

Electric Power Company, have a total height of 200 feet and a capacity of 250,000 horse-power.

So far the company has spent nearly five millions dollars for the development of that water-power, for machinery, works, transmission and railway lines.

Moreover, the utilization of that great water-power has given birth to a manufacturing town whose growth has been prodigious of late years. Shawinigan is now a town of 6,000 souls with water-works, sewerage, electric light, a fire protection service and all modern municipal improvements.

Grand'Mère Falls.—The Grand'Mère Falls, no less celebrated than the foregoing, were sold in 1899 to an American company, The Laurentides Pulp Company, Limited, which has spent over three million dollars on its pulp and paper mills. Its pay-roll amounts to \$400,000 a year.

The capacity of its cascades is estimated at 66,000 horse-power.

Gabelle Rapids.—In 1905, Mr. Gauvin, C.E., who gauged the water-powers above the rapid called *Les Graïs* and formed by the rapid called *La Gabelle*, in the parish of St. Etienne, estimated that the minimum flow of the St. Maurice at *La Gabelle*, was 3,500 cubic feet per second which, with a supposed head of water of 20 feet, corresponds to an absolute capacity of 8,000 horse-power.

La Tuque Falls.—La Tuque is about 65 miles above Grandes Piles, the terminus of the Piles branch of the Canadian Pacific. In addition, a new link of railway connects the Lake St. John Railway with the St. Maurice.

La Tuque was a profound solitude but yesterday. The coming of the railway and above all the existence of a magnificent water-power, one of the finest of the country, which is about to be utilized for manufactures on a large scale, have caused quite a revolution in that hitherto unknown corner of the province. An embryo village has already arisen and all that is wanting is the putting in operation of extensive works which will soon be done to convert the village, like those of Shawinigan and Grand'Mère into a flourishing manufacturing town. (1)

The prospects of a brilliant future for La Tuque are due to the fact that the whole surrounding region is covered with the

(1) The La Tuque water-power is now owned by the Brown Company which will build its pulp mill in 1909. The same company owns 16,000 miles of timber limits in the upper St. Maurice region.