Grand Rapids
To the Members of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade and Readers of this Greeting:

The publication of this illustrated souvenir "Book of Grand Rapids" was arranged for by the Board of Directors through the undersigned committee.

Its purposes are many, chief among them being the advertising of Grand Rapids. The large general distribution of a publication of such excellence pictorially and in a literary way, ought to give the impression among non-residents that our city is a community of unusual attractions as a manufacturing and commercial center, as well as a delectable spot in which to really live.

The requests from all points of the compass for literature setting forth our characteristics are numerous, and with this book we expect to partially satisfy inquiries.

Not only that, but the appreciation by our own people of their happy and prosperous home city will be quickened, and they will be placed in a position to more easily detail our good points to those of other parts.

In order that the reading matter might be authoritative in the facts stated, as well as varied in style, the following gentlemen have kindly taken care of the subjects following their respective names:

Mr. Lewis G. Stuart, "Brief History of Grand Rapids."
Mr. William H. Gilbert, "Industrial Statistics, and Reasons why we are an Ideal Manufacturing Center."
Mr. Louis A. Cornelius, "A City of Varied Industries."
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Mr. Henry Vinkemulder, "Market Gardening and Produce."
Mr. Clay H. Hollister, "Banking."

Expressing our appreciation of the unusual accomplishments of the administration of Nineteen-nine—ten, anticipating as full a measure of success for Nineteen-eleven—twelve, and with many thanks to those who participated in the preparation and publication of this volume, the same is respectively submitted.

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Articles Made in Grand Rapids

Among the products manufactured in Grand Rapids are the following:

Thank you for your help!
# Grand Rapids in a Nut Shell

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Population, city and suburbs</td>
<td>125,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Area of city in square miles</td>
<td>17.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Area of city parks in acres</td>
<td>218.08</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of railroads entering city</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miles of street railway—electric</td>
<td>63.13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interurban electric roads</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Miles of improved streets</td>
<td>184</td>
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<td>Miles of asphalt streets</td>
<td>6 1/2</td>
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<td>Miles of water mains laid</td>
<td>196</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of fire hydrants</td>
<td>1,409</td>
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<td>Gallons capacity of pumps per day</td>
<td>28,000,000</td>
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<td>Average daily consumption, in gallons</td>
<td>15,253,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of miles of public sewers</td>
<td>172</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of street lights</td>
<td>545</td>
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<td>Number of telephones used in city</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Number of public and private hospitals</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Newspapers</td>
<td>3 daily, 27 weekly, 23 others</td>
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<td>Public works, value</td>
<td>$1,949,974.98</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
<td>Public 38, Private 27</td>
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<td>Pupils</td>
<td>22,350</td>
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<td>Clearing house business, 1909</td>
<td>$123,786,904.07</td>
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<td>Factories</td>
<td>508</td>
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<td>Number of hands employed in factories</td>
<td>22,238</td>
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<td>Daily pay roll</td>
<td>$35,576.00</td>
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<td>Capital invested</td>
<td>$28,500,000</td>
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<td>Products</td>
<td>$43,000,000</td>
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<td>Value of fruit marketed for season of 1910</td>
<td>$2,500,000</td>
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<td>Churches</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Public library, volumes</td>
<td>112,116</td>
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<td>Volumes in law library</td>
<td>8,000</td>
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<td>Assessed valuation of Real Estate</td>
<td>$83,324,300</td>
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<td>Public buildings</td>
<td>41</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of residences</td>
<td>19,873</td>
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<td>Banks</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Total capital and surplus</td>
<td>$5,600,000</td>
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<td>Trust companies, 1; capital</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
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<td>Death rate average per 1,000</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>Number of trains in and out of the Union Depot, year 1910</td>
<td>30,937</td>
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<td>Tickets sold at Union Station</td>
<td>563,385</td>
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<td>Number of street railway passengers carried</td>
<td>15,141,898</td>
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<td>Jobbing and wholesale firms, 124; sales</td>
<td>$40,000,000</td>
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Compliments from Outside

In order that the splendid showing made in this book for Grand Rapids may not appear entirely as self-congratulated, we are publishing a few of the many "testimonials" by men prominent elsewhere. All of those who are members of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade come in that class of "testimonializers" who have "taken Grand Rapids" and will "take no other." Following are a few of the comments by outsiders, thanks for which are hereby returned:

"But the one thing I wish to mention here is the public spirit—the Zeitgeist—of Grand Rapids. This is a thing that differentiates her from almost every other city in the United States.

