



PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING, now **PORT ARTHUR** the head of fresh water navigation and the Lake Port of the Canadian Pacific Railway on Lake Superior, is fast growing in importance. The Railway from this Port to Winnipeg was handed over to the Syndicate on the 1st May, and it is the policy of the Government and of the Canadian Pacific Railway to send as much business by this route to the North-West as possible; in this way emigrants and passengers can travel entirely through British Territory, and freight can go to Winnipeg and all parts of the North-West without any trouble or delay from the customs authorities in the United States.

The Dominion Government are expending \$6,000 on Emigrant Sheds, a large sum will be spent this year on Harbour Improvements, \$50,000 of which was voted by Parliament last session. When these are completed this will be one of the best harbours of the world.

Shipping.—This will, undoubtedly, be one of the principal Shipping Ports in Canada. Five wharves are already built, one being over 1,000 feet, and two others 800 feet long, but it is feared there will still be great lack of wharfage facilities, as the large shipping and freight business of this Port will require very extensive Dockage. A line of steamers will run from Collingwood in connection with the Northern and North Western Railway; another from Sarnia connecting with the Grand Trunk, one from Owen Sound and the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, and a line of propellers from Montreal, and still another from Midland City. A fleet of iron steamships is now being built for the Syndicate on the Clyde, which will form a daily line between Algoma Mills and Port Arthur.

Railways.—Railways centering here will build up a city. The C. P. R. West now runs for more than 1,000 miles West of this Port, and soon will be opened through to the Pacific Ocean; the C. P. R. East is being built as rapidly as possible, and will open communication with Toronto, Montreal, other Eastern Cities and the Atlantic seaboard. A charter has been obtained for "The Thunder Bay Colonization Railway Co.," running West from the Landing through a rich timber and mineral country to the United States boundary line, there to connect with a Railway from Duluth.

Coal.—Manufactures.—It is expected that 100,000 tons of coal will be delivered here this season for the supply of the North-West;

The C. P. R. Company have given orders that all their Coal shall be got in by way of Thunder Bay. It is calculated that coal can be delivered here from Lake Erie ports at 75 cents per ton for freight, thus giving Port Arthur the advantage of cheap fuel, which, combined with its advantageous position, will render it one of the best points for manufacturing purposes in the Dominion.

Why should goods for the North-West be manufactured in Montreal and other Eastern Cities when coal can be obtained as cheap, if not cheaper, at Port Arthur where the goods will be several hundred miles nearer their consumers? It is most important for the North-West to ascertain where goods for that great country can be produced at least cost, and the nearest point to consumption where coal is cheap will have great advantages in manufacturing cheapest. In Port Arthur these conditions are fulfilled.

It is obvious that as Manitoba and the North-West develops so will Port Arthur. Almost every person who goes into that country will use the goods which have either been manufactured at or have passed through this port, and almost every man who raises anything for export will contribute to the building up of this Town, as his exports will be shipped from here on their way to the East.

Mining.—Mining in the country back of "The Landing" and tributary to it is attracting considerable attention; mines are about being worked around Lakes Shebandowan and Jack Fish, and near Rat Portage, in the vicinity of the Lake of the Woods, several mines are already in operation, doing well; the machinery and supplies for these mining districts will be obtained from Port Arthur, which is the best point for smelting their refractory ores. Large deposits of excellent iron ore are found near Thunder Bay, which could be smelted in the town. Between here and Rat Portage, 300 miles, numerous railway stations are being built, and along Rainy River and Lake is a large stretch of agricultural and timbered land, the business of which will concentrate at the Landing.

The Scenery around the Landing is striking and lovely, compared by some tourists to the far-famed Bay of Naples; and from this fact, with other obvious reasons, it is anticipated that it will become one of the most favourite watering places in America.