

HYDRAULIC POWER

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THE LACHINE RAPIDS,

NEAR THE

CITY OF MONTREAL.

The want of motive power for milling and manufacturing purposes is beginning to be seriously felt in Montreal. The hydraulic power supplied by the Dominion Government about seventeen years ago, as an experiment from the surplus water of the Lachine Canal, is now fully occupied by mills and factories, and complaint is made by the millers that not more than two-thirds of the water leased to them, can now be obtained. Indeed, a number of new establishments are about being erected on mill streams in different parts of the country, which would be erected in Montreal if water power could be had there. They would prefer that locality on account of the many other facilities for the transaction of a large business, for which the city is unrivalled as the financial capital, the commercial centre for the receipts and distribution of merchandize to all parts of the Province; the head of ocean navigation, the point of commencement of the great inland system of navigation, and the chief station of the Grand Trunk Railway, with its Machine Shops and Factories.

To meet this growing need, there is immediately above the city a hydraulic power which is unquestionably one of the finest and most

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