

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Some public medical services are here rendered by the Red Cross Society who have established a Public Health Centre. This however is with the intent to serve the very poor and in the form of charity, rather than being a municipal service. On the whole, outside of the public schools, park, library, there are few other municipal services developed.

KAMLOOPS

Kamloops, next to Coteau Junction in Quebec, was the smallest industrial center visited. Its population in 1921 numbered 4,500 and its residents are grouped around in a few streets surrounding and branching out of, to all sides from the main street. Here are ranged all the shops: butcher, grocery, clothing, and furniture-and-hardware.

Groceries are purchased from a favoured grocer, perhaps not so much for the difference in price, for there is not that, but because of some social or community reason. Interesting it is that in so small a town there are about eight well-established, completely equipped and stocked grocery stores, in most of them from one to three clerks assisting in white jackets, and with delivery wagon service. Most of the business is done on a credit basis; though there is one merchant that specializes in cash-and-carry. Most of the custom comes from railway workers, for Kamloops is a busy junction on the C.N.R. line, overnight from Vancouver. Meat is bought from the P. Burns Company well-stocked store, whose prices compete vigorously and powerfully with the three smaller butchers.

There is a Hudson Bay department store in the town, but this is quite noticeably ignored by the townspeople, who rather go to the individual stores for their styles and supplies. There are a number each of men's clothing, women's wear, dry goods, and hardware stores. One of the latter carries the only full stock of furniture and household furniture, but purchasers do not suffer from this monopoly, for the T. Eaton Co. mail order departments in Vancouver and Alberta fill many Kamloops orders, and the prices of the local merchant compare favourably.

Prices on the items in the budget therefore were obtained from this range of representative stores and added inquiries were made as to the type of furniture supplied to the inhabitants by the T. Eaton Co., and prices on these were also secured.

HOUSING

One section in this town is considered by the Canadian workers as not desirable to reside in. This is the Italian street in which are also mixed some transient lumberjacks.

Prices were secured on the houses inhabited by the Canadian workers, which prevailing type is a frame structure, with the requisite plumbing, with electricity, but seldom with a furnace; even the new houses recently put up have no furnaces. There is no gas available and kerosene is used for cooking in stoves made for that type of fuel. Bituminous coal is used for heating, in coal or combination coal-and-wood stoves. The winter is reported as being not severe and of no great duration.

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The town is small, the organization simple; and no services have been developed by the municipality along the lines noted for the larger centres.