An efficient "machine" for expressing the Zeitgeist is absolutely necessary because an individual protest is pash-mooted, shelved, pigeon-holed, or given the hoarse haw-haw. In fact, "the gang" can direct its displeasure upon any particular citizen "who has too much to say" and destroy him utterly. In the way of an effectual and effective machine for expressing the public sentiment of the best minds, I know of nothing equal to the Grand Rapids Committee of One Hundred, save possibly the Canadian Club of Vancouver."

ELBERT HUBBARD.

"Grand Rapids is a haven for a man with a grove. Every man in Grand Rapids is on his job, and most every man is on two jobs. The houses breathe an air of culture and prosperity and the stores are filled cheek to jowl with up-to-date goods. Reliable and conservative newspapers, fine churches, including a Polish edifice with a dome on it like the Massachusetts State House, an aristocratic and yet home-like club, and biggest and best of all, multitudes of factories filled with busy and contented workmen, conspire to answer the question: Why is Grand Rapids?

WORCESTER (MASS.) MAGAZINE.

"I have looked over the "Inventory of Results" and certainly must congratulate your organization and its Secretary upon its accomplishments for the past year. He told us something of your splendid organization, from which I infer that the city is to be congratulated upon the character and nature of the work which you are doing."

ARNER E. LAWREN, President Detroit Board of Commerce.

"Indifference has been made a disgrace, co-operation is a vogue."

FRA ELBERTUS.

"I am in receipt of your pamphlet recording the doings of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade for 1909, and I want to congratulate both the organization and yourself for the work accomplished. It is really a wonderful record, and I am especially interested in one or two things which you succeeded in placing the 'Things Done' column."

W. M. NINDORF, Secretary Lancaster Board of Trade.

"A yearly booklet issued for 1909 by your Board of Trade was loaned me by a business man here who was a recent visitor to your city, by which booklet your city shows a remarkably successful work, the inspiration from which might help our city."


"I can see at a glance that Grand Rapids has certainly been going some during the past year, and congratulate you upon your very great successes."


"To bring about this oneness was the work of several and persistent men. Heber A. Knott is President of the Board of Trade, and he is a type of the new kind of man—a man who never lets anything go by default. The Secretary is C. A. Cotton, another man of quite the same type. Millard Palmer is Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, and Millard is a man who might be killed, but who can not be bought, bribed or intimidated. You see it is a vigilance committee, organized in a time of peace, and working for beauty, truth and justice and the rights of even its most obscure citizen."

THE FRA.

"Allow me to congratulate you and your Board on this report, and to say that my experience as President of our Board of Trade convinces me that your method is without a doubt the best now in vogue in any commercial organization in the country."

F. C. BOWYER, President Tampa Board of Trade.

"The Directors of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade have arranged a Speakers' Bureau, for the purpose of supplying speakers on commercial and civic development topics to organizations desiring the services of such speakers."

ROCHESTER "COMMERCE."

"I have carefully read the article written by Elbert Hubbard and have the paper on my table to read it over again. It is very good indeed, and I feel you ought to be proud of it."

J. L. HUDSON, Detroit.

"We have received a copy of your annual report and expect to say something about this in our March number, and would be glad, if you could do so without inconvenience, if you would send us . . . . . in order that we may use it in connection with our reference to the splendid work of your organization."

LEWIS D. SAMPSON, Editor Town Development Magazine, Chicago.

"I congratulate you on the active organization which you have."

C. ALFRED BURHORN, Secretary Hoboken Board of Trade, Hoboken, (New Jersey).

"It is credit to yourself, and, as such, is a credit to your city."

J. SOLEY COLE, Secretary Utica Chamber of Commerce Utica, (New York).

"I have already glanced through the very attractive printed statement of what is going on at the Grand Rapids Board of Trade. I will confess it stirred my old-time pride in the Imperial City which is on Grand River."

JAMES JAY SHERIDAN, Former President of the Hamilton Club, Chicago.

"I have had a copy of your annual report, telling what has been done during the current year by the Grand Rapids Board of Trade. If you have a few extra copies Mr. Filene would appreciate the favor if you would send them on."

RAYMOND E. BELL, Secretary to President EDWARD A. FILENE of Boston—1915.
NEW CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEW POSTOFFICE

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Brief History of Grand Rapids

By Mr. Lewis G. Stuart

Grand Rapids, the metropolis of Western Michigan, dates from Sunday, June 23, 1833 when Joel Guild, the first settler arrived with his family, coming from Ionia down the river in the bateaux which Louis Campau sent for them.

Guild was a member of the Dexter colony of 63 persons who left Herkimer County, N. Y. in the spring and came to Michigan by way of the Erie canal and across Lake Erie to Detroit, thence through the woods to Ionia where most of them located.

Prior to the coming of the first settlers the Baptists had a mission here for the Indians, established in 1825.

