



*A Picturesque
Souvenir of*

FORT 
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ONT., 
CANADA.

FORT WILLIAM



TO THE EARLY VOYAGEUR, the men who went before, and in whose wake the great arteries of commerce followed, Canada and Canadians owe much. They are the men that have made possible the great Dominion, in whose citizenship Canadians take pardonable pride, as undergoing the greatest progress and development per capita the world has ever known. Landing now-a-day, for the first time, at the mammoth docks, on the palatial liners of the many transportation companies plying to the Canadian head of navigation, Fort William, or reclining comfortably in the luxuriously appointed observation cars of the railway lines, the passenger views with amazement the magnitude of the City whose portals he enters. He notes the magnificent harbor, the long lines of docks, the terminals of the great trans-continental railway lines, the busy thoroughfares, the modern business blocks, the beautiful homes, the great banking institutions, the large distributing warehouses, the optimism of the residents, and loses sight for the moment of the men who went before, the men of the early days who spied out this "land of promise," and to whose foresight, faith, and dogged perseverance the credit of the founding of the great city is entirely due. Such he John Sills, to whom the Crown granted the Patent for the one hundred acres comprising Lot 2, Concession 3, Fort William, now known as Victoria Park. Landing his canoe on the banks of the Kaministiquia River, in the year 1872, he broke ground for the homestead which to-day is the centre of a thriving and populous city; a city that is a living monument to the hardihood, indomitable faith and courage of himself and associates who first dared the then barren but promising region.

Situated at the gateway between Eastern and Western Canada, the whole Dominion, from the Great Lakes to the Rockies, on the one hand; and from tide water on the Atlantic to the Manitoba boundary on the other, contributes to the growth and prosperity of Fort William.

Every hushel of grain produced in Western Canada (and Canada holds the world's record to date, per bushel, per acre, in quantity and quality) gets its stamp of value on the basis of grain in store at Fort William.

Tempus Fugit.—Sleeping peacefully with nature in 1872, Fort William is to-day a city of 25,000 prosperous people, outstripping in material growth and substantial development all other Canadian Cities.

Nearly every business transaction in Western Canada has for its fundamental basis the value of the agricultural products, and this value is determined by the grade established through the Office of the Dominion Grain Inspector at Fort William.

Many modern business blocks have been completed and filled with tenants, and 700 residences have been built and occupied during the year 1909. Wholesale houses are being established in large numbers, and industries giving employment to labor are increasing rapidly. Fort William, during 1909, expended in municipal improvements approximately \$400,000, and is scarcely able to keep abreast with the wonderful development noted on every hand.

The Dominion Government, recognizing the importance of Fort William as a national lake port, has already expended \$3,000,000 on harbor improvements, and has planned further extensions to the extent of an aggregate cost of \$8,000,000, creating here one of the finest and safest harbors in the world.

The three great trans-continental railways, Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific, are taxed to their utmost facilities in handling the constantly increasing traffic, and have planned to carry out extensions, constructions, and improvements to their terminal facilities at an estimated cost of at least \$30,000,000.

Fort William is not only the great Gateway to the whole of Western Canada, but also has great industries, manufacturing the many articles demanded throughout the West, such as stoves, brooms, cigars, harness, tinware, hardware, iron pipe, lumber, flour, car wheels, etc., and is rapidly forging her way to the top in competition with the Eastern manufacturers and the great Western market, and it looks as though, within a comparatively short period, Fort William will hold the same absolute control in the manufacturing situation and trade conditions of Western Canada as it does in the traffic to-day.

Fort William stands, to-day, as the safest, surest and most remunerative investment proposition of all the large Canadian towns and cities participating in the wonderful progress of the Last and Greatest West.



