

The Soo.

The following interesting facts concerning the Soo are taken from a letter received by Mr. Chas. Watson from our former respected citizen, Mr. H. J. King.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 8th, 1900.

I left Aylmer on the 17th of April, and arrived here on the 18th in the evening about 6 o'clock. Well, I took the G. T. R. at Toronto by way of Orillia, Gravenhurst, Barrie and Bracebridge until we came to the junction on the main line of the C. P. R. at North Bay. I noticed some very beautiful scenery as we passed Lake Simcoe. The section of Barrie and Bracebridge has been a lumbering country, but the pine is all taken off now and the fire has been through and in places there is very little timber remaining except in low places, which is white sapling birch, balsam and spruce. In this section the boulders and rocks make their appearance rising in ridges of from 2 to 30 ft., some places more, the railroad winding in the low places between the rocks. One peculiarity I noticed was this, that the layers or streaks in the rocks are slanting towards the north at an angle of 45° as though some one had pushed them from Aylmer to the northward. After leaving North Bay we passed along on the north shore of Lake Huron. At times we could see the water for considerable distance. We could also see the Manitowlin Island. We passed the nickel and copper mines and arrived at the Soo about 6 o'clock, p. m. Well, at first sight of the place I did not think much of it, nearly every vacant lot is covered with stones and boulders, some of them so large that they have to blast them to remove them. There is from one to three feet of soil and gravel and then solid rock. The town is between 4 and 5 miles in length and from 1 to 1 mile in breadth. I am told that the population is about 5,000. There are two public schools and one separate school. They are talking of building a high school next summer. There are five churches. The Methodists have commenced building a very large stone church. The English have commenced a second small church at the west end, of brick. The Presbyterians have commenced a second wooden church at the west end. There are eight hotels, the International being the largest, I think about 4 times as large as the Brown House, owned by the Lake Superior Power Company. They built a stone fence around the premises this summer that cost \$11,000. There are four banks, one hospital, one Indian school. Well I began work on the 20th for O'Boyle Bros., contractors, bridge and dock builders. My first job was the building of an addition 3 stories high to the Grandview hotel and also remodeling the old hotel. At the same time I had the building of a billiard room and the rebuilding of two residences and two offices. This work was all going on at the same time. Stone work, brick work, plastering and carpenter work. I had from eight to nineteen men. I had the hiring, keeping the time and discharging those men. The principal industry here is the pulp mills formerly owned by the town, but they did not have capital enough to run it and after a time a man named Clergue, an American, saw that there was a good chance for business, so he went about it and formed a company and named it the Lake Superior Power Company and bought the pulp mills from the town and paid them seventy-five thousand dollars for the property. Then the company enlarged the mills and bought considerable more land adjoining the property. Then Mr. Clergue went about it to form a larger company and did so, then went to Michipicoten and bought the iron mines, said to be the richest mines known. The mines are about 150 miles up the lake on the north side of Lake Superior and about 12 miles back from the shore at a place called Wa Wa, and in this section they also own extensive gold mines. The company have 700 men operating the mines at the present time. They have a railway from the mines to the lake where they run the train out on extensive docks for shipping the ore. The company also own a steamboat called the Minnie M. She is the swiftest boat on the lakes. She runs from this place to Michipicoten and back every alternate day during the season. They also own extensive nickel mines east of this place along the C. P. R. Then Mr. Clergue went about it to form a stronger company to build a railroad to the