Louis Campau had a trading station on the rapids. Wm. Marsac had a station at Lowell, Rix Robinson one at Ada and there were traders at Grand Haven.

Following Guild's arrival settlers came in rapidly.

In 1838 Grand Rapids was incorporated as a village and the boundaries were Fulton, Division and Hastings streets and the river.

The population was less than 1000.

The entire state then had only about 175,000 population.

In 1839 the village became a city with a population of 2686 as shown by the census.

The first railroad, the Grand Trunk, reached here in 1858.

Prior to that the stage coaches and river steamers were the only modes of travel.

Grand Rapids sent its full quota to the war and in the year that followed it had its period of prosperity and its setbacks, its disaster and its progress just as other cities have, but through all the city grew steadily and rapidly, every year adding to its population and resources.

In 1870, twenty years after its incorporation, Grand Rapids had a census population of 16,507; in 1890, twenty years later, this had grown to 64,147.

The United States census of 1910 gives Grand Rapids a population of 112,571. This does not include East Grand Rapids, Burton Heights and Wyoming Districts, North Park or the well settled suburb in Walker, all directly tributary to the city and as much a part of it socially, industrially and in a business way as though within the city lines. With its environs Grand Rapids has 125,000 population, and 25,000 more may be added if the people who are within half an hour's ride by interurban or rail be counted.

The city's area is 17.3 square miles and so closely have the suburbs been built up that the dividing line between city and country can scarcely be detected.

The Grand Rapids of to-day is a modern city with beautiful homes as its pride and busy industries as its boast.

It owns its own water works, its own lighting plant, its own market place for the farmers, has a city hall that cost $300,000, a county court house that cost $250,000 and the new post office which will be completed this summer at a cost of $300,000.

It has a detention hospital, a contagious disease hospital and a tuberculosis sanatorium as public institutions, besides three hospitals, three homes and two orphanages conducted by private and church enterprise.

When the new school year opens the city will have two complete high schools with manual training departments and the site purchased for a third high school to be built in the South end when needed.

The school property represents an investment of $2,000,000.

The public library, a gift to the city of his birth by Martin A. Ryerson, cost $300,000, contains 112,116 volumes and has seven branches in different parts of the city.
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL

ALL SOUL'S UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

INTERIOR ST. ANDREWS R. C. CATHEDRAL
The city museum, rich in its natural history collections, cost for real estate alone $30,000. The park and playground system comprises 218 acres and in addition to the public parks are the popular resorts at Reeds Lake and North Park and resorts of Lake Michigan are only an hour away by interurban.

The city has churches of every denomination with property valued at over $2,000,000.00.

The Catholics have a seminary here for the education of young men for the priesthood, the churches of the Reformed denomination have their college in this city.

Grand Rapids has 90 cent gas, the cheapest electric power of any city in the country, with the current brought here from the Muskegon river 80 miles away, and a street railway system of 60 miles.

The public utilities are so well managed that the companies and the city are on friendly terms, the companies always willing to co-operate in whatever may be to the city's advantage.

The Michigan State Telephone Co. and the Citizens' have between them upwards of 15,000 subscribers and long distance lines extend in every direction.

The first industry established in Grand Rapids by the pioneers after the saw mill was a planing mill.

The manufacture of furniture began in 1848 and Grand Rapids to-day is the recognized center of the industry in this country for high grade goods.

There are 46 furniture factories here (strictly speaking) with an annual product estimated in value at $10,000,000.

The semi-annual season openings in July and January attract 1,000 to 1,400 buyers from every state in the union and from foreign lands.

To bring their wares to the attention of the buyers, between 300 and 400 manufacturers, with plants in other cities, send their samples here.

Five of the largest buildings in the city are used exclusively for furniture exhibition purposes.

Though furniture manufacturing is the chief industry, Grand Rapids is not by any means an one-industry town.

It has 88 metal working concerns, 33 machine shops, 32 clothing and shoe factories, 50 printing offices, several of them with big buildings of their own, 19 laundries with trade covering Western Michigan, one paper mill, 7 tanneries, 15 flour and feed mills and many minor industries.

This city is the largest producing point in the world of gypsum products, with eight mills, and supplies the world with sticky fly paper and carpet sweepers.

The city has four national banks, five state banks and one trust company, with a combined capital of $3,475,000 and total deposits of $28,700,000.

The deposits increased last year $1,600,000 which may be regarded as an index to the city's prosperity and thrift.

In all the history of Grand Rapids covering three fourths of a century there never has been a bank failure here and in the panic of 1907 when the banks in other cities were resorting to clearing house certificates or demanding notices from depositors the banks here met all demands with cash.

The city's assessed valuation is $85,324,000.

