

resources, agricultural, mineral and otherwise, of the hundreds of thousands of miles of intervening country must now find their way to the whole eastern world through the one gateway at Thunder Bay. The food demands of active revolutionary Europe and sluggish overcrowded Asia, must in a great measure be made through this gateway in future: while the products of the most eastern portions of the latter continent will also find by the same outlet the shortest and most rapid channel of transit to European markets, as soon as the Canadian Pacific Railway is completed to the Pacific coast.

In looking at these advantages it must be apparent, that with nothing but the development of the natural resources of the Thunder Bay district to depend upon a large and prosperous city, and an important port must spring up on the shores of the bay itself. But when we take into consideration the vast North-West to be developed and find its outlet here, we are shut out to the conclusion that one of the greatest cities of the American continent, and one of the most important, if not the most important port on the great chain of American lakes must, before the present generation passes away, be located on the shore of Thunder Bay. Where that city will be is now a matter beyond dispute. The terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway has to some extent fixed that, while the enterprise of the residents of Prince Arthur's Landing has settled the question. Their now little city is the door of entrance to the North-West, holding the key to the same as firmly as ever did Tyre of the doorway to the great country of Assyria, and connecting link between Europe and Asia. It is the door at which the guardian of progress stands and in the tone of authority utters the magic command "Open Sesame."