mines at Michipicoten. This company is called the Lake Superior Water Power, Mining and Algoma Central Railway Co. The company sent a man to Scotland last spring to buy 3 ships, which he did and there was a big time here when those ships came in firing cannon, blowing whistles and blasting rock. Mr. Clergue went to Ottawa about a year ago and waited on the government, and the government granted the company a chart for a railway from the Soo to Michipicoten and also a section of land 1 1/2 miles either side of the railroad and 150 miles long. This section of the land the company get their pulp wood from and in return to the government the company is to place 10,000 settlers on these lands. There is a great amount of building being done here this summer and fall. I think I can safely say that there are over 200 buildings built and being built, including stores and offices. There are fifteen new stores alone. You cannot look anywhere in town without seeing new buildings, although this is a lumbering country. Lumber is high here. Narrow birch flooring sells for \$33, country clear \$45, hemlock \$15, best shingles \$3.50 and a great deal of the lumber is green at that, but they do not wait for it to dry, they use it just the same. There is no lime in this section, it is all shipped from Collingwood. The water here is very pure and clear and soft as soft water. The Soo is crowded with people, there is not a vacant house in the place, not even a vacant room. I had 3 rooms rented upstairs and lived there for 2 months when I got orders to get. I had two lots already bought so I thought I would put up a kitchen that I could live in for the winter and then build a house in the spring. I have the kitchen built and paid for and the two lots also. Been offered \$50 for each lot more than they cost me. If we had our house here it would rent for \$30 per month. There is about ten inches of snow here now and the sleighing is splendid. Beside the pulp mills the company are doing an immense amount of building, and there is more masonry in the pulp mills alone than there is in all the business blocks in Aylmer. The company are building a fine, large, stone railway office. Then they have built a fine stone machine shop about 300 feet long and 100 feet wide, two stories, with machinery galleries. This shop is for making cars and locomotives. There are about 150 men at work in this shop now, and now they are building a large stone forging room adjoining the machine shop. They have also built a beautiful stone building about 150 x 200 feet and a portion of the building is 100 ft. high. The walls at the base are four or five feet thick, solid stone. This they name the sulphate building. In it they are placing two large vats or tanks. They are twenty-five feet in diameter and sit on end and will be sixty feet high when finished. They are each one supported by eight columns, and each column seems to be strong enough to support a whole church. The plate those tanks are made of is 1 1/2 inches thick and the rivets are 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The sheets or plates of iron are butted or laid square, one on top of the other and the joint overlaid with a strap of iron twelve or fourteen inches wide and the same thickness as the tank sheet. Then there are four rows of rivets, two on either side of the joint through the outside strap. Those rivets are placed about 2 1/2 inches apart. There have been several men riveting on those tanks day and night for six weeks and the first tank is not half done yet. The company have built a large stone building which they name the reduction building. They are now placing the machinery in this building which is made at their own iron works, which is named the Algoma Iron Works. They have a large moulding room and keep from twenty to twenty-five moulders. They have a large building shop and do all of their own wood work. They have a pattern shop and keep nine pattern makers. They are now building another large stone foundry. They have more work than they can do and have to turn a great deal of work away. They are also building a large freight shed at the dock. They are going to build a smelting building 600 ft. long and a rolling mill 1,000 ft. long. The company intend to make steel railroad rails and have the machinery bought at Philadelphia for that purpose, I am told. The pulp mills are situated at the foot of the rapids. The