Its assets including parks, schools, public buildings, water works and other property inventory at $6,298, 861.
Its bonded indebtedness is only $3,575,300 of which $1,237,000 is on the water works, $528,000 for school purposes, $843,200 special assessments and $966,600 for other purposes. As an offset the sinking fund contains over $300,000 to meet bonds when due.

Grand Rapids is the jobbing center of western Michigan with nearly every line of trade represented by houses of ample resources.

It is the retail center with the largest stores and best stocks in the state.

It is the center of the famous Michigan fruit belt and the largest peach market in the world.

Grand Rapids has its fraternal organizations of all kinds; its Woman’s clubs, four of them owning club houses of their own, its social organizations, its board of trade with 1400 members, and its committee of one hundred and municipal affairs committee.

The city is in the best sense democratic, cordial to those who come here to live and hospitable to the stranger.

It has wealth but not snobbishness, it has no slum district, its strength is in the high average of the middle classes.

The history of Grand Rapids from trading post to village, from village to city, from small town to metropolis is written in the lives of men and women who are still active in the world’s affairs.

A single life more than spans all that has been achieved.

The city’s growth has been steady and sure with solid foundations laid for every advance.

And this growth will continue and it will be growth not only in material things but in those things that make a city desirable as a dwelling place for men and their families.
Industrial Opportunities

By MR. WILLIAM H. GILBERT

INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS may show a part, but they cannot show all that Grand Rapids offers for the manufacturer who is seeking a location. First and best, Grand Rapids will share with the manufacturer who locates here, the spirit of success. This spirit of success, intangible and indescribable, is a conmixture of confidence, perseverance, and a willingness to win by any amount of hard work, but under no conditions of ease to fail.

To manufacture in our City is to build up your industry apart from the spirit of failure, lack of confidence and faltering. Our industries here are soundly built, firmly propped by the financial resources of our City, and the spirit which such industries engender is the spirit which we offer, as we offer the air we breathe, to the manufacturer who seeks it and deserves it.

Living conditions is a subject which always has been and always will be indigestible for the statistician. For Grand Rapids we can say that we have reason to believe that one can live as well for less money here than in any other city, or what is the same thing, can live better for the same money. As to essentials, real estate values are low, our five lines of railroads so radiate as to spread our industrial area over a large territory with a consequent freedom from congestion and excellent land values for the purchaser. This means large accessible areas at reasonable prices for factory sites and the homes of working men, and the large percentage (probably sixty per cent) of working men owning their homes, attest their appreciation of this opportunity. Food stuffs are low. Without resorting to tables we can point to the proximity (one hundred eight miles by water) of Chicago, the meat market of the country; to the rich farming country surrounding our City; and to the greatest potato shipping district in the United States just to the north of us, as evidence of the reasonable prices of our staples.

The cost of living is reflected in wage cost. Our actual wage, that is, what the economists call the purchasing power of a day’s work, is large; while the cash wage is not so high in comparison with other points. Carfares but rarely enter into the workingmen’s expenses; parks, free museums and libraries afford a considerable part of his entertainment, and these facts coupled with the low cost of food stuffs place within reach of the workingmen in our City a plane of living far beyond that of many of his fellow craftsmen in other cities who are receiving a higher cash wage.

Labor troubles here are unknown. Our City is a manufacturing City; it lives and thrives upon the diligence and loyalty of its workingmen; and our manufacturers, many of them graduated themselves from the bench, are well aware of their obligation to the men in the shop. The reasonable desires of the men as to wages, shop conditions, homes, etc., have been met, even anticipated by these men who hold before all else the loyalty of their working force; with the result that, without walking delegates, business agents, strikes or boycotts, Grand Rapids has for five years kept pace with the prominent industrial centers of the country in recognition of the American workingman’s increasing requirements and rights. This has been brought about without antagonism or ill will—just an honest balancing of a day’s work against an adequate compensation.

The best proof of the possibilities of success here are the factories already established, uniformly prosperous and increasing. The last report of the Commissioner of Labor, 1910, showed in Grand Rapids for the year 1909, 508 shops and factories employing 22,238 hands, of which number 18,132 were male adults, 3,786 female adults, 213 boys and 107 girls. There has been maintained without difficulty a constant adequate supply of skilled factory hands, and we feel certain that our city will prove as resourceful in this regard in the future as it has in the past.
ONE OF SEVEN ENORMOUS FURNITURE EXHIBITION BUILDINGS  
Photos by Royal Photo Co.
Transportation, and banking facilities are elsewhere discussed. The question of power, so important to all industries finds a ready answer here. The great Croton Dam of the Grand Rapids-Muskegon Power Company, coupled with their steam auxiliary plant for producing current, furnishes the City with this ideal motive force which has made Grand Rapids the largest per capita user of current for industrial purposes in the United States. Complete rate tables of this Company which cannot be here inserted are more convincing than any bare statement could ever be. For the benefit of those who prefer steam power we are able to state that the rate of freight on coal to Grand Rapids from the Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania coal fields is on a par with the rate to Chicago. This is true on both bituminous and anthracite coal. The price at the mine is standard and from this statement it will not be difficult for any manufacturer to reckon the price of his coal in Grand Rapids. We can say further that we are within one hundred and thirty-five miles, short mileage, of extensive coal fields in Bay City and Saginaw in Michigan. A large amount of coal from these fields is used in Grand Rapids, the freight rate being only sixty cents per ton.

