

As the settlement of the prairies progressed, Winnipeg grew, not merely in size, but in influence. Its growth and progress were measured by the growth and progress of trade. The leaders in trade became associated, as members of the Board of Trade, in the larger activities of the community. Through that association, they helped to give form and direction to the great city which was rising into being on the plains.

As the farms spread across the prairies, an ever-growing stream of golden grain poured into Winnipeg and the city became one of the important railway centres of the world. During this very week, with the inauguration of the Trans-Canada Airways, Winnipeg will become one of the chief Canadian centres of air transport. During the life-time of the Board of Trade the tiny frontier town has become one of the great cities of the world.

It must be a source of pride to its officers and members, that to the development of Winnipeg as a national and international market, the Board of Trade, from its very beginning, has contributed so largely.

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