

INDUSTRIAL GROWTH OF REGINA FOR 1906

City has Made Rapid and Long Strides and the Onward March Will Continue—Boyle in Office for Another Year—P. Cooper President

The municipal development and industrial growth of Regina for 1906 was portrayed in the comprehensive reports presented at the annual meeting of the board of trade on Thursday evening last in the city hall. That this city has entered upon an era of wide expansion is evident by the very satisfactory array of facts and statistics furnished by Commissioner Boyle whose work has been endorsed by the board of trade, and who has been engaged for another year. Thursday evening's meeting was very largely attended and for harmony and progressive spirit could not be exceeded. The retiring president who has been an indefatigable worker on behalf of the city is succeeded by J. P. Cooper, vice president, E. Cooper, who will carry on the good work for 1907 assisted by A. E. Whitmore, vice president and an able council.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is the annual report of the council of the board of trade to the members of the Regina Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,—The commercial progress of Regina during 1906 was, in our opinion, thoroughly satisfactory and it is with pleasure that we pass in review the main features of the year's work. Every line of business appears to have flourished, and development and growth have been apparent on all sides. In transportation matters, in real estate transactions, in building operations, in the location of warehouses and development of industries, in the increase of population, in the expansion of post office business and custom revenues—in these and in many other avenues of commercial activity have the advancement and material progress of the city been evident.

One of the notable features of the year was the advent of the Canadian Northern Railway, which has grown connection with Regina via Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway. The presence of this company, making connections for eastern traffic with this branch, will result greatly to the benefit of the city.

The transportation committee has had during the year several interviews with high officials of the railways, relative to back shipments, and while no concessions have yet been granted, sufficient encouragement has at least been given to warrant us in maintaining the matter of back rates is not lost sight of and is still under consideration.

The city's growth for 1906 has been phenomenal, as the following figures will prove. The total building permits was \$1,982,000, and we consider that the amount for the year is well above the actual cost. The fear that the figures filed will be used for assessment purposes retard to some extent, and as a general rule there are extras which increase the original amount. For this reason we believe that \$2,250,000 would be closer to the true total. In this respect Regina stood fifth among the cities of the Dominion, being surpassed only by Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

The number of buildings, particularly of residences, showed a vast increase. The extent of operations seemed to be limited only by the supply of men and materials. The fact that enterprising contractors are continuing to work on some buildings during the winter proves that great haste is necessary in satisfying the demand for business space. In the department of public works, the city stands first among the cities of the Dominion and fifth in that portion west of Lake Superior. The revenues for the fiscal year were more than the total of any four other cities in the province. The custom receipts also showed a great increase, the figures for the fiscal year being \$144,000, as compared with \$107,000 for the preceding twelve months. It would appear that the excellent showing as to the postal returns have justified the Dominion government in appointing a post office inspector with headquarters in this city.

Regina has grown marvellously during the past few years, and her growth continues unabated at the present time. The growth is reflected in the railway traffic receipts. For 1906 these amounted, according to a careful estimate, to more than \$2,500,000 as compared with \$1,100,000 for 1905. At the present rate of increase the total for 1907 should be more than three million. These figures are sufficient to establish Regina's place among the great railway centres of the Dominion. There are many communities in other parts of Canada and the United States, with five to seven times the population, which cannot make so good a showing in the matter of railway traffic returns.

We believe that the campaign for securing industries and wholesale establishments should be waged with increased vigor and concentration. The advertising branch of it should be continued and extended, in order that the reason for the city's great progress may be better understood in industrial quarters.

The financial statement for the year of the board shows total receipts from all sources of \$6,105,84 of which \$5000 was contributed by the city. The statement of assets shows a surplus of \$2,562,83 so that the actual expenses for the year amounted to \$3,162,44. Against this, we consider for the first time in the history of the city, illustrated booklets and pamphlets creditable to the city have been issued. The consistent press reports in the papers of eastern Canada and the United States have influenced and changed completely the opinions that at one time prevailed with regard to Regina.

These two facts almost justify the amount of the expense account and it is sincerely hoped that the present city council will make such a grant as will enable the good work to be continued.

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The post office business is a branch of commercial activity in which great progress was made. The receipts for the fiscal year which ended June 30th, last, were more than \$37,000, as compared with \$28,000 for the preceding twelve months. This rate of progress was more than maintained during the second half of the calendar year, and the business continues to increase. As a postal centre, Regina stands first among the cities of the Dominion and fifth in that portion west of Lake Superior.

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The president, in a speech which was profound interest, a Bonnar, counsel for being pitted against grain array from a view, was advised by Mr. Bonnar, secretary of the most able profession in Winnipeg choose one from discovered, however of them had been seen of the grain exchange, parent that most of the hired body and so lists. Mr. Bonnar with the officers of the association, a conclusion was reached to select the Hon. Mr. gina, ex-urmer of Saskatchewan. McCuag was advised to act in be omission.

OMITS NOTHING. Mr. McCuag's proceedings in the poll in such a quiet, unobtrusive manner, and devoid of any bombast or bravado and by ing matters reflecting dit on to the show he aroused his audience of enthusiasts omitted nothing, which prevailed in the prosecution during days of the trial, one time, almost to withdraw the prosecution. That such an integer contemplated was evident by the and financial support conclusion of Mr. Y. swarmed in from from parties directed, from outside influence other interest in common desire to see justice dealt out to soil.

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