

The recent sale of the

KAKABEKA FALLS

property to the Minneapolis-Philadelphia syndicate is likely to be of much importance to our district. The syndicate contemplate developing and utilizing to its utmost the magnificent water power of the falls. When we look to Minneapolis and see what the water power of the falls of St. Anthony has done for that city, and reflect that at the Kakabeka Falls a much greater power can be developed, it is impossible not to realize that a great manufacturing center may speedily rise within twenty miles of our town.

This district has been visited during the past year by many

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS,

notably amongst whom were His Excellency, Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada, and the Honorable Charles Drury, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, both of these gentlemen, like almost every stranger who visits us, departed favorably impressed with the resources and wealth of this, portion of Ontario.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's bill providing for

RECIPROCITY IN WRECKING,

after passing the House of Commons last session was thrown out by the Senate. It is probable that the question will again come before Parliament this winter.

While there is no reciprocity in wrecking and towing it is an iniquitous thing that such performances as were witnessed here last season should be allowed

I, of course, refer to the dredging of the Kaministiquia, which is being done by the same contractor for years without any recent tender; and last summer not only were the dredge and crew foreign, but the tug doing the towing was likewise an American boat, and so employed while Canadian tugs were here laid up, and their crews idle, and in want of work. This matter should be thoroughly investigated and properly represented to the Government.

An agitation has been started throughout Canada for the removal of

THE DUTY ON MINING MACHINERY,

at least on all such articles as are not manufactured in Canada. This would certainly be a great boon to Algoma mining companies, and one that could not fail to be of material benefit in encouraging mine owners and aiding in the development of the district.