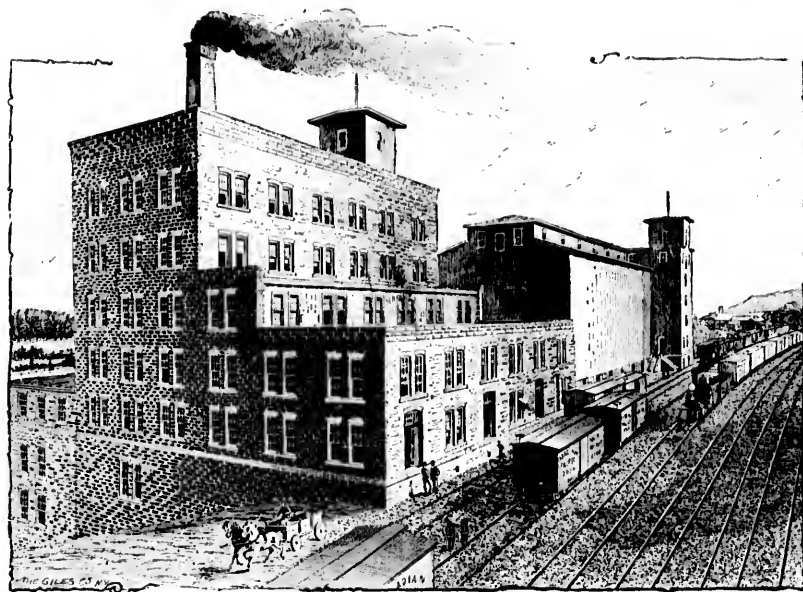


many strange-looking steamboats, and enter the magic city of Winnipeg. It will be well worth your while to stop here for a day. Notwithstanding all you have been told about it, you can hardly be prepared to find the frontier trading-post of yesterday transformed into a city of thirty thousand inhabitants, with miles of imposing structures, hotels, stores, banks, and theatres, with beautiful churches, schools, and colleges, with tasteful and even splendid residences, with immense mills and many manufactories, with a far-reaching trade, and with all the evidences of wealth, comfort, and cultivation to be found in cities of a century's growth.

While you will find in Winnipeg the key to much that you will see beyond, you must look beyond for the key to much you will see in Winnipeg. Situated just where the forests end and the vast prairies begin, with thousands of miles of river navigation to the north, south, and west, and with railways radiating in every direction like the spokes of a



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wheel, Winnipeg has become, what it must always be, the commercial focus of the Canadian Northwest. Looking at these long lines of warehouses filled with goods, and these twenty miles or more of railway tracks all crowded with cars, you begin to realize the vastness of the country we are about to enter. From here the wants of the people in the West are supplied, and this way come the products of their fields, while from the far North are brought furs in great variety and number.