

MR. JENISON'S CASE.

EARLY VISITS OF MR. JENISON TO THE KAMINISTQUIA RIVER, AND THEIR RESULTS.

Traveling westward along a line drawn between Fort William and Port Arthur, at a distance of 16 miles, one would come upon the Kaministiquia River. The Kakabeka Falls are situated a quarter mile up-stream from the point in Mining Location 10-x in the township of Oliver, where the river enters the township of Paipooonge. For a stretch of about one mile above the falls the lay of the country is not much out of a level. Thereafter, within a quarter of a mile, the Ecarte Rapids makes a fall of 65 feet. Mr. Jenison pronounces Kakabeka to be "one of the grand waterfalls of the world." He first saw it in 1895.

At the time of Mr. Jenison's early investigations there was no settlement nearer than one mile on the east, and none to the westward—the westward frontier of civilization as it then existed had been reached.

Examination of property titles thereabouts developed the fact that the falls lay in nearly the center of Mining Location 10-x; that the location itself was owned by the Kakabeka Falls Land and Electric Company (which, for purposes of brevity, we will hereafter denominate the "Kakabeka Company"; that this company had illegally platted the Mining Location so as to be on both sides of the river and to surround the falls; that the company had laid out and exploited a paper town, publicly offering to sell parcels of the ordinary city lot size for upward to \$350 each, and endeavoring to convince customers that here, six miles from any railroad and 13 miles from the nearest navigable water, in an entirely uninhabited region, there was soon to be a great manufacturing town. With this statement, legislators may form a definite opinion of the good faith of the projectors.

This scheme, as described, had been bonded for \$200,000, and the Company had entered into contract with the Crown Lands Department to develop the water power within two years; to secure the fulfillment of that contract the Company had executed a bond in the sum of \$10,000. The projectors of this Company, with their assigns, are the rivals of Mr. Jenison, and, later on, when they will be noted herein (Exhibit D) as alleging lack of faith on the part of Mr. Jenison, the reader is cautioned to keep in mind the fact that, although ten years have passed, there has been no development, *nor has the bond been paid*. The Company has been successful in delaying Mr. Jenison, and in causing the Province to confiscate Mr. Jenison's property, but it has done no other work.

Mr. Jenison became convinced that the Company did not own Kakabeka Falls, but he also determined that it was not alone