**Banking**

By MR. CLAY H. HOLLISTER

The Banks of Grand Rapids have always been able to take care of the needs of the community and, not only that, they have served the Western part of Michigan in a very generous way. There never has been a failure of a Grand Rapids bank except a small private institution years ago. The character of the men in the business has always been of the best and great emphasis has been placed upon safe-guarding the moneys entrusted to them, and in caring for the needs of young and growing business. The development from pioneer banking in the community of little capital to the larger financing when depositors and borrowers have more capital and their needs are more complicated, has been carefully followed and our bankers to-day are as well posted in the modern methods of handling accounts as any in the Country.

Our banks are willing to assist generously in any undertakings that are safe and legitimate and to loan money to honest men who can by its use add to the profits of their active business. Oftentimes home customers have been served when it was more profitable to do business outside.

The banking capital of the City at the last report was $5,600,000 and the deposits at the same time $28,700,000, a total of almost $35,000,000 available for building up the community. There are four National Banks, five State and Savings Banks and one Trust Company. Every legitimate borrowing need of merchant, manufacturer or investor is served and on the other hand every safeguard for the holding sacred of depositors' money is used. The offices used are modern and up-to-date, attractive to both men and women, equipped with committee rooms, rest rooms, and all modern devices for expediting work. Several have lunch rooms for employees, insuring a quiet, warm meal for the clerk and better health and efficiency in service.

The banks are all Members of the Grand Rapids Clearing House Association. This Organization has been valuable in its way. It serves the individual bank by making possible a simple exchange of vouchers against other banks. It affords opportunity for consultation on matters of common interest and in times of financial stress in the country at large, it has stood as a bulwark of strength for all legitimate business.
A City of Homes

By MR. JOHN HILDER

EVERY enterprising city has a strong point upon which it prides itself. The point upon which Grand Rapids most prides itself is that it is a good place in which to live. Large enough to draw such metropolitan attractions as the best plays and music, annual exhibitions of the American Water Color Society, annual gatherings at its Lincoln Day banquet of the most prominent men in the country, it is still small enough to permit of home life.

Even the workers in the factories own the houses in which they live, houses surrounded by little plots of grass and fronting on cool, tree shaded streets. Due to this is the general spirit of neighborliness and good fellowship which makes the newcomer feel welcome, the old resident realize that no other town can ever be home to him.

This home spirit permeates every phase of Grand Rapids life, institutions which make living here more full and satisfying are locally supported. The Public Library and its branches send books into almost as many homes as call upon the gas company for enlightenment; the appeal for a park and playground system which will serve every part of the city, putting wholesome recreation facilities within easy reach of every child, has met with a generous response, and in all parts of town, city and neighborhood playgrounds are being established, while well-to-do citizens are giving park lands as tokens of their affection for their community.

The proposal to supply pure water to the people was endorsed last spring by a great majority and work is now well under way. These are indications of the spirit which prevails.

Grand Rapids is a place in which it is good to live, and so thoroughly do its people appreciate their advantages that they let slip no opportunity to increase them. Each Arbor Day the Municipal Affairs Committee distributes at cost price to school children and factory workers thousands of trees and shrubs which add to the attractiveness of the smaller homes. The wealthier citizens take pride in the wide lawns which surround their homes.

Instead of having only one fine residence street, within half a block of which on either side are shabby, unkempt areas, Grand Rapids has whole districts where the visitor may wander in any direction without finding a single spot that strikes a discordant note in the general impression of space and comfort and peace.

North, along Grand River, new suburbs are springing up which offer their people the pleasures of bathing and boating combined with the pure air and wide views of the hills. In the east end, about Reed and Fisk lakes, an even finer residence district is rapidly being created. Here are some of the handsomest homes in the City, large, spacious houses set in the midst of acres of lawns and flower gardens, affording vistas of the hill-incircled waters of the lakes.

