

Columbia on the west. It is to this forest that the Prairie Province will have to look for its supply of lumber and the extent is such that it will supply the demand for many years to come. This road will also open up the Huronian, Jackfish Lake and Osinawa, rich gold lodes only awaiting its coming to insure development of these mines. The rich farming land of the Rainy River Valley would then be accessible, which no doubt would be of great value to Fort William and the district.

It would seem that this line has a great future before it. The numerous water powers on the road could be utilized very cheaply to generate electricity to run the entire road. Forty miles of line will connect this system with the great American system of railways, thus giving another through line from the seaboard to the Prairie Province of the west.

The harbor facilities of Fort William are not surpassed by any on the great lakes, the banks of the river being peculiarly adapted for the building of docks cheaply and the handling of freight at a small expense.

During the year 1893, 573 vessels entered the harbor, handling over 693,000 tons of freight.

The town enjoys many advantages: A fine healthy climate—the death rate being extremely low—good water, and the soil a sandy loam, underlying which is a stratum of gravel that ensures a natural drainage.

The question of establishing a system of water works in town is now receiving the serious attention of the people. The supply from Loch Lomond, which is over 300 feet above the level of the town, would give a system by gravitation which besides supplying the town with water, would give an almost unlimited power for manufacturing purposes.

A short distance up the Kaministiquia river are the Kakabeka falls, 110 feet in height, which must be seen in order to be fully appreciated. It is expected the power from these falls will be utilized shortly for great manufacturing purposes and power for running railroad trains.

Graham, Horne & Co. have a large lumber manufacturing plant in the town, their mill having a capacity of 100 M feet per day. They employ about 125 men in connection with their saw and planing mills, shipping their product to Manitoba and the Northwest.