

## THE LIVELY METROPOLIS OF ALBERTA

As Seen by a Commercial Representative.

The city of Calgary, which has a population from 4,000 to 5,000, lies at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers, with the Rocky Mountains as a background, and is manifestly of a different type to our ordinary western town. This is apparent at

most part handle but one line of goods. As a distributing point Calgary's situation is similar to that of Winnipeg. Being located on the main line of the C. P. R. it has, of course, shipping facilities east and west, then branch lines commencing here run north to Edmonton,

and dressed meats. Ample banking facilities are also at hand, the banks represented being the Imperial, Molsons, Bank of Montreal and Union Bank of Canada. It has electric light, telephone and water works systems and arrangements are now being made with a view to the purchase of the water works system by the city council. There are many substantial local industries amongst which might be mentioned the creamery, C. P. R. shops, the flour mill, stone quarries, brick yards, brewery, abattoirs, sawmills, planing mills, also a daily and a semi-weekly newspaper. Hull & Co. are large cattle and meat shippers. They have an abattoir and pork packing factory here and have several retail



Calgary, Alberta.

Photo by Steele & Co., Winnipeg and Calgary.

the first glance along the main business street, which is lined on both sides by large stone blocks, which for beauty and size would be hard to surpass even in much larger and older places. This applies particularly to the Alexander corner, the Clarence block, the post office, court house,

190 miles, and south to Macleod, 107 miles, where connection is made with the Crow's Nest Pass railway, tapping the southern portion of British Columbia. This fact has not been lost sight of and we find several wholesale establishments here. G. F. & J. Galt, Lucas, Steele & Bristol, and Col.

branches in British Columbia. The flour mill, operated by the Calgary Milling Co., has a capacity of 170 barrels per day, with a grain elevator having storage room for 60,000 bushels. This company does a large shipping business to points north and south as well as to British Columbia points.



Bow River, Calgary.

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Bank of Montreal building, the Hudson's Bay stores, Thompson block, the Alberta Hotel, Loughheed block, etc. A difference is also noticeable in the stores, as instead of large general or departmental stores which one would expect to find, the merchants for the

ville & Co., wholesale grocers; J. Y. Griffin & Co., pork packers, and the Anderson Produce Co. have branches, while several firms make this their headquarters, amongst them being Hull Bros. & Co. and P. Burns & Co., who do a large shipping business in cattle

P. Burns & Co.'s abattoir, which is situated about two miles out of town, is one of the largest in Canada, employing from 40 to 50 men. The boiler house and rendering tank is 50x70 feet and the cold storage buildings 300x50 feet and 80x50 feet, giving a