Two years ago the people of Grand Rapids awoke to a realization that the rapid growth of the City threatened to deprive them of many of these advantages unless that growth was wisely directed. So they appointed a City plan commission, which, with the aid of two of the most experienced City planners in America, prepared a report showing how the town should be developed. This report deals first with the needs of business, indicating how those needs may best be met, but it also shows what lands should be reserved for parks so that no matter how large the city may become its people will always have a space for health and pleasure. The wide stretches of level land, through which run the railroads, are the natural area for the commercial and industrial expansion of the future, the hills afford wholesome and pleasant sites for the homes of a constantly increasing population, the creek valleys, the lake shores and the hillsides are the parks provided by nature for the recreation of an industrious and prosperous people,
Transportation

By MR. ROBERT W. IRWIN

IVE STEAM railroads, the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway Company, the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, the Michigan Central Railroad Company, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Railway System, and two electric interurban lines, the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven & Muskegon Railway and the Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway, radiate from Grand Rapids. The two electric interurban lines mentioned operate in connection with Trans-Lake Michigan boat lines to Chicago, and other important ports on the west shore of the Lake. Grand Rapids is the division terminus of several branches of each of the steam roads mentioned.

Through trains, on fast freight schedules, move each day on all lines between Grand Rapids and all important junction points of interchange, thus providing through fast freight service for carload shipments of every description in every direction. Many of these trains are maintained to handle enormous volume of perishable and other high class freight originating at Grand Rapids and are operated on passenger train schedules. The wholesale and manufacturing shipping interests of Grand Rapids are advantageously served by through merchandise cars that are operated on a daily schedule by all of the steam railroads, affording first and second morning delivery to all cities and important towns within a radius of 500 miles. Daily through merchandise cars are also operated between Grand Rapids and New York City, Boston, and many other points. More than 150 scheduled merchandise cars are forwarded from Grand Rapids daily.

Shipments to and from Chicago, via the Interurabns and Boat lines, are ready for delivery the next morning, thus affording express service at regular freight rates.

The Pere Marquette Railroad Company and the Grand Trunk Railway System operate from Grand Rapids in connection with Trans-Lake Michigan Car Ferries to Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Wisconsin and other Lake Michigan ports, affording a connecting link with the Trunk Lines radiating throughout the West and Northwest via which routes carload shipments move without breaking bulk.

Excellent service is maintained to the North and Northwest by the way of Mackinaw and the St. Paul and Minneapolis gateway, via the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway and the Soo Line.

Each railroad company maintains and operates its own terminals in Grand Rapids, thus affording an unlimited choice of factory and warehouse sites with low switching rates and dependable service.

So-called trap cars are operated between the factories in the outlying districts and the central freight houses. These cars are loaded at factory platforms to their capacity with less than carload shipments, and are then switched to the freight houses for distribution into the outgoing merchandise cars previously described. This service and the fact that the freight houses of the various lines are well distributed throughout the wholesale and manufacturing districts, reduces cartrage costs to the minimum and as the various freight houses are so operated as to insure the forwarding of merchandise shipments same day as received, less than carload shipments from Grand Rapids enjoy practically carload service.

Excellent team track and platform facilities for the loading and unloading of carload shipments are maintained by all of the railroads in various portions of the manufacturing and wholesale district. There is in Grand Rapids no congestion of team tracks, yards or freight houses because of the excellent facilities provided by the railroads. Deliveries to team track,
SCENES IN VARIOUS PARKS
factory or ware house of carload shipments arriving at Grand Rapids and deliveries to out-bound trains and freight houses of shipments forwarded from Grand Rapids, are uniformly made without delay.

Passenger travel to and from Grand Rapids is luxuriously served by through chair, dining, parlor and sleeping cars operated between Grand Rapids and all important points east, south and west, and via all lines. During the summer season passenger travel facilities and accommodations are generously increased by the railroads for the benefit of the immense traffic moving to and from the justly famous pleasure resorts of Michigan.

No other city in the United States is able to offer to the wholesale or retail merchant or to the manufacturer or jobber, better transportation facilities and service.

A Great Horticultural Center

By MR. CHARLES W. GARFIELD

THE CRADLE of Grand Rapids Horticulture was a canoe drawn up from the river bank into the door yard of Uncle Louis Campau's primitive residence, in which were started the plants that made his first garden. The first fruits were wild strawberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, blackberries, plums, grapes and crab apples gathered from the river bottom and open places in the forest. Fruit trees were grown by Mr. Abel Page from seeds of fruits that were imported from the East. It was a long time before any fruits were exported. Possibly the first shipment of strawberries was made by Thomas Wilde who sent them to Milwaukee by the river and lake boats. Mr. Sherman Pearsall took apples by wagon to Muskegon from one of the first commercial orchards. Peaches were grown on Burton Farm, before there were any transportation facilities, in considerable amount, and the settlers came and helped themselves as there was no sale for the product.

