905 show Calgary district's wheat average (chiefly spring wheat) as 27.42, oats 40.92 and barley 28.87, compared with 12.7, 25.6, and 21.7 in North Dakota; 14.2, 30.9, 26.2 in Minnesota, and 14.7; 31.7 and 24.3 in Iowa, these figures being taken from the United States decennial returns. Small wonder that our American cousins are fast travelling across the 49th parallel.

Then too, Alberta oats have been found so superior to those grown in the United States and other parts of Canada that arrangements are on foot to have a special grade made for this grain, as it is not fair to pay the Alberta farmer the same price, for 42 to 48 pound bushels that other farmers receive for 36 to 38 pound bushels.

Now, if all these rich returns are produced without any artificial aid of climate and soil, what shall we prophesy of the swift coming days when more scientific farming shall cause the soil to yield its maximum crop? The western farmer is also an intelligent man of business, and as a straight business proposition, he is intensely interested in the tremendous irrigation project now being carried out immediately east of the city of Calgary. One and a half million acres are being given irrigation privileges at a nominal cost, and judging from results in other countries where science has

placed farming beyond the whims of the weather, the natural grain yield will increase from 10 to 20 bushels per acre. That district? Well, if you could just see the number of dairy wagons around Calgary's level streets and avenues, you'd think that the city people were all Sons of Temperance. At ten cents a quart you can get pasteurized milk, plain cows' milk, buttermilk or irrigated milk. Some dairymen who started with only a (Continued on page 8.)

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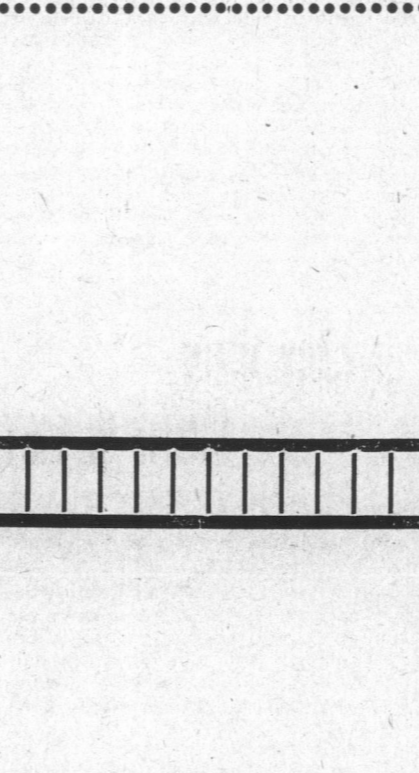
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Calgary has 12 banks, 85 wholesale houses and 25 manufacturing industries. With an educational system which is unequalled. It has 3 fire halls and 3 branch post offices. A street railway is about to be constructed which will serve East, West and South Calgary. This will mean a belt line of about 12 miles in length.
The G. T. P. have declared their intention of reaching Calgary at an early date. The C. N. R. is determined to become established here in the near future. Both companies are fully warranted in putting forth every effort in order to keep pace with the unparalleled development which is taking place in this part of Greater Canada.
Calgary is favorably situated at the foot of the Rockies, with a climate unsurpassed. Watch her grow! Her population in 1890 was 4,000, her population in 1900 was 7500, her population in 1910 will, at a conservative estimate, reach 50,000. Buy Calgary property while you may. It will double and treble itself in price in a short time. It has been the rule in the past and will be the rule in the future. The tremendous influx of immigration compels it. Get in on the ground floor.



The magnificent suburb known as South Calgary, which until recently was under the control of parties in England and which is part of an estate which must be closed up, will now be placed on the market and thrown open to the public. Three thousand lots are now being offered for sale.
Said lots will be sold at prices varying from \$35.00 to \$60.00 per lot, according to location and value. Terms half cash, balance in three and six months, with interest at 8 per cent. Some of these lots are worth \$200.00 each, none less than \$50.00 each. This is the greatest snap ever offered the public. You cannot lose money, you are bound to make money. You cannot help it. It is merely a question of whether you make a profit of 100 per cent. or 800 per cent.
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