

BRICK

Brick of the best quality is manufactured in the City of Strathcona, there being four brick yards in operation. All the brick buildings in this city and in the city of Edmonton are built of locally made brick which is pronounced by experts to be of the very best quality. Large quantities of marl, brick and fire clay are found in the district

OPPORTUNITIES AND OPENINGS

There is not another city in Western Canada that can offer more advantages to the manufacturer than the city of Strathcona. Having first class railway facilities, low power and water rates, cheap fuel, and a vast country which is rich in minerals, oil, etc., being opened up to the north and west, which will in the near future be served by railways that are today making Strathcona their divisional and distributing point.

The city owns and operates its own electric light and water system, the plant being the most up-to-date that money can procure.

The electric light is produced by two engines having a combined capacity of 450 horse power and two C. T. E. generators, having a capacity of 270 kilowatt hours.

Few cities in Western Canada are today supplying light and power at a cheaper rate to their customers than the city of Strathcona. Light being 12½ cents with a 20% reduction for prompt payment and power from four cents to twelve, according to the amount consumed. The city is lighted by 72 arc lamps, each being 1200 candle power. The city water supply is obtained from wells sunk below the level of the river bed, thus forming a perfect filter system, doing away with the danger of pollution entirely. The water is pumped into a tank in the centre of the city having a capacity of 150,000 gallons, giving an ordinary pressure of forty pounds which can be greatly increased in case of fire by direct pressure from the pumps to the mains.

The pumps used are two steam and two deep well pumps with a capacity of 1500 gallons per minute, as well as a centrifugal electric pump used in case of low water in the river.

Strathcona has a very efficient fire brigade consisting of 22 volunteer firemen, two teamsters and a chief. The equipment consists of 4500 feet of hose, one single cylinder chemical engine, one gasoline pump engine, hook and ladder outfit. The new fire ball will be equipped with all the modern conveniences and accommodation for all the firemen.

There are seventeen fire alarm boxes located in various parts of the city.

Among the most noticeable improvements in the city are: City hall; three miles granolithic sidewalk; six blocks of bitulithic pavements; 25 miles plank sidewalk; 15 miles sewer and water mains; three miles of tramway lines in operation, 40 miles graded streets.

The Strowger automatic telephone service was installed in the city by the Provincial government, giving Strathcona telephone connections with Macleod in the south and Lloydminster in the east, and Stony Plain in the west, the city of Edmonton having installed the same system, the cities are in the closest touch to their mutual advantage.

This year the city contemplates spending upwards of \$250,000 upon civic improvements, the most noticeable of which will be a high level bridge over Mill creek to the east of the city. Completion of the fire hall, bitulithic pavement, granolithic sidewalks and boulevards.