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**THE IRON, METAL
AND HARDWARE TRADE.**

Nearly 50,000 men are employed in the iron, steel and metal industries of Montreal. This fact alone shows the immense importance of this particular industry to the city and country at large.

Montreal possesses three vast railway construction works, great rolling mills, a myriad of foundries and boiler works, large nail works which send their products to every corner of the inhabitable world, tool and cutlery works, jewellery manufacturing including what is declared to be the largest general jewellery manufacturing concern in America; great electrical works, bridge works, wire works and wholesale hardware houses by the score. The manufacturing and wholesale hardware trade of Montreal is perhaps the most vast and varied in the Dominion.

It is by no means confined to the city or island of Montreal. Many distant iron and steel industries of material importance owe their origin and development to Montreal capital and Montreal enterprise. This city is indeed the principal factor in the development of the Dominion's vast mineral resources.

There is a great demand in every corner of the civilized world for the products of our mines and factories. Minerals of all kinds and the fuel and requisites for converting them to the use of man are scattered throughout the country with a lavish hand in all directions. There is no reason why Canada should not become the leading metal and machinery producing country in the world. Then we have immense virgin forests, practically inexhaustible coal deposits and unlimited water power. It is impossible to form an estimate of the value and extent of the vast mineral wealth of Canada.

We can divide the metal industries of Canada into two classes, mining and manufacture, and they engage the work by far the largest proportion of our population. It is estimated that out of every 10,000 people, 1,500 are engaged in extracting various metals from the earth, and 800 in manufacturing the raw material into all kinds of machinery, tools, etc.

The French Government erected the first Canadian smelting works in 1737 on the St. Maurice River in the province of Quebec and were known as the St. Maurice Forges and were finally taken over by Montreal capitalists and since that time blast furnaces, smelting works, foundries have sprung up all over the country.

The wire industry has grown to a vast extent, and indeed every possible branch of the iron and metal manufacturing industry is carried on in Montreal.

Four-fifths of the importing iron and hardware trade of the Dominion is controlled in Montreal, and anything manufactured in any part of the world is procurable in our city.

THE PAPER TRADE.

The headquarters of some of the largest paper making firms in Canada are situated in Montreal, their works being located near to some of the innumerable water powers in the vicinity of the city. The paper is manufactured principally for domestic use, although a certain proportion finds its way into the foreign markets. The principal manufacturing trade, however, is in wood pulp. Although the pulp industry has almost developed into a distant one of itself, but the great paper making concerns still control many of the principal pulp mills.

Many of the paper mills are engaged in making a very superior quality of coated enamelled and other high class grades of paper. Newsprint and wrapping papers are, however, in the greatest demand.

THE LEATHER INDUSTRY.

A large amount of Montreal capital is invested in the tanning industry throughout the Province of Quebec, and although the city is not a centre of this industry, there are several small tanneries in the immediate vicinity devoted to the production of certain leathers.

Montreal has upwards of twenty large shoe factories employing thousands of hands, including the largest boot and shoe factory in Canada. The manufacture of leather belting and leather fancy goods of all descriptions is extensively carried on in Montreal.

**THE BUILDING AND LUMBER
TRADES.**

No city on the American continent can surpass Montreal for the elegance and substantiality of her buildings, commercial or residential. The

abundance of suitable stone in the vicinity, doubtless, led up to the substantiality of her buildings. In the grounds of the Montreal College stand two old rough stone towers in perfect preservation, part of the original defences of an old Indian mission post, erected in 1694, and there are old houses and business buildings erected so far back as the years 1655, 1662 and 1667.

Extensive beds of brick clay in the vicinity of Montreal enable many large brickmaking concerns to produce the very finest kinds of pressed bricks in the world. The masonry trade is very flourishing and building operations are going on at all times, excepting in the depth of winter, in all directions, as the rapidly increasing demands of the city require. All kinds of builders and contractors supplies are abundant and easily obtainable in Montreal.

Some of the most able architects practising on this continent are to be found in Montreal.

The vast lumber trade of Canada is still one of its most important industries, although many millions of dollars worth of lumber and timber has been taken from our Canadian forests, a practically unlimited supply still remains. Some large lumber concerns engage in business in Montreal, and about three-fourths of the lumber cut in Canada passes through this port, which is also a great lumber distributing centre.

OTHER INDUSTRIES.

After enumerating the foregoing leading industries of Montreal, the kindred and other manufacturing, mercantile and professional avocations, which go to make up the life work of the denizens of a large city like Montreal, can readily be gauged. There are very few, indeed, which do not flourish in the midst of Canada's metropolis, and such is the enterprise of her citizens that should the slightest demand be shown, which justified the establishment of any industry which may still be non-existent in Montreal, a few days would be all that would be required to launch such an enterprise. Progressive, flourishing, up-to-date, with a rapid growth of area and population, Montreal takes rank as one of the foremost commercial seaport cities in the world.

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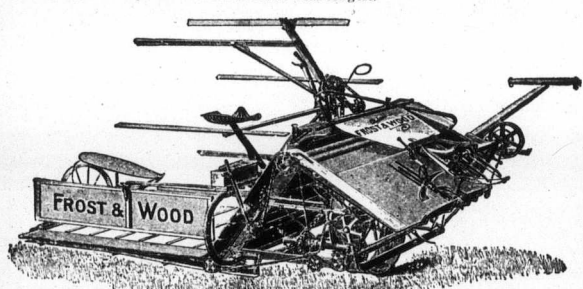
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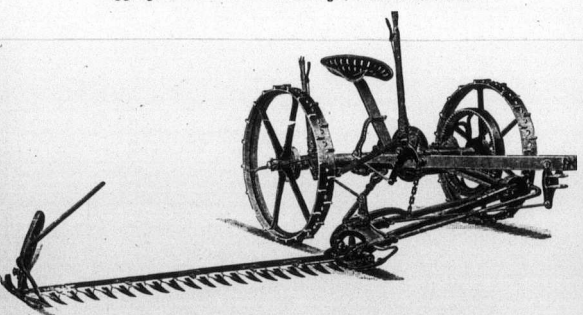
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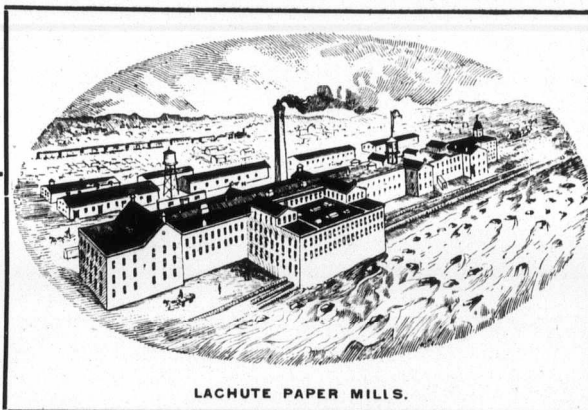
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