

In 1901 Winnipeg's assessment valuation was something over 28 million, and today runs into two hundred million dollars. Within the next decade, no twin-streets in the Dominion (and but few in the United States) will compare with Portage Avenue and Main in the magnificence of their buildings and the wealth of the interests they represent. Assuredly the valuation of properties along Portage and Main, ten years hence, will far exceed the present total assessment for the City of Winnipeg.

Notwithstanding the splendid record of the past decade, it does not supply a basis on which to estimate the activities which the next ten years will bring to structural Winnipeg. Because the initial years of the twentieth century found only "The Awakening"—whereas, today furnishes the interesting sight of large gangs of excavators searching for bed-rock on which to erect 10- to 15-storey buildings, not only in the low temperatures of winter days; but, in a blaze of electricity, through the long silent hours of the night.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Nature has placed a very lovely territory within a stone's throw of the Mightiest City of The Mighty West—to develop, as it were, the highest aspirations of her people. The name "Prairie City" might lead a stranger to believe that Winnipeg is located on a featureless, unbeautiful plain. That name, however, need only imply that here is the Queenliest City of the prairies. The lovely, and deservedly popular, lake resorts and river frontage surrounding the city to the north, east and south, furnish a most essential requirement in the development of a really Greater Winnipeg. Around this Prairie City may be found picturesque suburban homes in a scenic setting of Nature's parks in all their careless grandeur; the wealth of many a landscape—tho' less rugged and without the mountains—irresistibly reminding one of the glens of Ireland. And over all, hangs the deep blue sky, finding reflection in the rivers and the lakes.

With electrical power a-plenty, it is now only a matter of time when Winnipeg's Radial-Car-System will represent one of her proudest achievements—connecting up, as it will, the unspoiled beauties of Nature, to the great heart of a metropolis; and bringing to the minds of the citizens, a wealth which has no price.

Pretty, well-kept parks in the most unexpected places over the city; wide boulevarded streets running on until the tree-lines seem to meet; long lines of solid prosperous homes; everything displays the fact that the West is no longer "The Great Lone Land," no longer "Our Lady of the Snows," but might be aptly termed "The Hope of the World" for a hundred years to come—a land capable of supporting millions of enlightened people, happy and progressive; with ideas as big and broad as their country.