

## BATTLEFORD—ITS TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND RAILWAY FACTS

Battleford is just at present served by the Canadian Northern Railway and in addition to this connection with the main line of the Canadian Northern communication is afforded with the great north country by means of a Canadian Northern line to Peace River country partly completed and a line of the same system to Prince Albert now under construction and ready for steel. The Grand Trunk Pacific Battleford-Biggar line is about completed and will be open for traffic by September first. The Grand Trunk Pacific Battleford Toileld, and Edmonton line is being constructed with all possible speed, upwards of 70 miles west from Battleford will be operated in time to take care of this season's crop. The Grand Trunk Pacific Battleford-Saskatoon line is being rapidly advanced. Charters for this line are granted and bonds guaranteed and it is officially announced that upwards of 60 miles of this important line will be in operation before the close of the present year.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has secured charters to build from Assinuth into Battleford, and a portion of this line is already constructed. Charters have also been granted for the extension of this system from Outlook to Assinuth, thus serving Battleford with a direct line from Moose Jaw, placing Battleford with good connections at Assinuth east to Saskatoon, and all the important Towns and centres south and south-east and also that southern country west to Edmonton. Early completion of this line into Battleford is promised.

Another most important line is the Canadian Northern Battleford-Kindersley Medicine Hat-Calgary line. Charters are granted for this line, bonds guaranteed and much right of way already approved. This being a very important addition to the Canadian Northern

system is undoubtedly assured of early completion as possible, thus giving the Canadian Northern a direct line from Calgary and points named to Battleford, Prince Albert and the great Hudson's Bay route.

Thus it is clearly noted that Battleford's true railway situation to-day shows this progressive Town as now served by three lines of the Canadian Northern Railway. The Grand Trunk Pacific Battleford-Biggar line just ready for operation and the four other lines as set forth above gives Battleford eight lines of railway operated by all three of the Great Transcontinental lines, thus giving Battleford transportation facilities all that can be desired.

### OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO BATTLEFORD IS HER COMING WATER TRANSPORTATION

All recent Engineers reports prove conclusively that the matter of making the Saskatchewan River navigable from Edmonton to Prince Albert is assured. You will note that Battleford is the only town situated on the water front on this great artery of commerce and taking into consideration that Battleford is the only point between Edmonton and Prince Albert where railways will touch this wonderful water front it must certainly convince the reader of the important commercial position Battleford is placed in respect to this great highway of commerce.

It now only remains to speak of this natural artery of transportation on which it is now possible to navigate large steamers as being made perfectly navigable from Edmonton to Winnipeg.