

He learnt that the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was one of the great grain markets of the North American continent. As the financial and distributing centre for an enormous area, Winnipeg had a valid claim, Mr. Young assured him, to the title "capital of the Northwest". "Did you know that the city lies almost in the dead centre of Canada?" he asked. "As a result, Winnipeg is one of Canada's most important transportation junctions, with the largest marshalling yards in the world."

"Don't get the idea, however, that Winnipeg is nothing more than a big prosperous city," Mr. Young went on. "It is also one of the most important cultural centres in Canada. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Winnipeg Musical Festival are proof of that. So are our two fine newspapers, the *Free Press* and the *Tribune*."

Paul noticed that other languages besides English and French, such as German, Ukrainian, and other Eastern European tongues, were fairly frequently spoken in the streets of Winnipeg.

"How many Canadians here came from Eastern Europe?" Paul asked Mr. Young later.

"Oh I don't know exactly. But there are said to be upwards of 200,000 Ukrainians alone, as well as large groups of Poles, Italians, Germans, and Dutch. They and their families came to Canada to find a new life in the Western world. They make up about a fifth of our population." Paul had noticed the odd onion-shaped domes on some of the churches, and learned from Mr. Young that these had been built by the Ukrainians.



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