

THE City of Calgary is favored from time to time with visits from many representative bodies, but it is well within the mark to state that no class of visitors is more cordially welcome than the Canadian Manufacturers. The innovation of a periodical excursion to the Great West of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is a sign of the times. Its conception is worthy of the enterprise and business sagacity of Canada's captains of industry, and indicates a growing realization of the inevitable dawn of Western Canada's industrial development.



Western Industrial Development.

Volumes are written nowadays concerning the phenomenal expansion of Western Canada, statistics are piled mountain high to convince the world that the hour of destiny has struck, and that the Great West is rapidly forging into the foremost ranks of producing countries. In spite of the wealth

lavished in bringing these facts before capitalists, it is admitted on all hands that the manufacturing development of Western Canada is very far from keeping pace with the tremendous strides made in other directions. In other words, the fallacious idea that the East will forever be the factory and that the West will forever be the farm in the great partnership between Eastern and Western Canada, entered into at the time of Confederation, is dying very hard and very slowly.



Our Western Empire.

Some of the best informed authorities readily fall into the plausible error of estimating the future progress of Western Canada by the history of the development of the Western States. This is a fallacy. No reasonable comparisons can be drawn, as the conditions of the two countries differ widely. At the beginning of the nineteenth century the population of the United States equalled almost exactly that of Canada at

the beginning of the twentieth century. The settlement of the former emanated entirely from European countries, while the great bulk of the immigrants now coming into the Canadian West hail from the United States. It is a significant fact that Canada has not alone all Europe to draw upon for settlers, but also the over-crowded States immediately south of the line, many of them contiguous to the Western Provinces. Such being the case, it is reasonable to suppose that the colonization of Western Canada will proceed at a vastly rapider rate than did the settlement of the Western United States.

Furthermore, it is safe to assume that the population of Western Canada will be much greater than that of the Western States. It is a notorious fact that enormous areas of waste land are included in the States south of the line, while almost every acre of the Canadian prairies will lend itself to agricultural or pastoral pursuits. This is a very important fact, and one that the manufacturers of Canada will do well to consider carefully. Multitudes of settlers are now finding their way to the "Last West" from every corner of the civilized globe, and it is not overstating the case to predict that within a few years the density