

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The trade figures hereto appended would doubtless appear untrue to persons doing business in towns or cities with similar population etc. to Port Arthur. But when you consider that this place is the supplying point for about 6,000 men engaged in railway construction, lumbering, mining, fishery and lake navigation, the figures given are perfectly consistent and if anything underestimate the commercial worth of Prince Arthur's Landing.

There are now some 140 different mercantile, manufacturing, financial or professional institutions conducting business at this place. Four of these do an annual business of \$250,000 and over, four others \$100,000, some twenty concerns \$40,000 annually, and some twenty-five a business of from ten to \$20,000. There are sixteen different concerns that employ skilled labor and can be classified as manufactories. These give employment to 214 hands, and their annual outputs largely swell the commerce of Port Arthur.

At no place in the entire Canadian North-West is business in such a state of prosperity, and every person therein engaged is doing well. We have the first merchant yet to hear cry "hard times." The reasons for this exceptional condition of commercial affairs will be evident from an inspection of the causes which have built up the city, and will always give it pre-eminence as a commercial and manufacturing centre.

Surrounded by endless forests of fine timber, tributary only to this port, and underneath the rugged surface mineral wealth beyond the infinite conception of the human avarice; with lakes and bays teeming with the choicest varieties of fish; factories on all sides, forming perfect hives of industry; merchants prosperous and happy; a natural harbor lined with docks and warehouses, where at all times may be seen the ocean and lake steamers busy loading and unloading; merry tourists and pleasure seekers crowding the hotels and streets; the iron horse, with long trains of passengers and merchandise, are the causes which produce the results and conditions which we have endeavored to represent in this work.