

Ottawa as a Lumber Centre.



UCH of the wealth of Canada lies in her forests, and on this account Canada is a great lumbering country. Still, in Canada, lumbering is second in importance only to agriculture, the chief Canadian industry.

Ontario was originally a tree-covered country, and the pioneer had to hew down and burn the forest to make a clearing for himself. Hence in the southern part, where the province is densely populated, the forests have nearly all disappeared. In the northern part, however, it is still a vast forest, chiefly of white pine and spruce. In regions such as these each winter lumbermen fell the trees and turn them into the stream. The work of lumbering is greatly assisted by the many rivers, down which the logs are floated in the spring to the saw mills.

The city of Ottawa, being very well situated along the bank of the Ottawa River, and at the foot of Chaudiere Falls, is one of the greatest lumber centres of the Dominion. The chief industry of Ottawa is the lumber trade. The Chaudiere Falls not only furnish power for the lumber mills, but also generate power to run the electric cars and electric lights of both Hull and Ottawa.

The large saw mills and pulp mills of J. R. Booth, at the Chaudiere Falls, are one of the great features of the city. From here lumber is exported in very large quantities to Great Britain, the United States, South America, France and other countries.

Another great industry in the vicinity of the Chaudiere Falls is the match industry, controlled by E. B. Eddy. From here matches are exported all over the world. It is a matter of common knowledge that Eddy's matches are used in all countries.

Besides the Ottawa River, Ottawa has the Rideau River, which also generates power. The Rideau Falls generate the power to run the large mills of Edwards & Co., situated at the mouth of the Rideau River.

These great manufacturing companies give employment to many thousands of men; and, indeed, it is a very rare thing to see a laboring man out of work in Ottawa.

Hence the lumbering industry has done a great deal of good for the city of Ottawa, for, besides giving employment to the poor, it has made the city one of the finest, most beautiful, and most prosperous cities of the Dominion.

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