



Kakabeka Falls.

moniously together. When these mines are worked by people who are content with a reasonable return on the capital invested, mining will speedily become a profitable industry in Thunder Bay. The immense iron deposits in Atikokan and Gunflint Lake are beginning to attract attention among American and Belgian capitalists; the C.P.R. is turning its attention to the former region while the P. A. D. & W. R. is building right through the latter and on to the Minnesota boundary. Within four miles of the Canadian side, lies a group of iron locations which have been consolidated into one and the company owning it have made a contract with the P. A. D. & W. R. to extend their line the necessary four miles, and in return the iron company are to ship one hundred thousand tons of iron ore over the road each year. This ore will be transhipped at Thunder Bay. Wealthy Belgian capitalists have an option on locations in the Atikokan range and are waiting for railway communication. With the development of iron mines will come the need of blast furnaces and Port Arthur's business men are preparing to move to have these established here; the town council will give a liberal bonus towards the establishment of such furnaces at or near the town. As Canada now imports over 60,000 tons of pig iron yearly, and to stimulate the production of pig iron the Canadian government have put a duty of \$4.00 per ton on it, and also

offer an additional royalty of \$2.00 per ton on its production, a genuine impetus should be given to that industry on Lake Superior, which will soon lead to the building of factories for the manufacture of machinery for the farmers of Manitoba. The Ontario government will likely also offer a bounty on the production of pig iron. The Ontario government and the municipalities of Shuniah and Port Arthur are joining hands in the establishment of a mining school for the practical and theoretical training of the young men of the district.

The deposits of brown building stone, marble, and granite, near the town will be a source of considerable revenue in the future. Owing to the presence of immense forests of spruce and poplar, the establishment of a pulp mill here should be a profitable investment. There is no valid reason why flour and oatmeal mills should not be established on the shores of Thunder Bay. The waterpower of Current River alone is sufficient for half a dozen large mills, but in addition to it there is the vast waterpower of Kakabeka Falls, and the less important streams nearer Port Arthur. The day is coming when the wheat of Manitoba will be ground on the shores of Lake Superior, Thunder Bay leading western milling interests as Duluth is beginning to lead Minneapolis.

The deepening of the present canals and the completion of the "Soo" canal are of