

One will form an idea thereof if we only mention the Ste. Ursule Falls, situate in the County of Maskinongé, where a power of four or five thousand horses is pent up in three channels which are marvels of nature. The falls are placed at such convenient distances as to permit of the establishment of fifty manufactories, and they can be dammed with flumes costing about \$200 each.

BEAUTY OF THE SCENERY.

The scenery is simply enchanting on account of the multitude of fine rivers and magnificent lakes spread all over that region.

MASKINONGÉ THE TEMPORARY TERMINUS.

The County of Maskinongé has been selected as the *initial terminus* of the M. & N. because: 1. The comparatively easy building of the first sections will allow the Company to consolidate the undertaking at a much cheaper cost than if the starting point were elsewhere; 2. Whatever other place might have been chosen, it would have been necessary to cross the Laurentian chain of mountains in the County of Maskinongé, as there alone exists a feasible passage, namely between the St. Maurice River and St. Jérôme; 3. *At 15 miles from its starting point, the road reaches vast woodlands whose working will insure at the outset the repayment of the rolling stock expenditure*; 4. The building of the Maskinongé trunk line would have, sooner or later, become a necessity in the interests of the sawn lumber trade with the United States, *via Richelieu River*.

This, however, does not prevent the road from having, at a near date, its

PERMANENT TERMINUS AT QUEBEC,

as the importance of its traffic will make it compulsory that it be connected with summer and winter sea-ports.

THE CONSTRUCTION NOT TO COMMENCE AT LAKE NIPISSING, AND WHY.

The export trade which this road is particularly called to favor runs from west to east, and so long as the railway did not acquire an outlet by means of the commercial lines from the east, its working would be ruinous, as the traffic would have to be carried to Nipissing, thence to be forwarded to the east; whilst, by starting from Maskinongé, the nearest market to the place of demand is immediately secured.