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VIEW OF DES FORGES STREET.

gave the old Three Rivers its prominent place among the cities of Quebec, and which, following the fire of June 22nd, 1908, raised, on the ruins of the old, the beautiful city we see to-day.

This spirit, undaunted and courageous, which following a loss of more than \$4,500,000.00 began at once the work of rebuilding is an absolute guarantee that Three Rivers will eventually hold a commanding position among the larger cities along the St. Lawrence river. It is this spirit of persistence and hopefulness which is bound to bring the city's many advantages as an industrial and commercial centre to the attention of the world at large; for it is the gateway to a region of unsurpassed forest and mineral wealth which only needs men and money to develop. The great lumber and mineral riches of the St. Maurice Valley have scarcely been touched. The unsurpassed water power of Shawinigan Falls and Gros Falls is capable of producing elec-

trical energy to run a thousand factories; and its magnificent harbour is large enough and deep enough to moor the largest ocean vessels.

THREE RIVERS.

Three Rivers, a city of about 15,000 inhabitants, the majority French Canadian, situated about half way between Montreal and Quebec at the junction of the St. Lawrence and St. Maurice rivers, at the head of deep water navigation, was founded in 1634 by Sieur de Laviolette, and is the second oldest city in Canada. Its history is therefore closely interwoven with the history of Quebec and the Dominion, for many men whose names are famous in French Canadian history have been born in the Three Rivers district.

The city is situated on a sandy ridge, high and dry, which gives it unusually fine drainage and makes it a healthy place in which to live. It has many and luxu-