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THE HARBOUR



THE CITY HALL



VICTORIA AVENUE



SIMPSON STREET



Wesley Methodist Church



St Pauls Church



GENERAL HOSPITAL



MCKAY MOUNTAIN





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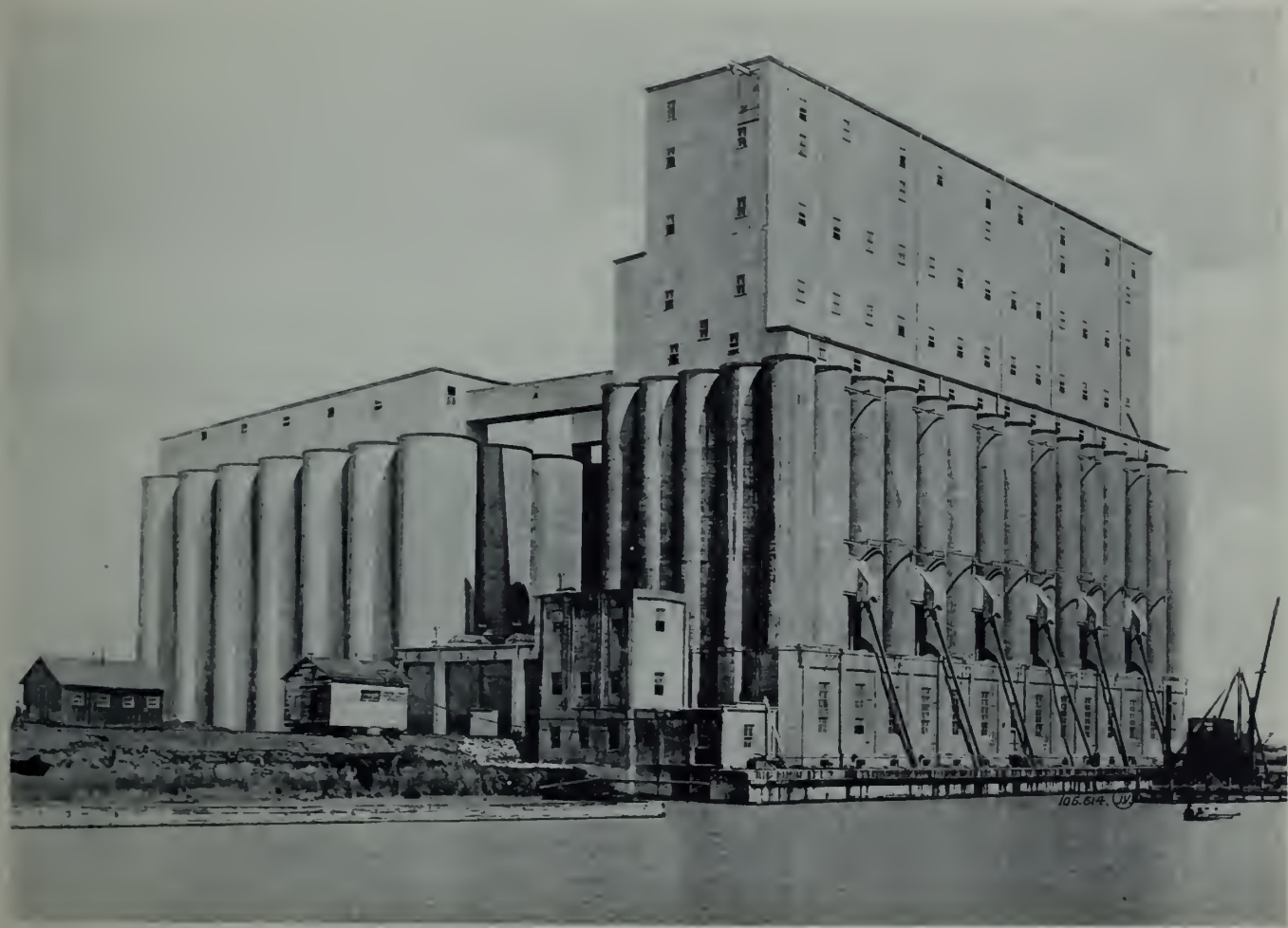
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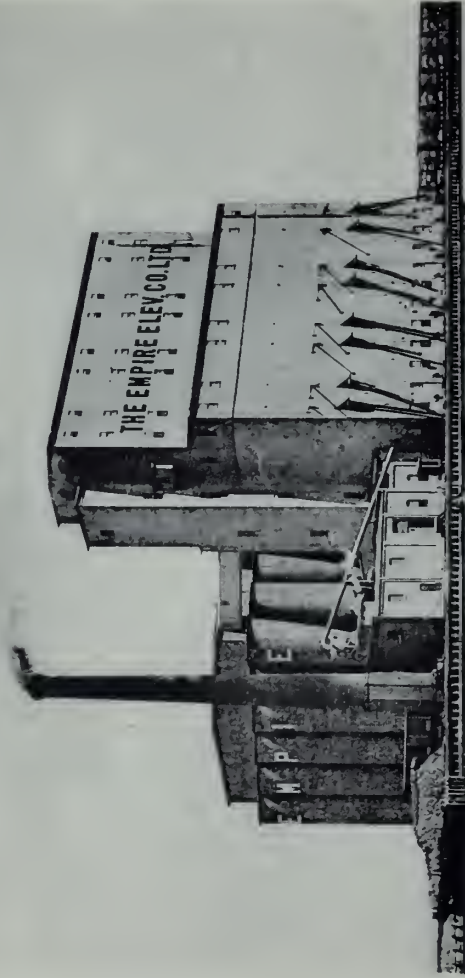
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