rapids are about 1/2 mile in length and fall 18 ft. in that distance. So the pulp company cut a canal from the river below the rapids to the lake above, thus having a great water power. The pulp mills are said to be 75,000 horse power and are driven by 16 powerful water wheels. The company are going to build another water power and cut another canal that will be 140,000 horse power. The company are now cutting a canal over in the American Soo for a 180,000 horse power. This canal is two miles long and about 100 ft. wide, and in places it is thirty and forty feet deep. The earth is excavated for the foundation of the power house about 100 feet wide and 500 feet long and twenty feet below the surface of the river, then piles from twenty to thirty feet long driven every two feet each way. This is for an electric system for driving machinery at any point between the Soo and Winnipeg, and between the Soo and Detroit, and also for the electric street cars in the two Soos. The company own and operate the whole of the water system in this place, and also the electric light system. There is objection made to so many of those canals. It is thought they would lower the lake to a certain extent and this would interfere with navigation. To get over this difficulty I am told that the company propose to build a dam at the head of the rapids. The company have two yards for wild animals. In one yard they have three black bears, and a few days ago a hunter in the woods north of this place shot a bear, and captured the cub. He gave the cub to the company. This adds another to the list. There is a dog that goes over to see the cub frequently and it is amusing to see them play. In the other yard the company have one moose and nine deer. The moose at the wethers is as high as a horse. It is lower behind, has a tail one inch long, a head much like a horse and ears also. Its eyes are small and as sleepy looking as a cow. Its legs are slim and has a hoof like a calf. The deer, and the moose also are as tame as a pet lamb. Two bucks were fighting the other day and one horned the other and injured it so badly that it had to be killed. The company have built a wooden building about eighty feet wide and about 400 feet long, called the alkali works, for the purpose of converting the pulp wood into pulp instead of grinding. The sulphate building is for extracting the sulphur from the nickel ore, and at the same time use the sulphur for making or bleaching paper. The pulp mills are turning out twelve carloads of pulp per week. I am told that when the company have their various businesses in full operation they will employ six thousand men, including pulp mills, iron works, the mines and railroad. There is a great deal of rather picturesque scenery about here. At a distance from a half to one mile from the river the land rises to the height of from twenty to forty feet, and from this elevation one can overlook the Canadian Soo, the river and the American Soo, then from two to three miles farther back from the river the land rises again from 100 to 300 ft. giving rather a mountainous appearance and at a certain time in the day when the sun shines those hills are just beautiful. There are two ferry boats that ply across the river every half hour, and in the winter when the river is frozen the people drive over or cross on foot. It began to snow on the 5th of November and there has been good sleighing ever since, although there was no frost when the snow came. It has thawed very little and still the thermometer has not been down to zero yet.

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Mr. Bigg, of Brockville has been engaged as principal of the High School.

Miss Annie Burgess is attending a wedding at Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Tull who have been visiting Mrs. J. H. Teall, have returned to their home in Christina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riggs, French Landing Michigan who are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Teall, have returned to their home.

Mr. M. Drake returned from Sarnia last Wednesday.

Mr. Lorne Marke left this morning for Brantford where he will try and secure a situation.

Miss Hattie McCurdy, east of Vienna was married at her home on Thursday last to Mr. Curtis, of Wallace town, Miss Maude Cook, of Vienna, Mr. Jas. Bradley, of Pt. Burwell were united in matrimony last Wednesday at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Benuet, of Burford, spent Xmas with the former's parents in Vienna.

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MAYORALTY.

To the Electors of Aylmer:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the urgent request of a number of Aylmer's prominent citizens I have decided to again remain in the field as a candidate for the Mayoralty of Aylmer. During the year in which I have had the honor of filling that position I have done my best to fulfill the many duties of the office to the best of my ability, acting in every case, as I saw fit, for the very best interests of the town without fear or favor. If re-elected I shall continue in the same line. The best interests of Aylmer are my own best interest, and I shall deal with all questions that come before me with the same careful consideration I give my personal business. It will be impossible to see you all personally, and I therefore, through this medium, solicit your vote and influence.

Yours faithfully, JOHN H. GLOVER.

MAYORALTY

To the Electors of the Town of Aylmer:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Having been solicited by a large number of our citizens to allow my name to come before you as a candidate for the honorable position of Mayor of Aylmer, I have decided to do so, and as it will be impossible for me to see each elector personally I take this means of informing you that I am in the field and will be thankful to all who can see their way clear to give me their support. I am in favor of municipal ownership at once of the electric light plant, but opposed to the proposed plan of domestic water service. If elected I shall do my best to serve the town faithfully and well.

Yours truly, C. O. LEARN.

MAYORALTY

To the Citizens:

Having been honored with a nomination for the position of Mayor of your town I am a candidate for your suffrages, and if elected will do all in my power to preserve good order and guard as well as advance the interests of the best town (of its size) in Canada.

Sincerely yours, W. J. FEAR.

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I have again been honored with the nomination for the position of county councillor for District Five. Time will not permit me to see all the electors personally and I would again solicit your vote and influence so generously accorded me on former occasions. If elected I shall endeavor to work in the future as in the past for the best interests of the whole district and county and trust to merit your continued support.

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