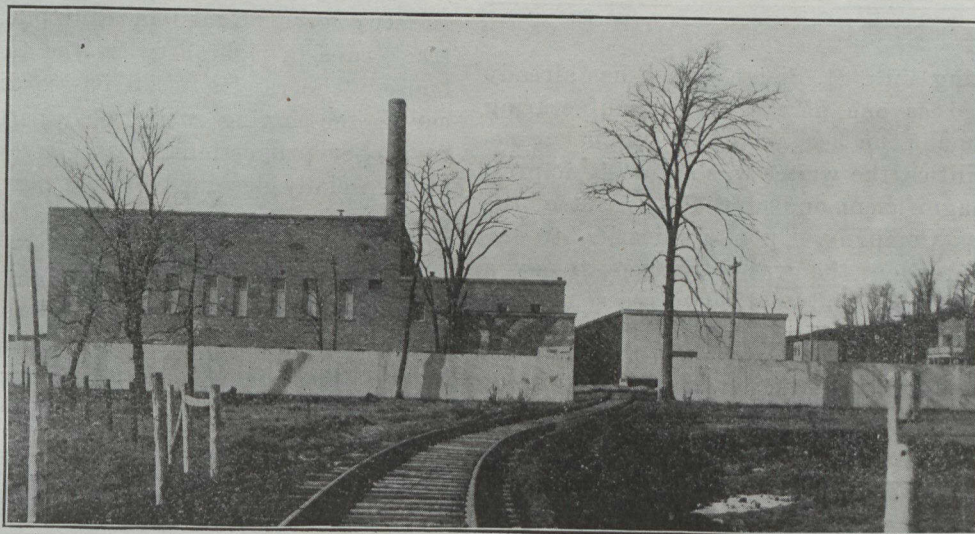


ship and both determined on the progress of this town with the French name and with British institutions. For the common cause the priests and the clergymen meet on the same platform and this sense of what is proper is re-echoed by the citizens.

This same sense of understanding between the two races is seen in the Town Council which is proportionately four French and two English speaking Aldermen, with a French-speaking Mayor. The present council which is composed of Mayor J. H. Lebeuf and Aldermen S. Jones, N. A. Voigard, P. D. Hamel, Jr., J. Johnson, L. D. Trudeau, J. Daigneault, with H. Mauviel as sec.-treasurer, and which is really representative of every interest and every ward, have since their election given close attention to the thousand and one details which are inseparable from the proper working of a council (and this tedious work the average citizen has no knowledge of), and have watched every opportunity to further the interests of the town. All of these gentlemen have a large stake in the district, the Mayor being Vice-president and Managing Director of the Lumber and Construction Company, Limited, while each of the aldermen is a responsible

Lachine canal running through the town means a great saving in haulage, a considerable item in these days of keen competition. What that saving means is best evidenced in one of the new works reckoning on a saving of \$75,000 per year on a turnover of a million dollars. A still further factor in popularizing Ville St. Pierre as a manufacturing centre is the ease of securing labour, not so much out of the town itself, because most of the inhabitants are well fixed, but from the huge labour market of Montreal which for some time has been tapped by the street railway system, bringing hundreds of men each morning to work, and taking them home in the evening, though let it be said that it is not long before the workmen finds it is better to locate in the district, and even when he finds that it means the building of his own home he is prepared to make the sacrifice, and is a happy man afterwards. He becomes a real man. One sees in Ville St. Pierre of six years hence a crowded and busy but contented community—the manufacturers successful because their workpeople stick by them, and the workers happy and independent for the reasons that they are their own landlords, and that in the community they are respected.

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man, and it says much for Ville St. Pierre that it can produce good men who are willing to sacrifice their time in the interests of the people. Mr. Lebeuf, though one of the busiest of men, has been Mayor for six years, since the town's incorporation, and has hardly missed a meeting of the council or a committee.

It has already been pointed out that the town of St. Pierre is a manufacturing centre and that its future is wrapped up in industries, as many facilities and inducements are offered to the maker of goods for both home consumption and for export and if Canada is to become the manufacturing country her people would have her, she must export. The fact of the two great railroads and the

Ville St. Pierre will never be a residential suburb of Montreal though it joins the big burg. Its industries will always keep its civic government democratic inasmuch as the ratepayers will be workmen, but the interest to the onlooker will be the greater for it. There will be no copying of or toadying to surrounding communities. There will be no need, as students of human nature know that when workmen gather together they, to say the least, are always original. Not that they will play the fool—the lesson of Great Britain's Government is the lesson of the workman—but they will govern themselves, as they are today, with common sense, and because of their personal responsibility as landowners, with economy.