



The Model Schoolhouse in the Irrigation Block.

INTRODUCTION

AQUIREMENT has been the ambition of all peoples and all nations since the beginning of time. When the world was large and the people few, and confined by no divisional lines of latitude and longitude, acquirement was along the line of simple personal effects that might be transported from place to place in the nomadic wanderings of their possessors. Gradually, as there came into the minds of those early wanderers a desire for a fixed habitation—a home—acquirement took on a new significance and lands in time became a large part of their possessions. As from these small bands nations sprang up and grew, the standard of values gradually shifted from personal to real property, the acquirement of which, from that day to this, has been the ambition of all nations and of their individual units.

Whether or not one be in search of new lands or a new home one cannot but be interested in a subject that deals

largely in a "World-Ambition." This folder contains facts pertaining to a country—Western Canada, and Southern Alberta in particular—where the private individual has a last opportunity for the acquirement, at a nominal cost, of that which has been for ages the goal of nearly all human endeavor; facts that should be the property of all those who are interested in the world's doings of to-day.

While the past few years, with their attendant publicity, have done much to break down the almost impenetrable wall of mystery and misrepresentation set up by the Hudson's Bay Company, a few centuries ago, and have materially helped to remove from the minds of many preconceived misconception as to the climate, soil and extent of this great Western Empire, the facts and figures contained herein will deal with the actual conditions of to-day, and permit of an intelligent forecast as to the future of a country that is destined to become one of the world's great factors in the production of food stuffs.

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