

A conspicuous fact in connection with this influx of settlers is that they all add to the material resources of the country in addition to the value of their efforts as developers and wealth producers. It is estimated, for instance, that every settler coming from the United States brings with him from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in money or effects. What this amounts to in a year may be judged when it is stated that immigrants from that country in 1911 alone added over \$100,000,000 to the wealth of Canada. These figures are based on customs returns.

3. The Growth of Cities

Still more striking in this connection are the phenomena seen in the birth and rapid upbuilding of our cities. Places unheard of a decade ago are growing up by leaps and bounds. Where a short time since was virgin prairie echoing to the step of the Indian and the buffalo are today towns which tomorrow will be large business centres. Nor is this to be wondered at. Urban growth must keep pace with that of the country as a whole. It is true that not every one of the towns which have favorable situations will become a metropolis, but there must be a few large cities, points of distribution, throughout this vast area, while there will also be a goodly number of subsidiary towns of fair size.

The Dominating and Commanding Cities of the Great Grain Belt are already known and defined.

They are now established with a basis for growth which nothing can change. WINNIPEG, CALGARY, EDMONTON, REGINA, SASKATOON, MOOSEJAW, and a number of others are certain of an almost indefinite expansion. But there are points in the undeveloped districts which may easily grow into large towns, places not more than a year or so old, such as Coronation, Kerrobert and Kindersley. And there are other neighborhoods which will see business centres of importance where today is but bare prairie.

All this will inevitably follow the growth of the country and the increase in its population; and it will be but a repetition of what has happened in the western part of the United States during the past few decades. It is absolutely sure to occur here.