

**R**EGINA, the Capital of the Province of Saskatchewan, is a conspicuous example of Western progress and development. Its prominence among the cities is chiefly due to its rapid commercial development, and its advancement in this connection is based on the fertility and productiveness of the country by which it is surrounded. Government returns for 1905 showed an average yield of 27.35 bushels of wheat per acre in the Regina district, compared with 23.09 as the general average for the Province. In the coarse grains the showing was equally favorable. The district, indeed, is as fertile as any on the continent, and is thoroughly well adapted for general agriculture.

There are various features which enhance the importance of the city, and give it high standing in comparison with other communities of the West. The railways have made it a central point in their undertakings, and it seems destined to be the headquarters of the transportation systems in Middle Canada. Already it is one of the most important points on the C.P.R., being served by the main line and the Arcola extension. It is the southern terminus of the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan Railway, which runs to Prince Albert, 250 miles to the north, and which has recently been acquired by the Canadian Northern. The latter railway will build from Brandon westward to Regina to meet this branch, and then push on to Calgary. The Grand Trunk Pacific will build three lines from Regina, to the north-east the east and the south-east. The Great Northern, or Hill System, will come into the city from Dakota on its way to Edmonton.

The location of the Provincial Capital marks Regina as the headquarters of the political, judicial, legal and educational systems in Saskatchewan. The city has been foremost in undertaking the solution of municipal problems and has established a favorable reputation for the progressiveness it has shown with respect to civic improvements. It occupies an important position among the financial cities of the Dominion, and is easily the banking centre of Saskatchewan. It is the headquarters of the world-famous Royal North-West Mounted Police, a semi-military body which has preserved peace and order for more than a quarter of a century over a territory as large as Continental Europe. In social, religious and fraternal affairs it has kept pace with the best features of modern development.