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CAMPBELLTON HAS ALMOST DOUBLED ITS POPULATION IN A DOZEN YEARS

Has No Vacant Houses; Hope for New Industries.

The town of Campbellton seeks to secure another \$100,000 for a housing loan, under the terms of the federal and provincial acts, to enable more of its citizens to erect homes on the twenty-year payment plan.

"We could place twenty loans at once," said Mayor McKay to the town clerk, J. T. Reid, who has been largely responsible for the success already achieved by the Housing Board, supplemented this statement by turning the pages of a large book and showing about seventy applications on file.

The town has already received, and its Housing Board expended, \$200,000, which provided 54 houses, and it is estimated the owners spent between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of their own money in addition to what they borrowed.

Application was made to the Provincial Government for a new allotment, but Premier Veniot replied that the fund had been exhausted. When it was reported that Parliament had apportioned another \$400,000 for housing loans, Mayor McKay wrote again, but received the reply that the Province had as yet received no official information. There the matter stands, but Campbellton is eager to be placed in a position to get more homes under the housing plan.

One of the departments in Ottawa recently wrote asking if homes could be found in Campbellton for ten families whom it was planned to locate there in a readjustment of the department staff. A reply had to be sent to the effect that there was not a vacant house in the town.

How the Plan Works.

The making of loans under the housing scheme was controlled by a committee of three members of the Town Council. The town clerk worked out a system of payments for twenty years, to cover the interest and sinking fund. For a man building a house to cost \$8,000 the payments would be \$28.40 a month; if \$4,000, it would be \$28.75 a month.

There were three classes of houses: wood, \$3,000; brick veneer, \$4,000; solid brick, \$5,000. The committee passed on all plans and specifications, to be sure that they complied with the sanitary laws. The builder was free to design his house to suit himself, subject to this provision. He must, however, own his lot. Money was advanced to him as the work progressed

—so much when the basement was completed; more when the frame was up, and so on. The administration by the committee did not cost a cent, and the rate of interest charged for the loan was five per cent, or the same as the Government charged.

The houses built in Campbellton under this plan are a credit to the town. They vary in design, according to the taste of the owner, but they are all attractive, substantial, and altogether home-like. They are in different parts of the town and add to its attractiveness.

Evidence of Progress.

Campbellton is erecting a new dam and putting down a 20-inch water main to connect with the 18-inch main already installed. It is a gravitation water system, drawn from two great reservoirs in the virgin forest, and notable for its purity.

As one illustration of the town's progress, the Telegraph-Journal man went in a motor car along a smooth street where a year ago the grass was growing. Another illustration is found in the main business street of the town which is this year being paved. Last year a splendid town hall was erected at a cost of \$40,000, to accommodate the town offices and police court, and providing a council chamber large enough for the purpose of public meetings. St. John men who visited the building and learned the cost were amazed that so fine a modern structure could be erected for the money.

During the last two years six miles of good sidewalks have been laid in the town. Two parks have been laid out. The town has a large skating and hockey rink, a four-tee curling rink, a half-mile racing track for horses, a baseball diamond, and a golf course is being laid out.

Must Have Cheap Power.

Important as a divisional point on the Canadian National Railways, employing a staff of about five hundred, Campbellton is also a great lumber manufacturing centre. All kinds of long lumber, laths, shingles, ties, poles and pulpwood are exported, and sashes, doors, flooring and other building material are manufactured, as well as boilers and mill machinery. In a recent booklet it was claimed for Campbellton that it is the centre of the largest lumbering operations in the province, with an output of upwards of 270,000,000 superficial feet.

But the lumber industry as at present conducted will decline, and other industries will be and are needed. For this reason cheap power is the most actively discussed problem of today. The town has made some surveys to

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discover what a hydro-electric development of its own would cost, and it is said there has been talk of a transmission line from Metis Falls in Quebec, where 15,000 horse power is being developed; but the real hope of Campbellton is Grand Falls.

Given cheap power the citizens believe they can get more industries using wood as their raw material, and other industries as well. They have rail and water transport and therefore the most desirable facilities for shipping the product of factories.

