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Calgary
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Early in July the annual Dominion Exhibition will be held in Calgary, the capital of the Western plains. This is an important fixture, which in previous years has brought much gain and more kudos to Winnipeg and New Westminster, and which will add something to the fame of Calgary. At the present time, there is no city west of Winnipeg which is growing so rapidly. Only six years ago the population had fallen to less than five thousand, during the last three it has jumped from seven to fifteen, and will probably pass the twenty thousand mark this year. Calgary has had its ups and downs, but its real importance, not only as a great ranching but a great transportation centre, is now realized. It received a powerful impetus when the C.P.R. decided to undertake extensive irrigation works in the Bow Valley and now that the possibility of mixed farming has been demonstrated there is hardly any limit to the expansion and possible prosperity of Calgary. Those who knew it in the early days as the headquarters of cattle ranching and the home of a few hundred Englishmen who realized the opportunities it offered for a free and easy life in a new country, would hardly recognize it as the substantial, stone-built, commercial city of today, with hundreds of settlers cultivating their crops within

a few miles of its depot. It is a compliment to the industry and enterprise of Calgary that it should have been selected by the Dominion Government as the site of this year's Exhibition. It fully deserves the compliment, and will without doubt rise to the importance of the occasion.

The next number of **Homeseekers.** Westward Ho! will be called the "Homeseekers' Number," and will contain special articles dealing with the resources of the West in relation to the settler. Everyone admits that what the West most needs is men, but they must be men of the right sort; not wage earners so much as land cultivators, who will drive in their stakes, fence their section, build their home, stay with the country and assimilate with those who are building up a "white" Canada. There is room for millions, and even the least fortunate of them can get a better living under more favourable conditions than at any point in the old world. All homeseekers are not looking for the same tracts of land, although mixed farming is almost everywhere becoming the rule. Westward Ho! will give special information with respect to each important district so as to prevent disappointment in the selection of the future homestead. A high authority stated recently that less