
THE RESOURCES OF THE GASPE PENINSULA

being that known as the *Independent Unit* system of cars, which has been proven so successful in recent long distance demonstrations in the United States. There will be little or no snow problem to deal with in the operation of the railway because of the fact that the prevailing winds drift the snow inland.

The Fresh Fish Industry

A very important fast freight business is sure to be done by the railway in fresh fish destined for the markets of Quebec, Montreal and other western Canadian points.

At present, the fresh fish used in these cities comes from American sources, chiefly from Portland and Boston, which have such close connection with Quebec and Montreal. Yet the finest fresh fish in the world are taken in the cold northern waters of Canada off the coast of Gaspé and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The lack of railway communication prohibits their shipment west in a fresh state however.

Refrigerator cars will be provided for this traffic, and the fresh fish of Gaspé, instead of being salted or dried for export, will command a far better price by being placed on the market in prime fresh condition.

By the amendments to its Act of Incorporation, (2 Edward VII, chapter 60), contained in the Statutes of the last session of the Legislature, the company was given power to operate lines of steamers between Quebec, Montreal, the north shore and various points on its main line of railway as may be deemed expedient. These ships are also to be furnished with cold rooms for the transport of fresh fish, and pending the construction of the road to the eastern part of the Gaspé peninsula, fresh fish will be brought to the cars from the fishing grounds. The same traffic will also be initiated upon the north shore of the Gulf, the company's steamers crossing there for fresh fish and connecting with their trains on the south shore.