

# RAPID CITY,

## Manitoba's Future Manufacturing Town.

RAPID CITY is situated on the banks of the Little Saskatchewan River, in Township 13, Range 19, and is richly endowed by nature in facilities for becoming an important manufacturing centre. The Saskatchewan River rises in the Riding Mountains to the north, and flows southwestward between high banks, forming many rapids and making excellent water-power. In no place in the Province has nature done more, as far as power is concerned, to encourage manufacturing, and all that is required is capital to develop these resources and make this section a hive of industry.

Already we have established here and driven by water-power one of the finest roller process mills in the Province, which runs almost throughout the year night and day. Adjoining the grist mill, and operated by the same power, is the best equipped woollen mill in Manitoba, employing twenty-four hands, and working overtime all the season. It continues to improve every season, and new machinery is added as fast as the business will warrant. This mill has been the means of inducing many farmers to add sheep to their farm stock, which they find one of the most profitable investments, the mill buying all wool coming to them according to its merits.

There are spruce forests on the Riding Mountains, and logs are brought down to a mill at this point. They are able to sell all lumber as fast as manufactured, as the prices are as low as at any point in the Province.

Building material of other kinds, such as stone, lime and brick, are convenient, and are to be obtained at very moderate prices. The bricks are white in color and excellent in quality, made from an exhaustless clay bank a half mile from town.

Fuel is convenient, wood being delivered at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cord. Coal will be secured the coming year at \$4.00 per ton.

Railway facilities are complete, a choice of routes being open to the traveller or shipper either east or west, the Manitoba & Northwestern traversing the northern portion of the Province, and running in a direct line to Prince Albert, and the Northwest Central connecting with the C. P. R. at Brandon affords an alternative route either east or west. The Great Northwest Central will also provide a third route to the west, between the C. P. R. and Manitoba Northwestern, so that no point in the whole northwestern country will have the same facilities for the distribution of manufactures. The town is so situated that the connection soon to be established between the railway systems of Western Manitoba and the Hudson Bay line must pass on our line now connected to the north.

**MIXED FARMING.**—This is the safest system of farming to engage in. Cattle fatten on the nutritious grasses which grow so abundantly on the prairie, and a quality of beef is produced equal to the stall-fed animals of the east. There is no danger of the farmer being left embarrassed who has every year for sale a number of cattle, sheep and pigs, even should his grain crop not give results expected. We claim for the municipality of Saskatchewan that no district in Manitoba or the Territories affords greater advantages for the man of capital or the man of limited means. On account of it being at a distance from the main line of the C. P. Railway this fertile district has been overlooked, which accounts for the large extent of excellent farming lands yet to be procured at such low rates. There is room here for thousands of pushing, active farmers from Eastern Canada, or from Europe, who can secure good farms convenient to railway stations, mills, etc., at prices ranging from \$3 to \$10 per acre, and on such easy terms of payment that any healthy, active man need not be without a home of his own. If such men will bring their families and settle in our midst they will find kind neighbors already settled, who will be glad to assist them in forming homes in a country unsurpassed for healthfulness of climate or diversity of resource.

**THE SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE.**—Wild fowls, geese, ducks, prairie chickens, snipe, plover, etc., are abundant, the beautiful ponds and bluffs making a natural breeding ground. Deer are plentiful to the north in the mountains.

The Town of Rapid City has grown steadily since 1882, and is advancing more the present season than ever before.

We do not claim for this section that it equals in advantage for grain-growing alone the open prairie or wide stretches of plains to the south and east, but for mixed farming our uplands and valleys, our fresh water ponds and our bluffs are unsurpassed. This system of mixed farming has been proven in past years to give the most satisfactory results, and many of our farmers have furnished steers for beef (grass-fed) which have been acknowledged by Winnipeg butchers to be the best entering their market. The nature of the country also admits of great possibilities in dairying, and the amounts to be realized in this respect will be very large in the near future. While it may be considered by some a short road to wealth by growing an extensive crop of wheat, still the chances are ten to one against the farmer; while a system of mixed farming is one which is certain to give substantial results EVERY SEASON.

The schools are thoroughly equipped with all the latest requirements used in the art of teaching, and are conducted by the most competent and painstaking teachers which can be procured. All denominations have their places of worship, there being no less than five churches, besides a corps of the Salvation Army.

The hotel accommodation is as good as is found in the Province.

Any readers of the above who wish fuller information about this district may write to the undersigned, who will gladly answer all correspondence.

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