

REGINA.

Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territories, has a population of about 2,500. It is particularly well supplied with business places, having three hardware stores, two bank branches, five general stores, several implement warehouses, lumber yards, four newspapers and one or more of all the different kinds of stores to be found in the larger towns and cities. This point is the headquarters of the Northwest Mounted Police and as the force at times numbers two or three hundred men, a considerable amount of extra business is thus done by the local merchants. For many years land seekers have been passing by the Regina district owing to a widely circulated report regarding the scarcity of water. To dispel this illusion a well boring outfit was secured and a number of wells sunk with very satisfactory results. The C. P. R. Soo short line has also helped to open up the country to the south of Regina and a big immigration has been pouring in during the last couple of years and a large number of settlers are looked for this year. The official report issued by the Regina land office shows that the number of homestead entries granted during the past year was 1,045 and 325 applications made for patents. This report says: "The principal part of the homestead entries have been located south of the main line and also along the Soo line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. I may say there has been considerable indifference shown to the country contiguous to this lat-

Manager Whyte Returns.

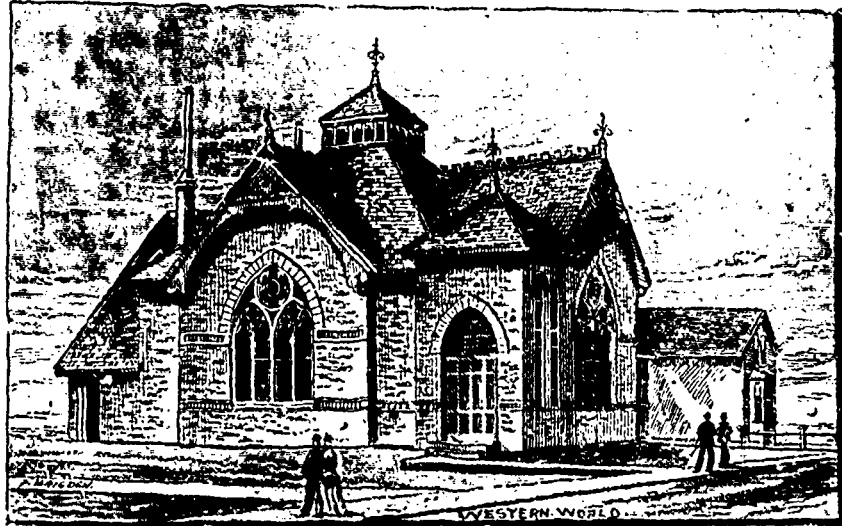
Manager Whyte, of the C. P. R., returned this week from the west. He has been absent about four weeks in British Columbia, visiting both the coast and mining regions. Speaking of his trip to a Free Press reporter, Mr. Whyte said: "I went direct to Vancouver from here and returned via the Crow's Nest Pass. At Nelson a new divisional yard has just been completed, and the

the big Granby smelter, where two furnaces are going, and 600 tons of ore treated daily. The capacity here will shortly be doubled from 1,200 to 1,500 tons per day, making use of 160 tons of coke daily. These ores are from the Phoenix camps, where the mines, the old Ironside and Nob Hill, are working. It is the intention soon to have the C. P. R. cars run from the smelter to the mines instead of the small trucks now being used, and to get the working down to such a fine

other countries, in China and Japan, where lead in tea packages is now very largely required." The western cattle, Mr. Whyte stated, were in excellent condition, and everything points to a prosperous season.

Insurance Companies Amalgamate.

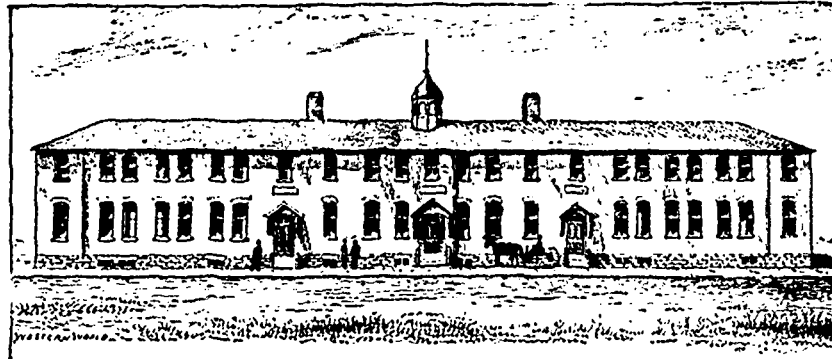
For some time past reports have been current regarding the amalga-



