## Winnipeg Welcomes the Manufacturer

Address by Mayor W. Sanford Evans, Delivered at Annual Banquet of Canadian Manufacturers, Winnipeg, Feb. 3, 1910

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I thank you for the very cordial manner in which you have just honored the the toast to the City of Winnipeg. I regret that the first speaker tonight should not have been your president, Mr. Hendry. We would have been glad to welcome him to the City of Winnipeg—a man who has done so much in the way of development as Mr. Hendry would have been more than welcome.

"Now, sir, as you have said, your association, which is a national association, and your branch, which is a provincial branch, exists not only for promoting the provincial branch, exists not only for promoting the peculiar interests of the manufacturers, but, on occasions such as this, for bringing together in conference or in social intercourse at least, those who represent the branches of enterprise and labor and the many other interests which go to make up a united people.

"One of those interests, which you referred to, is the Municipal Government of Winnipeg. As a representative of that government, I am very glad indeed to be here tonight, to bear testimony to the apprecia-

sentative of that government, I am very glad indeed to be here tonight, to bear testimony to the appreciation which I know the citizens of Winnipeg have of the importance of the interests you represent. Those interests in their magnitude are greater, I believe, than the majority of the people of Winnipeg and certainly than the majority of those outside Winnipeg, fully realize. You remember that the latest census returns, those of 1905, showed that, in the value of its manufactured products, Winnipeg stood fourth in the list of Canadian cities. In round figures, we produced in 1900, eight million dollars' worth of manufactured goods. In 1905 our output had increased to \$18.500. 1900, cight inifion dollars' worth of manufactured goods. In 1905 our output had increased to \$18,500. 000. It was third in population. You remember also that, comparing those figures with the figures of the five years previous, you noted that the rate of development in this respect of the City of Winnipeg very far exceeded the corresponding rate of any other city through the West, and was more than treble the rate of development of the three large cities of Eastern Canada. Winner ment of the three large cities of Eastern Canada. Winnipeg's rate of increase was over 120 per cent. The increase in Montreal was only 40 per cent., in Toronto only some 47 per cent., and in Hamilton 43 per cent. I believe that when our next census is taken it will be found that this rate of development has been preserved during the five years since 1905. During the past three years alone, we have had, that we know of, twenty-seven new industries start in Winnipeg. Fifty-six new industrial companies took out charters during the preserved during the seven had ing the year, and thirty-one of these state their

intention of establishing indus in Winnipeg. Seven began and these seven had a capitali of the largest manufacturing quirements have increased additional capital was requirements from \$630,000 to \$2.5 what possibilities there as Winnipeg.

"The quantity of manufact ed out in this city would be structural steel for example. 1909, 20,000 tons of structu city, and of this amount no l

fabricated in Winnipeg.

"I should like to take thi one of my neighbors at this ta in competition with all the the largest contract in structu the Dominion during the yea am fairly correct in my figu contract for 4.500 tons of str the Transcontinental Railwa that was let in the whole of C all the designing, drawing a products of Winnipeg labor These are but indications of represented by your associat "Now, what is it that the offers to manufacturers. Y

proved that something is to l come to Winnipeg and are p that it might be well to revi

manufacturers.

"Winnipeg offers the bes Winnipeg offers distribution facilities which are better th in Western Canada. Morcov labor market in the West. increase in the population y are not only securing a rapid I believe it is a fact that the forward greater efforts to and attractive to live in tha city on the continent. In in improving our streets and and other services, in all departments are doing to re ful, in all the efforts that w tion with education, it will making extraordinary effort city attractive, but to make only be glad to visit, but homes in. Some of these improvement of our sanitar doing all that can reasonabl population healthy and conte in the other matters importa labor, Winnipeg offers advan tatingly state are better that Western Canada. This city any other city of its size fo from fire by the construction of proved efficiency. The c mains good, and its financ sound. This is an importan