

fine clothes to handle a three-year-old fresh from the foothills. Still, that's a compliment to the horse and the country that produces him.

AS TO SHEEP RANCHING.

During recent years, sheep-ranching has become one of the great industries of the territory, and as the animals can stay out and find grass all winter, the sheep has come to stay and multiply. The local and British Columbian demand for mutton is far greater than the supply, and woollen mills near Calgary afford a good market for a great deal of the wool. Calgary has the coal, the water and the wool, and why should not Albertan woollens become as famous as any other goods? There is none of your Mary's little lamb gentleness about these flocks that scamper on the foothills. They are literally a wild and woolly lot, but they make good mutton and grow good wool, and what more can any sheep do?

THE DELIGHTFUL CAPITAL.

Calgary, the capital city of Alberta, is now a delightful town of 6,000 people, and promises to be the Winnipeg of the territories. It has a much more beautiful situation than Manitoba's capital, and has that which Winnipeg has not, viz., coal. There's a man here who has struck a splendid seam of coal on his land. He can't raise the capital to work it; but anyone who wants coal goes up to the mine, picks out his own load, and pays the owner one half dollar for it. Sounds strange, doesn't it? But it's sadly true; and this is only one of many paystreaks of natural wealth in this wonderful West that await the enterprise of the capitalist.

The city is on a plain, surrounded by a circle of hills, that give a cosy, comfortable effect to the situation. An old Indian legend says that the present site was once a great lake, and this is probably true. The cold, green Bow River, fresh from its Rocky Mountain source, comes

rushing at the back of the city, and furnishes water-power for mills and lighting.

The C. P. R. engine shops yield a payroll of \$12,000 per month to the city. Two big saw mills, one of the largest of saddlery companies, two cold storage firms, and a go-ahead milling company, give earnest of a great industrial future for this fine town. The Calgary stone is used in the principal buildings between Winnipeg and Victoria. It is the distributing point for farm produce, going either west or east, and always has a good market. Just at present Edmonton draws the crowds, as the boom is going strong in that town; but next to Winnipeg, no place in the West appeals to one like Calgary. It's a well laid out, clean, healthy, up-to-date city, with a substantial present and a splendid future. Here follows a quotation from a witty scribe of the local press: "Given a well-mannered man, of good humor, brains and money enough to set 'em up once in a while, there is no reason why he should not rise on these stepping-stones to higher things, live to a happy old age, an honored and respected citizen of this town. Gall alone will not carry a man over the stile in the West, because every one else has lots of it!" Who could fail in Calgary?

MAGNET OF THE WEST.

These are great days for Edmonton. It is the magnet of the West at present, and people of all kinds are changing cars at Calgary and going north to Edmonton. It is said here that the Canada Northern will run from Battleford to Edmonton, and not south of it as originally surveyed. Thence through the mountains to the Pacific Coast. This certainly seems the logical route, and if carried out means the further making of Edmonton, already pretty well made. It is the magnificent wheat land round about this boom town that justifies its boom. Angus MacKay, of Indian Head Experimental Farm, who knows more about wheat than Moses