

while the scarcity of the two last-named was a serious drawback two or three years ago. Then the difficulty of a supply of coal at a moderate price is now solved by the opening up of rich mines in different parts of the Northwest, where inexhaustible quantities can be procured.

It may be asked what manufacturing branches would pay here; and it may be remarked that the same inquiry has been put forward in the early days of every manufacturing centre in the west. With the labor and the coal at hand, capital, enterprise, and mechanical skill are all that are wanted to make branches of manufactures remunerative, which many consider impossible. But then the item of raw material for numerous branches is produced at hand, and in some instances is allowed to go to waste. A milling centre can be built up here with profit to all who engage in it; the straw and poplar-wood are at hand for the manufacture of pulp paper, and the city is now large enough to supply rags with which to make a better class of paper. Potatoes enough to furnish the bulk of the raw material for a starch factory are allowed to freeze and rot around the city every year; while the cool climate will produce a quality of flax which could be profitably utilized in the manufacture of textile goods. These are only a few of the industries in which the raw material can be had in abundance from local sources, and at prices sufficiently low to ensure successful competition with older manufacturing centres in the east. Of the field for the consumpt of industrial products it is unnecessary to speak. A country like the Northwest, with its ever-increasing demand for goods of every class, furnishes a market constantly widening in area, and multiplying in the variety of its wants, and offers unequalled opportunities to manufacturers who are prepared to study its requirements and advance with its progress.

To the capitalist Winnipeg offers advantages to be found in few other cities in the Dominion. The days of corner lot and paper town speculation are gone, but the city is the centre of a growing commercial system, in the building up of which funds can be safely and profitably employed. Safety is one