John Suttle was the pioneer farmer under glass. His greenhouse was at the entrance of Fulton Street Cemetery. Wm. Rowe, Elwood Graham, Wm. X. Cook and a few others were the pioneers who exhibited the products of our orchards in the outside cities soon after the Civil War and brought our locality into prominence as a fruit growing center. Notable exhibits were made at Boston, Philadelphia, Rochester, St. Louis and New Orleans. The State Horticultural Society which has done so much for Michigan fruit growing, was organized in 1870 and fostered by this locality for some years. In 1874 the Grand River Valley Horticultural Society was formed here which carries the unique record of holding continuous monthly meetings for 36 years. The Grand Rapids Fruit Growers Association became a commercial necessity and it originated the movement which attracted buyers to this city and made our peach market the best in the entire country. The notoriety thus given our city is akin to the name created by our furniture industry.

We are on the threshold of a far greater development in horticulture. We have learned the most approved methods of culture, pruning, spraying and marketing. Capital is seeking investment in horticultural undertakings and Grand Rapids is the gateway to the most favored fruit region in America. In our nearness to great markets, and with the favoring conditions of climate produced by our fostering mother, Lake Michigan, there is no more promising field of commercial industry than that representing the various branches of horticulture.
A RAILROAD YARD

TABLES SET FOR 2,400 COUNTRY MERCHANTS—GUESTS OF G. R. WHOLESALE DEALERS
As a Wholesale Market

By MR. WALTER K. PLUMB

THE GROWTH of Grand Rapids as a Jobbing Center, emphatically places us second to no city of like size in the entire country. As the Metropolis of Western Michigan, situated in the fertile, productive, Grand River Valley, our natural advantages are unsurpassed. These, augmented by most excellent transportation facilities—railroads extending to all points of the compass—electric lines with express service at freight rates, connecting with the Great Lake Boats, permits our Jobbers to serve the Trade throughout Michigan in an extra-prompt and efficient manner.

To the indomitable Pluck, Energy, and Enterprise of our business men, early fired with the determination to make this the Jobbing Center of our State, the products of our own factories, together with the best of others, Domestic and Foreign, are available in this market at all times for the Retail buyer, who finds among our diversified Jobbing lines up-to-date quality and profit possibility goods making him a permanent customer and friend.

It is a matter of business record that our local Jobbers enjoy the greatest possible percentage of perpetual accounts. A marked testimonial of Quality, Service and Goods.

Through our Wholesale Dealers' Committee of the Grand Rapids Board of Trade, convincing publicity has been given to the foregoing; supplementing the message of the traveling salesman by annual Fall Extended Trade Excursions, the heads of Jobbing Houses have called on the merchants throughout a goodly portion of Michigan and Northern Indiana, and meeting these retailers in a friendly way in their respective business homes has made the ties of Friendship more secure and established more cordial business relations.

The favor with which the Retailer views Merchants' Week each year is evident by its growth; in 1906 the attendance was about 450; last year, nearly 3000 buyers and merchants participated in this event. Not satisfied with first entertaining the retail merchant and then paying him a return visit, this live Association has in vogue perpetual Half fare Excursions every business day of the year,—in fact,—has done and is doing, much to acquaint the buying public that Grand Rapids is "The best Market."

The relations between our Wholesale Houses and the local retailers is of equal standing. With a broad opportunity of selection,—the cream offering of the market,—prompt deliveries and courteous treatment—our home merchants have no occasion to go outside.

In 35 years, from less than a score of Houses doing Jobbing business, we have grown to over 150. It is conservatively estimated that the annual business of our Jobbers now exceeds $40,000,000. The supremacy thus attained is just the beginning of the brightest future for our fair Jobbing City; a City of Men with Faith in her future, and the Courage of their Faith—and therefore A City of Enterprise—Progress and Prosperity.
EARLY MORNING SCENE AT CITY MARKET

BLUE RIBBON DAY AT WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR
Market Gardening and Produce

By MR. HENRY J. VINKEMULDER

As a PRODUCE market, and the center of a great and profitable market gardening region, "unexcelled" is a very conservative term to apply to Grand Rapids.

Among the first people to truly recognize and appreciate the soil and other conditions here for the growing of garden truck and fruits were the Holland people. The science of growing vegetables and flowers is a distinct part of their nature. How to produce the best stuff from Mother Earth is their gift, both by inheritance and education. For centuries the Netherlands has been known as the flower bed and garden spot of Europe, and many of the men who came here from there a few years ago have become rich through applying the one great science to the earth they procured so cheaply. Not only do these people make a good living and acquire a competence from the products of the soil, but while doing this their farm lands increase in value steadily. I know instances where lands were bought for from $1.25 to $5.00 per acre, that cannot be bought to-day for from $300.00 to $400.00 per acre, and I have a personal knowledge of crops grown in a single year which have netted more than 10 per cent on a valuation of $1000.00 per acre.

