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## GROWING GRANBY

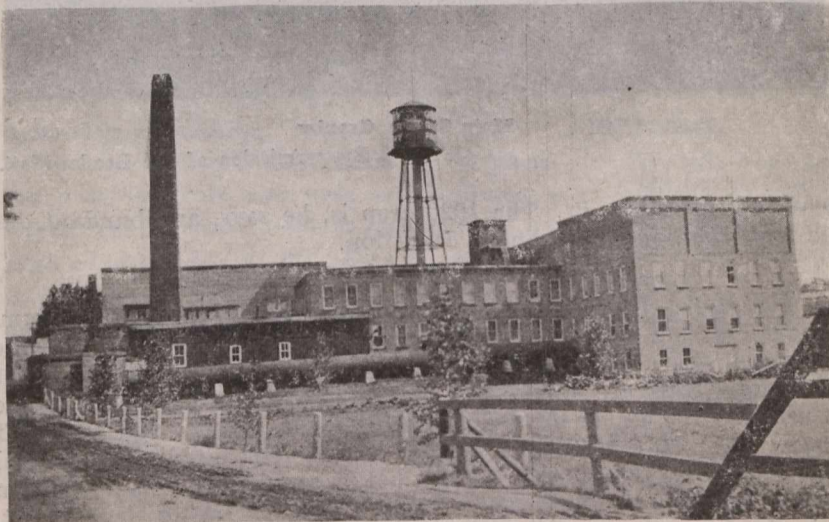
A Little City With Many Large Factories and Great Future Industrial Possibilities

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THE City of Granby is situated on the Yamaska river, some forty-seven miles East of Montreal and about fifty miles West of Sherbrooke. It is a city of many factories which, when working at their maximum, afford employment to 2,400 people out of a population of close on 9,000, of which 90 per cent are French-Canadians. The pay-rolls of these various factories aggregate about \$2,000,000 a year. The principal industries located in Granby are of that stable, solid, substantial kind which, in itself, is a guarantee that the city's industrial progress and prosperity are built up on sound and firm foundations.

Granby's municipal government is vested in the Mayor and six Aldermen. The present Mayor is Mr. P. E. Boivin who is holding his office, by acclamation, for the fourth successive year. The late Mr. S. H. C. Miner, it may be mentioned, who is universally regarded as the pioneer in Granby's rise and progress, held the office of Mayor for twenty-three years. The secretary-treasurer of the city is Mr. Joseph Bergeron. Mr. George H. Boivin, M.P., deputy speaker of the Dominion House of Commons, represents Granby in that House, while Mr. W. S. Bullock, M.P.P., is its representative in the Quebec Legislature.

The city is notable for its markedly progressive municipal spirit. It possesses an excellent City Hall. The water supply, municipally owned, and drawn from a natural reservoir on Shefford Mountain, about six miles distant from Granby, is splendid. There is a very complete and up-to-date electric fire alarm system, and a paid fire brigade supplemented by volunteer firemen, while the whole of the fire apparatus is in first-rate shape. The system of street lighting, for which the Southern Canada Power Company is responsible, makes Granby one of the very best-lighted among the cities in the Eastern Townships. There are thirty 500 candle power lamps on Main Street which, by reason of the excellence of its illumination, is known locally as the "White Way," while on the side streets and avenues there are two hundred and fifty 100 candle power lights. The Southern Canada Power Company supplies all the power used, industrially or otherwise, in Granby, this power being transmitted from Drummondville. The Company's divisional superintendent at Granby is Mr. A. P. Broadhead.



The Empire Tobacco Co.—Branch of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd., Granby, Que.

Photo by D. E. Dozois.

### Religious and Educational Features.

Four churches supply the religious needs of the population. Of these, the largest is the fine Catholic edifice of Notre Dame de Granby. The Anglicans have a church of their own — St. George's — as have both the Methodists and the Congregationalists.

The College of the Sacred Heart, under Catholic auspices, furnishes a good higher education. Attached to the Convent of the Presentation of Mary is a school which gives elementary education to the Catholic portion of the population, as do other schools in the outlying districts. The Granby Academy, to which a large annex built some twelve years ago by Mrs. S. H. C. Miner, and known as the Clara Miner Annex, has been added, gives a sound high school education, and also functions as an elementary school.

### Commercial and Social Life.

Five banks are doing business in Granby, namely the Royal Bank, the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Bank of Montreal, and the Banque d'Hochelega, while the Bank of Commerce also has a branch at West Shefford.

Mr. Nelson Mitchell is president of the Board of Trade, and Mr. J. G. Fuller, secretary. Mr. Mitchell, it should be mentioned, is the head of N. Mitchell & Co., wholesale and retail merchants, and also of the Dealers' Supply Company, wholesale provision merchants.

The stores in the city are of remarkably high calibre. Among them are four department stores belonging respectively to Savage-Comtois, Mullins & Son, W. D. Bradford, and F. Choinier. Granby enjoys a specially good milk supply for which it is indebted to the Granby Dairy, of which concern Mr. J. H. Leclere is proprietor. The Post Office is an imposing structure which adds greatly to the dignity of the principal thoroughfare.

The Granby Club is located on Main Street. The Golf Club, which possesses good links and a capital club-house, as well as first-class tennis courts, has a membership of about 200. The Curling Club, on Denison Avenue, has a good rink, and is a great centre of social life. At the corner of Mountain Street and Denison Avenue is the Miner Club. This is for the use of employees of the Miner Rubber Company and, in connection with it, an exhibition of poultry and garden produce is held annually. There are three large hotels in the city. A motion picture theatre, at which regular stage plays are presented, and a bowling alley, are among the recreational features not previously mentioned.

### Park and Outdoor Recreations.

A beautiful public park, located between Elgin and Dufferin Streets, adds much to the attractiveness of the place in summer-time. There is good pickerel and other fishing in the immediate neighborhood, while Brome Lake, where the fishing and boating are both excellent, is only 18 miles away.

Granby possesses a first-class band, which gives open-air concerts in front of the City Hall in summer. These are greatly appreciated, for there are plenty of music lovers in the city. Nor should mention be omitted of the high-class concerts which are given, from time to time, under the direction of Mr. William Smithson, Mus. Bac., organist of the Congregational Church, in which building they are held. These constitute real musical treats which are greatly enjoyed.

As regards transportation facilities, Granby has the service of the Central Vermont Railway, while it is also the terminus of the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway Company's suburban line.

### The Miner Rubber Company Ltd.

Mention has been made above of the immense amount that Granby owes to the late Mr. S. H. C. Miner, who died at the age of seventy-six, more than nine years ago, but who has left behind him, in the prosperity of the city where he lived so long, and of which, indeed, he was a native, "a monument more enduring than brass." According to those who knew him well, he was a man of extraordinary foresight, as well as of intense local patriotism—one who had the brain to conceive, and the skill and persistence to execute, large things in a large way. It is certainly the case that the almost unique position of stability and progress which Granby occupies today is very largely due to his rare qualities both of head and of heart. No