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THE LINDSAY LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY.

Opening of Their Electrical Transmission Plant.

A representative of the **ELECTRICAL NEWS** journeyed to Lindsay on Thursday, May 31st, to witness the formal opening of the new power plant of the Lindsay, Light, Heat and Power Company. Almost every Canadian was enjoying a holiday, in recognition of the news of

petition, and another company was formed and continued to exist for some years. Mr. Reesor was joined by Messrs. Wm. Needler and Thos. Sadler, two prominent business men of the town, and the outcome of this amalgamation of capital was the incorporation of the Light, Heat and Power Company, of Lindsay, Limited, with a capital of \$125,000, and the purchase of the competing electric and gas plants. Mr. Wm. Needler is president of the company, Mr. Thos. Sadler vice-president, and Mr. B. F. Reesor

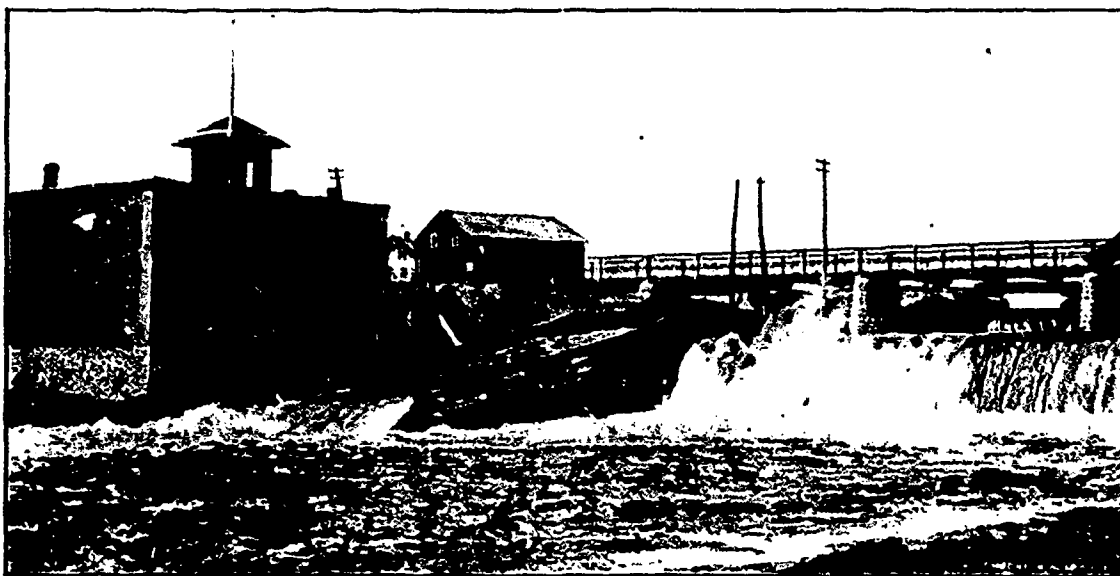


FIG. 1.--GENERAL VIEW OF FALLS AND POWER HOUSE.

the surrender of Pretoria, and at two o'clock in the afternoon upwards of one hundred and fifty persons got on board the steamer *Crandella*, provided by the company, which carried them from Lindsay to Fenelon Falls, where the power plant is located. The sail up the picturesque Scugog river was most enjoyable. Music was furnished by an orchestra.

At Fenelon Falls about an hour was spent in inspecting the falls and power house. In the absence of the president, Mr. Wm. Needler, the machinery was set in motion by the vice-president, Mr. Thos. Sadler, and its operation explained by Mr. C. H. Mitchell, engineer in charge of the hydraulic work. On the return trip the party reached Lindsay about 8 p. m.

ORIGIN OF THE COMPANY.

Some years ago Mr. B. F. Reesor, then one of the members of the Newmarket Electric Light Company, recognizing that electricity was but in its infancy, decided to install an electric light plant in the town of Lindsay. This being accomplished, he was given the contract for street lighting. His success induced com-

managing-director and secretary. For some time the company had been giving some consideration to the question of transmitting power from Fenelon Falls, and a demand for increased power, together, perhaps, with rumors of competition from a new company, resulted in the decision of the directors to undertake the development of the water power at that place.

Early in the spring of 1899, the company purchased the water power from the Smith estate, or, more correctly speaking, secured a franchise to utilize 1,100 horse power. As the townships of Ops and Fenelon had granted a pole-line franchise to another party, the Lindsay, Light, Heat and Power Company applied to and secured from the Grand Trunk Railway permission to use their right of way between Lindsay and Fenelon Falls. The work of development was commenced in July of last year.

HYDRAULIC DEVELOPMENT.

The hydraulic division of the power plant is quite simple and compact. The falls at Fenelon, situated on the Gull river, are about fifteen feet in height, and a