The Savings Bank deposit figures will prove the above partially, but only partially, for one glance at the excellent homes lived in by the men who raise all this garden truck, their holdings in real estate and other investments, shows the good purposes to which the balance of the profits have been put.

The shipment of fresh vegetables out of Grand Rapids is continual the year round. The growing of the crops never stops, whether the plants be growing out in the air or under the hundreds of acres of glass, which are erected in the environs. While we may come very near to it, we do not as a matter of fact raise bananas, coconuts and other tropical eatables in this section, but our importations of such products for distribution throughout Michigan—and then some—are enormous. Grand Rapids is a great produce and fruit market from every standpoint, and is known throughout the world as such.

There are still plenty of good lands to be had at reasonable prices in Kent county, with a sure market near by, where products can be disposed of for cash.

I do not know of a business or occupation that will yield better returns than tilling of this soil in a proper and intelligent manner. The investment is not large, the dividends sure, the work healthful and fascinating.

I am only writing of the vegetable industry. There are plenty of lands adapted to fruit culture and general farming, which are also very profitable.
ALL SORTS OF FACTORIES
Our Varied Industries

By MR. LOUIS A. CORNELIUS

The Handicraft, perseverance and hard conscientious work of a few men in the early 50's followed by the same qualities coupled with capital, has made the name "Grand Rapids" and "Real Furniture" internationally synonymous. We are fortunate that this is so and that for the corner-stone of our various industries we have a world recognized staple product.

For years Detroit has been famous for Stoves, Rochester for Shoes, Waterbury for Clocks, and other cities with their corner-stone industry; and yet while the original important trade has thrived and increased it might surprise the delver after facts to note the rapid progress of other lines in such cities; likewise our own beautiful city of furniture fame now has an exhibit of varied industries that is noteworthy and constantly increasing.

The last available statistics show that we have 46 furniture factories, employing 7,019 men and 173 women. Our other manufacturing industries comprise 393 factories, employing 9,804 men and 3,241 women. By this is meant only such factories as turn out completed marketable products. Repair shops, cleaning establishments and factories producing parts or incomplete products are not included in these figures. By adding all other institutions known as factories, our total was, six months ago, 508.

Two hundred thirty-seven different products from Heavy Machinery Castings to Hooks and Eyes keep our workmen busy. Some of the most important in alphabetical order being:—

- Brass Goods
- Carpet Sweepers
- Catalogs
- Cigars
- Clothing
- Confectionery
- Flour
- Fly Paper
- Furniture
- Iron Castings
- Leather
- Machinery
- Paper Boxes
- Typewriters
- Veneers

Many lines of manufactured product insure steady prosperity, because unusual demand or depression in any one line does not seriously affect the average labor conditions. It behooves us, therefore, to cherish all our various industries and to extend the heartiest and most loyal welcome to any worthy manufacturer in any line that may be induced to join us and enjoy the splendid opportunity that presents itself in building a business over a "corner-stone" that has well established merit.
ELKS' TEMPLE
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PENINSULAR CLUB
A TYPICAL OFFICE BUILDING
BUTTERWORTH HOSPITAL
HOLLAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
A NEST OF FACTORIES

ANOTHER VIEW
VIEWS OF BUSINESS SECTION DURING HOME COMING WEEK
WALLIN LEATHER COMPANY

1500 Sides Sole Leather Daily

Wallin Tannery—Matamorous
Mill Creek Tannery—Packer Slaughter
Michigan Tannery—Union
Gas Service and Appliances

In Grand Rapids, practically every house is equipped with gas lighting and cooking appliances.

This condition is due not only to the economy, cleanliness, convenience and adaptability of gas, but to two other important causes:—

These are—the very low price of gas—a recent reduction—made voluntarily as all reductions have been—placing the price on a sliding scale basis, in quantities, as low as fifty cents per thousand feet and—the service rendered to consumers is second to none in the country.

The Gas Company not only puts gas for fuel and light well within the reach of every city dweller but, what is more important still—it educates the people to a knowledge of what is cheapest and best in the line of gas appliances.

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Items in Transit $2,000.00
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Cash in Vault and Banks 371,123.08
Other Cash Items $52,917.53
Total 2,157,751.03

LIABILITIES
Capital Stock $100,000.00
Surplus Fund 100,000.00
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Commercial Deposits $999,483.31
Savings Deposits 682,832.44
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