

Western Industrial Centres.

Granting that the balance of population in Canada will be west of Lake Superior within the next few years, and no observant person will dispute that statement, it is evident that centres of enormous population are now in the process of formation. The foundations are now being laid for our Western Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton. That Calgary will be one of these centres is beyond all peradventure.



Calgary, The Industrial Centre.

The value of new buildings erected in Calgary during the past two years was \$2,250,000. The population of the city is 18,000, and Calgary is the largest centre between Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast. There are at present 749 telephones in use, which are being added to at the rate of 25 per month. Long distance connection with almost every important centre in the province.

A municipal electric light plant has been installed at a cost of \$60,000. This plant can supply 6,000 incandescent lights. An additional 20,000 is now being spent to enable the plant to be operated night and day, so that power and light can now be supplied continuously. Light costs from 14 to 16 cents per watt hour, according to the amounts used, with 15 per cent. off if paid within a certain date. Base price for power is 12 cents per kilowatt hour, with discounts from the 50 per cent. discount being reached when the power used reaches over \$200 per month.

Calgary is the headquarters of the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway system. The pay roll of this company at Calgary reaches the substantial sum of \$1,000,000 annually. This represents the employment of between 900 and 1,600 men in Calgary and district, and an added population of 2,000 or 3,500 people, residing in Calgary.

There are located here Assistant to the Second Vice-President, Superintendent of Irrigation, British Columbia Land Commissioner, General Superintendent, Division Engineer, Master Mechanic, District Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Resident Engineer, Assistant General Freight

Agent, Freight Claims Agent, Car Distributor, Travelling Baggage Agent, Bridge and Building Master, Roadmasters (two), Live Stock Agent, and Travelling Passenger Agent.

There is also located here the General Repair Shops for the Division, consisting of an erecting shop and machine shop. Three engines can be given a "general repair" in the erecting shop per month. An addition of six stalls was made to the round house in 1905, making in all twenty-four stalls. An extension has also been made to the machine shop and boiler house. Car shops have been erected with four tracks running through, accommodating sixteen cars. A new freight shed, six hundred feet long, costing over \$25,000, has just been opened and yard improvements, consisting of additional tracks, to the value of over \$18,000, have just been completed.

The Calgary Brewing & Malting Company's plant is equipped with the most modern machinery. They have a capacity of 100,000 barrels, or 2,500,000 gallons yearly, and employ 106 hands.

The Alberta Portland Cement Company, has a mammoth plant, with a capacity of 700 barrels per day, and employs about 120 men.