

the station buildings, and intending settlers bound for the far west may there be conveniently supplied with all information, and provided free with innumerable pamphlets descriptive of the extent and resources of the country. Adjoining the station are the Government Land Offices, where valuable information may be obtained on all subjects.

The visitor will be agreeably surprised to see the broad well-paved streets. The town is well provided with handsome hospitals, splendid schools, and beautiful churches. The buildings generally are substantial and of a superior style of architecture, as, for example, the Government, municipal, and other public buildings, the hotels, and the warehouses. Electric cars run in all directions, and electric light is used all over the town. The new streets that are being formed, and the numerous new buildings in course of erection round all the outskirts of the city, are the most convincing proofs of the demand for houses, and, therefore, of the constant growth of the population. Among the most recent built stores are those of the Hudson's Bay Company. This block is entirely built of stone, and guaranteed fire-proof. In these stores anything from "a needle to an anchor" may be purchased at a reasonable price. Since they carried on the seal and fur trade with the Indians their methods of business and the style of their buildings have gradually changed to meet the modern requirements of civilisation. A Hudson's Bay Company store is to be found in almost every important town, and the benefit it confers on the community is incalculable. It secures to them first-class goods at a moderate price, and so prevents other tradesmen from demanding exorbitant profits for goods supplied. The settlers are therefore protected so far.

The only relic of the old Fort Garry which now exists is the archway in front of the old Government House, but the foundations of the old stone wall which surrounded it may be traced on close inspection.

Winnipeg is the chief centre of the trans-continental railway system, and the headquarters of the western division, which boasts of three hundred elevators or grain stores, with warehouse capacity for over seven million bushels. The