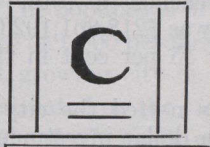


CALGARY

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ALGARY, which is the manufacturing metropolis of the vast Canadian West, was, only a few years ago, a small-sized town on the Canadian prairies. Like other towns and cities in Western Canada, it has progressed and developed in a most remarkable manner.

During the year 1884, on the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in what was then termed the "Far West," Calgary was incorporated as a town, with a population of about 2,000 inhabitants. At that period of its career its prosperity depended almost entirely on the live stock or ranching interest in the districts surrounding it. Later it was found that the growing of grain, grasses, and

vegetables was much more profitable than the herding of cattle and other stock. From that time the real commercial progress of Calgary began. The agriculturists of Eastern Canada, the United States, and Europe then began to realise the fact that it would be much more profitable for them to locate and make their future homes in Alberta, the banner Province of Canada. And about the same time the shrewd business merchants realised the fact that there was an opportunity to extend their business in the prairie West, and as a result of these facts, Calgary is now the industrial, commercial, manufacturing and educational centre of a district extending over one thousand miles from Winnipeg on the east, Vancouver on the west, and from the forty-ninth parallel on the south to the Arctic Circle on the north.

The city is, fortunately, ideally located. It is the meeting and passing point of the "Last Great West." The farmer, merchant, rancher, and business men of all descriptions who do business in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and who transact their business with each other, must, of necessity pass through



8th Avenue looking West, Calgary.