

Thus are the prairies being developed, and Winnipeg must keep abreast. Time was when this 4,000 acres would have been the result of the combined energies of about three hundred settlers spread out over almost 75,000 acres of land. But things are changing; farming is becoming modernized; and never, in the world's history, has so much virgin soil been turned up to the pale light of the moon.

A splendid faith in the West; in the City of Winnipeg; in the future of Portage Avenue and Main is displayed by those shrewd capitalists who are hungry for Canadian Pacific stock on the Exchanges of London, Paris and Berlin.

What lies ahead for Winnipeg? She stands at the centre of a steel web, whose meshes reach out across the continent. Gibraltar holds the key to the Mediterranean; Winnipeg holds the key to a greater sea of prairie acres.

Placed, as she is, in the very pathway of an agricultural invasion whose extent finds no parallel in the annals of mankind; and having, within herself, all the attributes of wealth and power, in land and labor; what man, seeing this Prairie City attract to herself the fountain-head activities of Transcontinental Railroads; and centralize to herself, the financial and industrial markets which must arise, as the millions go out over the prairies—I say, what man, knowing these things, will say to the City of Winnipeg: "Thus far shalt thou go—and no further"?

Looking out over the prairies today, may be seen a score of cities pulsating with the high hopes of the future. Witness Calgary, "The Majestic City of the Foothills"; Edmonton, "The waking metropolis of the north"; the "stately Regina"; the railroad city of Moose Jaw; Saskatoon, "The Brilliant." These have a great present and a future full of dazzling promise. There are others with prospects not less bright. There are many, many centres of the future yet unborn.

BUT THE DAWN OF A GREATER DAY IS AT HAND, AND THOSE CITIES LOOK TOWARDS THE EAST, INTO THE FACES OF THE MILLIONS COMING WEST. WINNIPEG IS THE SUN—AND THE SUN IS ONLY RISING IN THE EAST.