


EDMONTON LUMBER CO., Limited

Saw Mill by the Bridge that Produces Lumber from Timber Districts Owned by this Concern

 F the various cities that have in recent years sprung up in this great north-west, none of them have more natural advantages than Edmonton, and it remains at the present time a city of wonderful possibilities since it is the entrance and natural base of supplies for the fertile country to the north.

Of many of these resources the future will give results and the outcome may be safely predicted from what has occurred in the past. The advantages are many and through them the amazing growth of this community has been stimulated and fostered.

So many facts speak for themselves when the prosperity of Edmonton is demonstrated that it is difficult to choose the features that have been more important than others in the growth of the city. The main cause of our success is that the right kind of people have been attracted here and they have explored and cultivated the lines that would affect advantageously the province as well as themselves.

Lumber is a primary essential, for without it no building could be done. Lumber that could be secured without loss of time is correspondingly more essential when we consider how much building has been done in an extremely short time, and the Edmonton Lumber Company with supplies of raw goods right at hand has been advantageous to the city's settlement and development and is proof again of the many resources this part of Alberta offers.

The Edmonton Lumber Co. was organized in 1905 and in the years succeeding has taken many millions of feet of lumber from vast forest tracts up the river, having yet a practically inexhaustible supply. The company owns its own timber limits and each season cuts millions of feet of spruce. The saw mill is located by the bridge on the Saskatchewan and here the trees of our native forest are turned into finished lumber ready for immediate use.

The mill is equipped with the best and most modern machinery; every facility is utilized to get the logs out promptly and turn them into usable material and the trade of Edmonton and its immediate vicinity is largely supplied by this concern, whose facilities give it an advantage over concerns that have farther to go for raw material or who are dependent upon other lumber men to make shipments down the river.

The mill has a capacity of 35,000 feet a day and more than three and a half million feet of lumber is put through here every year.

Wholesale and retail transactions are conducted in this product and a large number of builders and contractors in Edmonton and vicinity are supplied by this concern.

The company gives employment to forty men at the mill and send from one hundred to one hundred and twenty men into the woods each winter. This makes the concern a distributor of wages and labor that is effective in many circles. Men are brought in here for the lumber camps who get their supplies here and

who also refurnish their wardrobes and other needs when they come out of the woods. These men are also likely to be voyagers to and from other parts of the country, and the stories they have told of the richness of these lands and districts have undoubtedly influenced many people to prospect about here and ultimately to take up their residence in this section.

The organization of the Edmonton Lumber Company might be said to be due to prospecting and also to an intimate knowledge of what this community needs. At the head of the company is William H. Clark, who came here twenty years ago and as a builder and contractor became aware of what the demands were and how admirable it would be if they could be filled from home depots. Consequently timber tracts were secured at different times and the Edmonton Lumber Co., formed in 1905, Mr. Clark being president and manager, and A. West, secretary-treasurer.

The company includes men who are well informed of all conditions in this section of the province and the success of the lumber company was insured from the start. An office is maintained at 615 Second Street and the affairs are administered by the two officers mentioned.

The increasing operations of the company show with what wisdom and foresight it was authorized and it is a fortunate thing that in bringing credit and profits to its promoters, it has also facilitated building enterprises in our city and as such has been quite as distinctly beneficial as to those who invested in it and developed it.