

Winnipeg and its close-lying suburbs have 227,339 people and there are other evidences which go to show that the count is not far wrong.

FIGURES of trade and industrial growth prove that Winnipeg has taken a size and importance far beyond the city that is not yet forty years old. Bank clearings returns from the city's twenty-three banks show that Winnipeg ranks third among all the cities of the

Banking Progress

Dominion in the volume of banking business. The first bank was started in 1873, and was naturally a small affair. To-day the twenty-three banks have over seven hundred branches in the Western provinces. Locally, the Winnipeg banks did a business in 1911 that amounted to \$1,172,762,142. The only other cities in Canada even to approach these figures are Montreal, with a population of almost half a million, and Toronto, with at least 350,000 people. The increase of Winnipeg's bank clearings point the proof of the city's great and rapid growth. In 1902, the banks of the city cleared transactions that amounted to no more than \$188,370,000, a sum considerable in itself but small by comparison with the enormous total for 1911 and, in fact, much less than the increase in the 1911 clearings over those of 1910, this increase being \$219,000,000.

WINNIPEG has expended in the past seven years ending with 1911, \$75,461,175 in new buildings. This represented 27,640 buildings, and it is safe to say that no city on the continent can show a better balanced

Building on Solid Lines

distribution for a solid growth than has gone into the wholesale houses, business blocks, churches, schools and handsome homes and apartments of Winnipeg. For example, take the year 1911, \$2,500,000 has gone into fine apartment blocks, the average cost of the eight largest being \$96,000 each, and of the fifteen largest, \$76,333 each; eighty-seven factory and warehouse buildings have been erected in the nine months at a cost of another \$2,500,000, and for schools, churches and hospitals, \$1,000,000 was expended. Prosperity is indicated