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Editor's Talk

STUDYING men has always been the chief work of men—at least, one great English poet gave expression to that idea and his line has been quoted unto this day. The greatest work that Canadians can do is to study Canada—study themselves and their history. This is a point which is kept in mind when each number of this journal is being prepared. The present cannot be understood without a knowledge of the past; nor can the present be fully realised without some hope and ambitions for the future. Hence we are aiming always to give our readers either a glimpse of the past or a glimpse into the future.

OUR leading feature this week is a glimpse into the past—not-too-distant past—of the towns in Northern Ontario and beyond. What a marvellous growth in less than thirty years! What a country that portion of Canada will be if only the same rate of progress is maintained during the next thirty years! Then Fort William and Port Arthur will be one town, of two hundred thousand inhabitants, perhaps four hundred thousand. Winnipeg should have half a million, and the other Western cities will have grown in proportion.

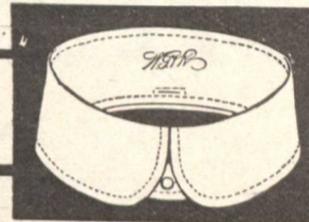
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