

EMERSON

In the foregoing sketches we have but imperfectly outlined the great natural wealth and unequalled advantages offered to settlers and capitalists in the great North West and Southern Manitoba, and we now come to the city of Emerson, whose industrial growth it is the object of our work to record.

The traveler bound for the North West, after making his journey either by the lake route or overland via Chicago and St. Paul, crosses the international boundary line on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and makes his first stop at the Gate City. Here he stands at the door of the great land of promise, and like Ali Balie in the story of our childhood, repeats the "Open Sesame" that he may enter further and view the hidden treasures of this long-wished-for land. Here he can cast and shape his future course through the great land of his adoption, and here learn more fully the rewards that await the thrifty and industrious in this great land of illimitable possibility. To such, and to all interested in the future of the Great North West, a record of the industrial progress of this city, which forms the key to this whole territory, may not be uninteresting. If, however, any readers may be looking for a fairy picture and magic growth, they will be sadly disappointed. Cities of the North West have no mythical origin, and the history of their growth is merely a record of patient toil and well-judged enterprise. Nor shall our record be one where scientific research will be the motive in view, but shall be confined to the progress of commerce, manufactures, and matters connected therewith.