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A FAVORITE occupation of many newspapers and of some public men is to seek some notoriety and cheap applause by holding up the manufacturer to public gaze as a hard master, reaping where he has not sown, and fattening on the common people. Nothing can be more improper than the cultivation of such an attitude in the public mind where real cause for it does not exist. It has been this attitude of some public speakers and others that has suggested the following question to me :

What would it mean to any community without manufactures to secure an industry which would employ a thousand mechanics?

In answering this question I have in mind a little town of some two thousand inhabitants, about a hundred miles distant from Toronto in the Northwestern part of Ontario, and it is my purpose to describe what effect such an industry would have upon that typical community. The statistical calculations must be only an approximation, but it is quite possible to gain an idea of the effect which would be caused by the location of a large manufacturing institution in a small town having no other resources than a favorable geographical position and a surrounding area of fertile lands.

Before the pulse beats of industrial life were felt in the little northern town which I have chosen as an ideal spot for manufacturing, there were fifty stores, two banks and twelve professional offices established to supply the various needs of the town itself and the tract of country extending round about it for a radius of ten miles. The town covered an area of fourteen hundred acres, on which were built four hundred and fifty-four dwelling houses, and the cost or value of the public utilities owned and operated by the municipality amounted to \$49,500. The assessed value of real and personal property was estimated at about \$900,000. Scattered irregularly over more than two square miles of property the integral parts of this corporation could easily make room for the buildings, residences and additional population introduced by the establishment of an industry employing a thousand mechanics. Many towns in Ontario with seven and eight thousand of a population are confined to less than a thousand acres. What then, would be some of the results of the establishment in this particular community of a manufacturing plant and the one thousand men required to operate it?

Added 5,000 Consumers.

In the first place, the absolute physical needs of one thousand men and their families—their food, shelter and clothing—would mean much to the business interests of the town to which they come to live, and secondly, the social requirements of such a