

WATER POWERS OF QUEBEC

OTTAWA DISTRICT

IN the Ottawa District, where a portion of the Ottawa River and a number of its tributaries run their courses in this Province, there are many falls and rapids, most of which are still undeveloped. The Quinze River, which is eighteen miles in length, and really a portion of the Ottawa River, flows near the Cobalt mining district, and has its course broken by fifteen rapids from which its name is derived.

There is a considerable demand for power in this region, and of the 90,000 available horse-power on the Quinze, none whatever is developed at the present time.

The Lievre River, one of the principal tributaries of the Ottawa River, has a drainage area of 4,000 square miles containing a number of large lakes, and has a series of falls and rapids. The total available horse-power is estimated at 85,000, of which less than 10,000 h.-p. is developed to date.

A still larger tributary of the Ottawa River is the Gatineau River, with a length of 225 miles and a drainage basin of 9,500 square miles. The Gatineau enters the Ottawa River at Ottawa, and its falls and rapids are capable of generating 225,000 h.-p., none of which is utilized at present, although some developments are contemplated in the near future with a view to starting a pulp and paper industry, for which the locality is ideal.



High Falls, Lievre River.