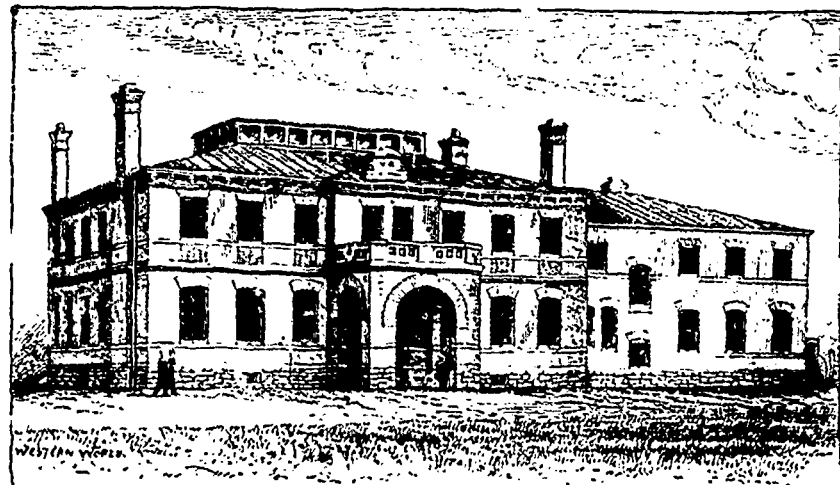
Knox Church, Regina



Episcopal Church, Regina



Industrial School, Regina



Governor's Residence, Regina

ter line of railway until about a year ago, owing to the apparent scarcity of water, but private enterprise, coupled with a laudable desire on the part of the Northwest government to largely experiment by boring for water during the past summer has increased the faith of those settled in this otherwise fertile district, and on that account it has induced a large number of settlers to locate in that vicinity." The country to the north of Regina is already well settled and is principally a wheat section as far as the Qu'Appelle valley, where large numbers of cattle are raised. To the south and west it has not been so well settled and it is here that the majority of the newcomers are locating. This part is better suited to mixed farming. The building operations in Regina were quite extensive last year and the outlook in this respect for the coming season is very good. About a year ago a general hospital was started here and last fall the erection of a suitable building was commenced and will be finished this year. Accommodation will be provided for twenty-one patients and the furnishings will be very complete. It will cost, when finished, about \$7,000, including furnishings. A solid brick building, costing about \$20,000, was built last year for the land titles' office, a new warehouse was built for the McCormick implement agent, a lot of work was done at the police barracks and a number of residences erected in town and through the country. Regina is well supplied with schools and churches, has electric light and telephone systems, etc. The Indian industrial school here is doing a good work in teaching Indian boys and girls the usual public school course and in giving practical instruction in several trades with a view to fitting them to earn their own living. By courtesy of the Leader and the West newspapers we show cuts of some of the buildings here.

company intend building a new shipyard there for the steamers plying from Kootenay Landing to Nelson and Kaslo. At Nelson I went on to Rossland and Midway. On this route is the Boundary Falls smelter, which is turning out a large amount of ore daily. At Greenwood the pyritic smelter of the British Columbia Copper Co. is now at work and the day before I arrived had turned out 407 tons of ore. This smelter is using the new system of fuel by utilizing the sulphur from the burning coke. Coming back to Grand Forks, I arrived at

point that lower grade ores can be treated at a profit. These smelters are run on eastern townships' money. The mines in this locality are not affected by the drop in lead. West of the Columbia river the mines are all copper and gold, while east of that is where the lead is found with the silver. "There is great need for a lead refinery in this district to enable the working of the ore into the manufactured article used in paint. This would not only fill the home consumption, but would be used to compete with

mation of the Royal Insurance Company, of Liverpool, and the Lancashire, of Manchester, and information now to hand seems to confirm this rumor. The following are the figures of the two companies: The Royal, joint stocks, authorized, \$14,000,000; capital stock subscribed, \$12,189,442; amount paid up, \$1,228,416. The Lancashire, authorized, \$14,600,000; subscribed, \$3,285,318; paid up, \$1,328,531. The Royal's Canadian income for 1900 was \$643,158, and the Lancashire's, \$333,130.