 **A Study of Two Towns:**

**Lethbridge and Sudbury**

**Introduction**

* There was a strong demand in the U.S. and Europe for wheat;
* Wheat was Canada’s main export;
* By 1913, farmers could sell all the wheat they could produce;
* At the same time, coal, iron, copper, and nickel was valued;
* Cities were created with these new minerals.

**Lethbridge, Alberta**

* Located 200 km southeast of Calgary;
* Rich in coal deposits;
* Became the first industrial town in western Canada;
* Showed West’s economy would not be solely based on agriculture;
* Population in 2006 was 95,196.

**Sudbury, Ontario**

* There was no settlement in Sudbury area until CPR came through in 1880s;
* Building the line, labourers uncovered rocks of copper;
* Later nickel became the basis of Sudbury’s wealth;
* Population in 2006 was 157,857.

**Conclusion**

* Canada’s wealth began with its agriculture, but mineral and fossil fuel production developed and expanded rapidly in the late 1800s;
* These two industries showed what a promising future Canada had.