

## CALGARY.

THE MOST important town between Winnipeg and Vancouver, is the distributing centre not only for the whole of Alberta but also for a large portion of the adjoining Province of British Columbia.

The town was incorporated in 1884 and at the present date boasts of a population of 4,000, but it is impossible to form anything like a true estimate of Calgary by the number of its inhabitants. Few towns in the Dominion of treble its population have the vim and enterprise everywhere apparent here. The town is charmingly situated in a valley of the Bow River, which finds its confluence with the Elbow River within the town limits, thus securing for the future city an unfailing supply of the purest of water as well as offering motive power sufficient to drive the machinery of ten thousand factories. Owing to the proximity of numerous quarries, (some within the corporation) of the best of building stone, the town is being largely built of that material, and the business blocks, hotels and residences erected during the past few years are admired by all visitors and would be accounted beautiful structures in the largest cities of the Dominion. The town is well supplied with mercantile houses, wholesale and retail, and most complete stocks are carried in the various lines. Competition is keen and goods can be purchased at reasonable prices. The new comer will find it of greater advantage to bring money to Calgary and buy here what he actually needs rather than arrive here overstocked with articles for which he has no immediate use or are not suited to the requirements of the country. Calgary supports two daily and two weekly newspapers, has three charter and two private banks, has two electric light systems, a water supply, a telephone and sewerage systems, daily trains east and west and tri-weekly north and south. Its hotels are accounted to be first-class. Its churches are numerous, its schools second to none in the West. The Municipal machinery is complete and no town in the whole of the Dominion is more peaceable and nowhere is life and property more safe. Calgary has not been a boomed town, it has grown solidly and gradually. The prices of real estate have continued to increase according to actual demand, and now that Calgary is becoming a railroad center it is safe to assert that during the next few years real estate within the town limits and farm properties in the vicinity will increase very rapidly in values. There are at present splendid openings here for the investment of capital in manufacturing industries. Money also can be readily loaned at from 8 to 10 per cent. on undoubted real estate security. What is required here is capital. Nature has supplied the resources. With its commanding situation in the centre of the richest agricultural and greatest stock country in Canada, its proximity to the great mineral and lumber resources of the Rocky Mountains with its every inducement for and probability of becoming a great manufacturing as it has already become a distributing centre, it must needs be a large and wealthy city.

## OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

FEW have any idea of the vast area of Alberta—it embraces over 100,000 square miles. It extends some 500 miles from north to south, and about 300 miles from east to west. In it are comprised some forty-five millions of acres of the most fertile soil on the Continent. It is fringed on its west side by a dense forest of valuable timber, extending for hundreds of miles north and south. It is underlaid with immense deposits of coal. It is traversed from west to east by numerous mountain rivers, highways for the great lumbering industry. Instead of being a part of Manitoba—a kind of annex thereto as was a common supposition a few years ago—it is a country twice as large as Manitoba, a country hundreds of miles distant, with different soil, different resources and different climate. Alberta is neither part or parcel of Mashonoland, or yet of Manitoba. Citizens prefer it to be known as Alberta. Its climate, fertility and resources are sufficiently inviting and assuring.

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