

from the mouth of the river, were sold in 1906 to Senator Choquette. Their capacity is 1,000 horse-power.

All the tributaries of the St. Maurice and the rivers in its neighbourhood are no less supplied with water-powers than the main river. It should be stated that all these sources of power are not exposed to be decreased or rendered useless by clearings or other similar causes; they have inexhaustible reservoirs in the cold and remote regions of the north.

Thus there are to be found in that region, as a former mayor of the city of Three Rivers once said, side by side with the raw material, unlimited powers which Providence has reserved for human industry and which await but the action of intelligence and capital to produce comfort and wealth. Electric power, now so easily developed by means of water-powers, will evidently be the mighty factor which will soon effect the transformation of those vast solitudes.

NORTH SHORE AND LABRADOR

What is generally called the North Shore consists of that vast area of land and shores comprised between the Portneuf river, 146 miles from Quebec, and Natashquan. The remainder, from the interior of the territory to Blanc Sablon, the eastern limit of the Province of Quebec, forms what it has been agreed to call the Canadian Labrador. Properly speaking, it is the continuation of the north shore of the St. Lawrence, covering in all a distance of over seven hundred miles.

The whole wealth of the North Shore and of the Canadian Labrador consists in their rivers, forests, fisheries and iron mines, their immense hunting territories and their water-powers beyond number.

The forest includes chiefly white and black spruce, that is to say, the best wood for making pulp. It is also pre-eminently the land of the *white coal*, since we have there over one hundred rivers, some of considerable size and nearly all broken by incomparable cascades.

This region, where so much wealth is accumulated, is barely known, but the day is not far distant when industry in all its branches will feel the need of utilizing all these powers whose existence has been so long unsuspected.

We will merely give the principal rivers whose water-powers might easily be utilized: