

REPORT
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA.

TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Guthrie, October 1, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report as governor of Oklahoma Territory for the year ended June 30, 1900, depicting as it does a condition of prosperity and progress not surpassed in any of the great Commonwealths of the nation.

A PROPHECY.

A few weeks prior to the opening of Oklahoma to settlement the late Milton W. Reynolds, a well-known western journalist, who had spent much time in Oklahoma among the Indians and was thoroughly posted upon this then generally unknown land, wrote the following:

To the south and adjoining Kansas lies Oklahoma "the land of the red man." From her loins will spring vigorous communities to people the inchoate state which is now forming. Products more varied and a greater vegetable life will spring up from her teeming soil. As the civilization of the West and the East are blending and uniting to form a more vigorous and compact growth, so the products of the more northern and the extreme southern regions will furnish the greatest yields in this warm soil and genial climate, free comparatively from the forces that dwarf their development in the Gulf States and lake region or the mountainous areas of New England.

The ideal Western Commonwealth will there be formed. Climatically the conditions are perfect. Topographically the inspirations are not wanting. The atmosphere is electric and full of life-giving properties.

The struggle for the possession of Oklahoma has been long and arduous. The cattle syndicates made a desperate and prolonged contest. But the appeals of the settlers have finally been heard. Soon the vast unpeopled solitude of this mighty domain will be filled with the hum of machinery and the voices of the productive industries; and the opening of farms and the building of cities will possess the places where desolation and solitude now reign. From this great conquest an ideal State will spring, and a type of the best civilization of the age will finally be found in Oklahoma. It will be vigorous, independent, strong, but conservative and cosmopolitan. It will be the product of that civilization which is the resultant of the westerner, not of twenty-five years ago, but of the young men of the plains as we see them marching in battalions, strong, fresh from the colleges and schools, manned and equipped for the highest duties of a social life that demands and is content only with the best results.

ITS FULFILLMENT.

A few weeks ago Hon. Frank Eddy, member of Congress from Minnesota, visited Oklahoma for the first time, and upon his return home