There are unlimited supplies of hardwood, and a furniture factory is one industry in which the citizens would have much faith. There is also the raw material for pulp and paper mills. The hope has been expressed that a means may be discovered to utilize the waste from sawmills. R. J. Sandover-Sly, the town engineer, told

of one mill in New York state that in a recent year made more profit out of its mill waste, chemically treated, than out of its long lumber. If the mill waste on the Restigouche could be converted into pulp and other products it would be an immense gain. But the great present need is cheap power. The town at present generates its own electricity for light and power.

No town in the province is so well provided with hospital accommodation as Campbellton. There are two hospitals, the Soldiers' Memorial and Hotel Dieu. Both are standardized, having passed all the requirements as to construction, equipment and nursing with an exceptionally large percentage of excellence. They have X-ray equipment, fully equipped operating rooms, rooomy wards and private rooms, children's wards, and every facility for the best treatment of surgical cases as well as victims of disease.

The citizens are justly proud of these institutions and have contributed most generously for their construction and equipment. Nurses are trained in them, and they have efficient medical and surgical services. They can accommodate more than a hundred patients.

The town is also well provided with schools. The Grammar and High Schools for the County of Restigouche are located there, and the Roman Catholics have a splendid new school building. As the town grows, however, more accommodation will be required.

One of the needs of the town is en-

larged hotel accommodation. The basement of a new hotel to contain about a hundred rooms has been finished, and is occupied as offices; and when financial arrangements have been made the structure will be completed. On a recent Monday morning seventy guests registered at the St. Louis which is the only large hotel in the town.

The visitor to the town is much impressed by the neat appearance of Campbellton Rural Cemetery. It comprises four acres, is beautified by trees, and has on either side of every avenue winding throughout a low and very thick-set hedge of green spruce, carefully pruned, showing every evidence of a loving care.

A Bit of History.

Looking down river from the roof of the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital or other elevation, the vision stretches for about thirty miles, and includes Point Le Garde and Battery Point, which are reminiscent of the old French and English wars. In one of the parts of the town are two old cannons, captured from the French in the last naval engagement for supremacy in what is now Canada. Old settlers remember digging up cannon balls on the shore of the river, and the bones of three French frigates lie in the bottom of the river opposite the upper end of the present town. Today forty per cent, or more of the population of Campbellton is French, and the representatives of the two races get along most amicably together. The first English settler at this place was Capt. Martin, in 1793, who conducted a shipbuilding yard at the point. Later the name was changed to Campbellton, in honor of the then Governor of New Brunswick.

Some Other Features.

Campbellton is the headquarters for the many Restigouche fishing clubs. It is adjacent to the finest salmon fishing territory, and to the haunts of big game, which is found in the forests within easy reach of the town.

The Government wharf at Campbellton will accommodate five ocean steamers and a number of smaller craft, being connected by a spur line with the C. N. R.

The population of the town is about 6,000; property valuation \$5,000,000; tax rate, 82; building permits last year \$202,160.

A ferry connects with the Gaspé railway across the river. There is a very fine farming district in the neighborhood of the town. Growing seed potatoes for export is a feature of the farming.

The largest fish hatchery in Canada is at Flatlands, nine miles above the town. Besides the salmon, there is here the only trout hatchery in Canada.

The exports from the Campbellton consular district to the United States last year were valued at \$4,961,648.

The railway freight and passenger earnings of the C. N. R. at Campbellton last year were more than \$1,000,000.

It is claimed that the post-office of the town leads all other towns in the province, being next to the three cities. The coal imports each year amount to upwards of 200,000 tons.

The town has two weekly newspapers, the Graphic and Tribune.

Campbellton was twice practically wiped out by fire, first in 1861 and second in 1910, but has almost doubled its population since 1911.

DIGS UP LIQUOR IN BOTTLE LOST BY PAL 30 YEARS AGO

Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 31.—Daniel V. Manning, a town laborer, while digging a ditch here this week uncovered an object that glistened in the sunlight and when the dirt was poked away, a pint bottle partly full of liquor, "three or four drinks," as Manning says, was revealed. He recalled that 30 years ago while he was digging the same place one of the men working with him had a plot on his mind and after a part of it was consumed the bottle was lost.

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