

Saskatoon as an Educational Centre

Has the University of Saskatchewan, Agricultural College, Collegiate Institute, Normal School, and Fine Public Schools.

The University of Saskatchewan is one of the most interesting places to which visitors to the City of Saskatoon can be taken, typifying as it does the apex of the provincial educational system, which is singularly complete for so new a country. When many eminent men educated in the foremost universities of the American continent were students, the City of Saskatoon itself was unconceived.

The buildings shown in the accompanying photographs have been erected upon a site which in those days had only been trodden by the Indians, the explorer, and the pioneer.

The site of the new University, one of the junior seats of learning in the Dominion, is exceptionally attractive.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS OVERLOOK CITY

The buildings of the University of Saskatchewan crown the height of land northeast of the city, and the site could hardly have been more fortunately chosen. It includes half a mile of well-wooded river front and altogether embraces 1,333 acres of rich land, 293 acres of which are set aside for a campus, 160 acres for purposes of agricultural experimentation, and 880 for the Agricultural College farm. The plan provides for the eventual accommodation of 5,000 students.

The present buildings consist of an administration building, containing a hall and offices for the different departments, as well as class-rooms; two students' residences, one containing a spacious dining hall, and the other a gymnasium and swimming pool; an engineering building; livestock pavilion and up-to-date model farm buildings. All the buildings conform to pre-conceived plan and will, like those already erected, be of stone in the Gothic style. Work has just recently begun on a new science building. There are also several private residences on the campus, the two principal stone ones provided for in the architect's plan being those of the President of the University and the Dean of Agriculture. The buildings of Emmanuel College, a Church of England Divinity School, the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, also occupy a part of the campus. The University grants sites of from three to five acres to such affiliated colleges at a nominal rental.

Eight thousand dollars has already been subscribed towards a beautiful structure, which will be the home of the Presbyterian College.

GREAT PROGRESS BEING MADE

As indicative of the progress which is being made in the building of the University of Saskatchewan, it is significant that a medical laboratory now stands in one place, where a short time ago there was a pile of potatoes.

The present enrolment is between 1,400 and 1,500, including returned soldiers, who are retrained in various branches of skilled work, particularly engineering. Scores of promising returned soldiers have been turned out as capable motor mechanics.