

is short it is yet one of solid and steady progress. There are fine hotels, beautiful churches, substantial banks, well-equipped schools, and all the other institutions and public buildings that go to make a great city, though it is yet only in its infancy. It boasts of two daily and three weekly newspapers. It is supplied with the telephone and electric light system. The Judge of the Supreme Court of Northern Alberta, the Superintendent of Dominion Mines, the Dominion Land Agent, the Registrar of land titles, and the Sheriff of Alberta all reside at Calgary. It is an important station of the North-West Mounted Police, and a post of the Hudson's Bay Company. In Calgary the enterprising ranchmen have a social club, conducted on a comfortable, if not a luxurious, scale. The majority of its members are connected with the best families in England and Scotland, and live here in a lordly style. Here they freely associate with men of humble origin, but pursuing the same calling as themselves. Thus the scions of noble houses and aristocratic families have here wisely and judiciously renounced all class distinctions. The advantages of such a social club, in such an important centre as Calgary, can scarcely be realised. It tends to make life, otherwise monotonous and dreary, extremely enjoyable and pleasant. An introduction to the club will prove most useful to the tourist. He will, at least, be most hospitably entertained, and it may probably lead to his receiving a cordial welcome to visit one of the extensive ranches in the neighbourhood. In the spring and autumn the ranchmen all join in a "round up." To gather and separate the animals, according to the brands of the different owners, is the glory of the "cowboy." To see the riders "cutting out" the animals from the common herd, lassoing and throwing them out in order that they may be marked with the owner's brand, or handling a drove of wild unbroken horses, is a scene not easily forgotten, and more than compensates for the fatigue and loss of time occasioned by a visit to the ranch. The ranchers are splendid riders, who love the ranch with its active life and unlimited opportunities for sport, as well as its entire disregard to the useless formalities to which the society of the old country necessarily clings. Some idea of the enormous extent of the ranching