



A NORTHERN ONTARIO HOMESTEAD

by the waterfalls of the Province to provide a supply for municipalities and users of power at cost. The work is a monument to the unselfish labours of the Honourable Adam Beck and is a triumph of engineering. To date it is the last word in the distribution of electricity.

The Hydro-Electric enterprise, comprising a high tension system at present extending over three hundred miles with over three thousand steel towers carrying over twelve hundred miles of cable and its scheme of plain but wonderful transformer stations, was carried through for a sum within the estimate, something new in the construction of a public work. Opposition to the project on the part of the private interests antagonistic to it was so determined that even the very right of the Legislative Assembly to enact the legislation authorising it was attacked. Ontario's answer to that application was one so unanswerable that the legislation was undisturbed. As an assertion of the rights of provinces to legislate on matters within their own jurisdiction Ontario's answer on that occasion is a state document of prime importance. So

thoroughly does it deal with the matter that the likelihood of such a question being raised again is remote. Now some of the benefits of the Whitney-Beck cheap power policy are being felt. Ontario's predominance as a manufacturing province is assured.

This predominance will be maintained by the soldier of the industrial army. His numbers are rapidly increasing in Ontario, and with them are increasing the dangers and occupational diseases that daily incapacitate many. Compensation to workmen for injuries is under consideration and legislation to that end only seems to await the selection of the best method of compensation. It is virtually proposed that where a man is injured in the course of his employment the fact that he is injured establishes his right to compensation.

Since Sir James Whitney's "Scaffolding Act" the list of casualties on sky-scrapers and other steel-framed buildings has been shortened. As the steel frames of these structures are reared the girders to hold the floor on the storey below the workmen must be covered with planks. Workmen aloft who miss their foot-