

## WINNIPEG — PAST AND PRESENT

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in the handsome private homes of citizens that have been erected in 1911. Twenty-four of these residences have cost on an average \$17,270 each, while there have been one hundred and seventy-four homes built costing between \$5,000 and \$15,000 each, and over four hundred houses that cost over \$3,000 and less than \$5,000.

**W**INNIPEG'S wholesale turnover now exceeds \$120,000,000 a year, and is the home of 3,000 commercial travellers. It is also the greatest grain market on the American continent.

**Commercial Importance** Winnipeg's retail thoroughfares are the finest in Canada. Its telephones in use in 1900, 1,318; and in 1911, 21,000. The average tonnage for the past five years of freight received and sent out amounts annually to over two and a half million tons.

Early in the game of becoming a big city, Winnipeg took up the practice of owning its public utilities plants. Winnipeg's big electrical works are located at Point du Bois on the Winnipeg River, 77 miles northeast of the city of Winnipeg. The water fall—naturally 32 feet—is increased by the power development dam to 47 feet. Mill pond of 6,000 acres. The total power available without storage is 60,000 horse power, which can be increased to 100,000 horse power. The cost of the works, including generating stations, all completed and equipped, is \$4,000,000. That this undertaking has proved a successful investment for the city is shown by the fact that the 10c per k.w. rate of 1911 for domestic lighting has been reduced to 3c, and further, that a correspondingly low rate is named for manufacturing purposes, it being the policy of the city to sell power to manufacturers at cost. In addition to its greatest industry, Winnipeg owns all public parks, its asphalt plant, city quarries, water works, street lighting system, a 300 lbs. high pressure fire protection system and civic power plant of 60,000 horse power capacity. At the close of 1911 Winnipeg had miles of sewers, miles of sidewalks, miles of paved streets and miles of graded thoroughfares. Has eleven fire hall stations, employing 165 firemen; 169 enrolled patrolmen, officers and staff in Police department.