



Water Powers.—

There is one feature which stands for prosperity for Three Rivers and entitles it to the distinction of Peer among other Canadian Cities. It is the fact that nature has provided throughout all this wonderful district, side by side with the raw material for manufacturing, water powers, which rank among the most valuable in North America, in point of number, size, and the ease with which they can be utilized. The St-Maurice river itself, which is about 300 miles long, and has twenty odd important tributaries, furnishes within thirty miles of its mouth at Three Rivers, six large falls and two rapids, which together can develop about 1,000,000 electrical horse-power.

All the tributaries of the St-Maurice river and the neighbouring rivers, afford a great number of valuable water powers, which are in no danger of being lessened, or of failing, through the destruction of the forests, or similar causes, as the sources of the rivers which feed them lie in the cold and distant regions of the North, where they are beyond the possibility of being injured by any man.