

THE INDUSTRIAL POLICY OF CITY

Effective Work Being Done in Bringing Edmonton's Advantages Before Eyes of Manufacturers

Some quiet but effective work has been done during the last few months regarding the matter of industries by the Edmonton Board of Trade. The first step taken was to ascertain not where the good points that Edmonton has but in what way it was at all handicapped from becoming an industrial centre. First, there appeared the question of the high price of site; second, the question of the price of fuel; third, the question of taxation; fourth, the question of sufficient skilled labour; fifth, the question of freight rates; and sixth, the manner in which the advantages that Edmonton offers to manufacturing concerns should be made known to the world at large.

Objects All Met.
The first objection to Edmonton as a location for an industry, namely the high price of property, has been met. Now the city has free sites, with railway facilities offered by private individuals, and sites offered by the city at a nominal rental or cost, and also sites situated in the heart of the city at a fair price.

The second objection as to the price of fuel does not exist this year (as it did last year, owing to the fact that Edmonton was called upon to supply outside points with coal). Coal again being sold at a fair price. The price of coal will have a tendency to drop as the mines are developed, and the third objection, regarding taxes has been met by the Industrial Committee of the city, by recommending that a fixed rate of taxation be levied on industries already established for a period of ten years, and new industries be treated on similar lines.

But the city still has to contend with the fact that while the city is willing to offer light, water and power at cost, it has no surplus of light, water or power. It is necessary to work with which to supply a very large industry. This, however, will be remedied when the new plants are established on the highest property recently acquired.

While the City of Edmonton offers to the users of large amounts of power, rates that are as low as the lowest, still the users of a small amount of power pay a rate which is equal to a lower rate. This matter, no doubt, will be dealt with in due course, and, in fact, steps are being taken by the Board of Trade to call together all the local manufacturers to discuss this matter.

Industrial Agent Proposed.
It has been suggested that it would be wise to have a special industrial agent sent out, who could be retained by the individual manufacturing concerns the advantages that Edmonton offers as a manufacturing centre. It is suggested that this step during the past year has been owing to the financial conditions existing throughout the country, and that it is not likely that an industrial agent could not state that the city had any surplus water, light or power to offer, or that it had no phone, or that it was not a desirable location for a factory, or that it was not a desirable location for a factory, or that it was not a desirable location for a factory.

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No Sunday Shows in New York.
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Furnishes an Interesting Sidelight on the Prospects of the Younger System—Its Showing in Tariff Has Been Fast—Financial Post's Story of Its History.

The year 1903 is not given because the Canadian Northern system was very largely under construction. These two tables are interesting, as showing that the growth of the two roads, the relative periods has been consistent and rapid, but the comparison in percentage of growth is greatly in favor of the Canadian Northern.

Leased Lines.
Ontario and Quebec 858.8
Atlantic Northwest 327.
St. Lawrence & Ottawa 56.5
Grand total miles 1242.3

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In 1907 the Canadian Northern mileage was 578.2
Central division 498.7
Northern division 79.5
Western division 609.6

Total mileage 2829.4.
The fixed charges in the respective years 1888 and 1907 were as follows:
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Mileage 5,071
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Company Divides \$10,000,000—J. D.'s \$2,500,000.
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