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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IMPROVEMENTS.

At this time of writing it is impossible to give only the merest outline of the building and other improvements which will be made in Calgary and surroundings during the present year. It is certain that these will foot up to at least \$200,000.

In town improvements we expect to see a town-hall constructed at a moderate cost, a fire-engine and apparatus introduced, and a bridge across the Elbow River, at a total cost for the whole of about \$8,000.

Some improvements will doubtless be made in the streets and other thoroughfares. Already a healthy building "boom" has commenced, and the improvements are of an extensive nature. A large number of handsome dwellings and residences for many of our citizens are about to be erected, the contracts in many cases being already in the builders' hands.

Many of our eastern readers may think that there is an inclination to go too fast; but they should bear in mind that the conditions are not similar to those which prevail in other Northwest towns. Let them carefully examine the situation of the place, and the meteorological tables given elsewhere, and they will find that there is something to back up the claim which Calgary urges. If the Dominion Government expend the appropriation for the Bow River bridge this year, and for other necessary purposes which have been recommended by the Minister of Public Works, there can be no doubt that these improvements will be money well expended.

It is now customary, because certain towns in the Northwest have collapsed owing to high pressure, for wiseacres to become alarmed at reasonable progress; but these persons should remember that Calgary is the centre of a country which is not a weary waste or a treeless pasture, but a district teeming with the richest treasures, which need only development to enrich its inhabitants.