

Fort Churchill, the only two ports of Hudson Bay. It is practically unexplored, but is known to contain large areas of clay land where vegetables and barley do well and wheat can be grown, also merchantable timber, pulpwood, iron, gold, copper, and other minerals. Write for pamphlets, "The New Northwest" and "The Hudson Bay Route," to the Secretary of the Dept. of the Interior, Ottawa.

**POPULATION.** According to the Dominion census returns, the population of the province was: In 1881, 62,260; in 1891, 152,506; in 1901, 255,211; in 1911, 455,614. Between 1901 and 1911 the rural population increased 70,511; the urban 129,892.

**RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION.** Manitoba had 1,900 miles of railway in 1910, over 4,000 miles in 1912. It is crossed by three transcontinental lines: the C.P.R., C.N.R. and C.T.P. (See also under Hudson Bay Route).

**RAINFALL.** According to the table compiled for Heaton's Annual, 1913 edition, by the Meteorological Office in Toronto, the average annual rainfall in inches at different points is as follows: Brandon, 17; Channel Island, 17; Elkhorn, 17; Emerson, 22; Hillview, 22; Minnedosa, 15; Portage la Prairie, 17; Russell, 17; Sourisford, 18; St. Albans, 17; Treherne, 17; Winnipeg, 22.

**RIVERS.** The rivers all run from the eastern and western sides of the province to the lower levels in the middle, draining into Hudson Bay. The principal rivers are: Red, Assiniboine, Winnipeg, Pembina, all having several tributaries.

**SCHOOL LANDS.** These comprise Sections 11 and 29 in every township in Manitoba. They are administered by the Dominion Government in trust for the province and can only be disposed of by sale at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to a certain upset price. The sales are held yearly, provided the conditions are favorable, the lands being first inspected and valued to determine the upset price. Terms: One-tenth cash, and the balance in 9 equal annual instalments with interest at 5%. Scrip or warrants are not accepted in payment. There are no settlement conditions. Grazing permits for these lands are also granted annually at the rate of 6c. per acre in Manitoba. Leases for coal mining are issued for a term of 21 years at a rate of \$1 per acre and subject to a royalty of 5c. per ton. The revenue from these lands is invested in Dominion securities and the interest thereon paid to the province yearly to be