

as it belongs equally to both parishes, at it is accessible from both sides, as well from the side of St. Joachim as from that of the Ste. Anne de Beaupré.

The "Great Falls" is distant a couple of miles from the shore of the St. Lawrence, in a fold of the St. Joachim mountain. It is encased in a narrow and steep gorge, whose sides are strewn with steep precipices.

From the asthetic point of view, said some years ago Mr. Ulric Barthe, who made a description of it, it is one of the most beautiful horrors which nature has revealed to the human eye.

"At the top, we see the waters emerging from underneath the bush, spreading in singularly symmetrical sheets along a line of large round rocks, which form a sort of dam: the whole looking like the quiet outpouring of great artificial fountains. But there ends the similarity, for a few paces lower down begins the terrible descent, an abyss which the hand of man can never imitate."

An engineer who has calculated the depth, breadth and velocity of the water, at the low water stage, places the force of the Ste-Anne Falls at 10,000 horse-power, of which 7,000 can surely be developed at lowest water. The distance between the projected intakes and the foot of the falls is a thousand feet and the vertical elevation of the cataracts is 190 feet and even 194 feet, if the intake is established at the first rapid.

**Rivière du Gouffre.**—After the Ste. Anne Falls, one of the most remarkable is that occurring on the River du Gouffre, at St. Urbain, 60 miles from Quebec.

**Murray River.**—On the Murray or Malbaie river, in the county of Charlevoix, at a distance of 8 miles from the St. Lawrence; this is a pretty falls of 30 feet in height, which furnishes sufficient motive power for the electric lighting of the villages of Murray Bay and Pointe à Pic. This same river, which flows through a mountainous and well wooded country, has several other cascades of pretty considerable power.

**Rivière Noire.**—Twenty miles below Murray Bay, on the river Noire, there is a falls of 30 feet in height, which is only at a distance of one mile from the St. Lawrence.

\* \* \*

So much for the Quebec region, but it is not the only one upon which Nature has profusely lavished its incalculable riches. The white coal has been scattered with equal profusion through the counties of Maskinongé, Terrebonne, Montcalm, Joliette, Soulanges, Chambly etc. From all the rivers which traverse