

### The Civic Government.

The city is governed by a Mayor and ten Aldermen. Mr. D. T. Bouchard is the present Mayor, and he enjoys a high reputation as a man of progressive tendencies and an ardent worker in the best interests of the city. Mr. A. Messier is the City Clerk. The City Hall is a large structure well adapted for its purposes.

Mr. L. J. Gauthier, M.P., represents St. Hyacinthe in the Dominion Parliament, while its representative in the Quebec Legislature is Mr. A. Borsseau, M.P.P.

There is a chartered Board of Trade, of which Mr. Wilfrid Girouard, the head of the large wholesale boot and shoe firm of La Maison Girouard Limitée, is president, and Mr. George A. Oliver, secretary. To both of these gentlemen the writer's thanks are due for their kindness in securing him access to a number of the industrial plants in St. Hyacinthe.

The city has prepared to make a start with the Quebec Government's housing scheme. It has got an appropriation of \$250,000, and intend putting up ten double houses, as a beginning.

### Transportation and Labor.

Among its other advantages, the city possesses excellent transportation facilities. The first section of the Grand Trunk railroad, then known as the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railway, was built as early as 1847, between St. Hyacinthe and Montreal, from which city it is thirty-seven miles distant. Today, the Grand Trunk, together with the C. P. R. and the Canadian Government Railways, put the city in communication with all parts of the Dominion, while the Quebec-Montreal and Southern Railway gives it direct communication with the United States. Altogether, the shipping situation leaves little or nothing to be desired. There is an abundant supply of power. The Yamaska river which forms a series of cascades here, furnishes much of this. The Southern Canada Power Company, of which Mr. George Pominville is divisional superintendent at St. Hyacinthe, has a big branch here which employs a staff of twenty-nine persons. It should be mentioned that the Company's office at St. Hyacinthe is a fine one.

Labor is found to be of a very satisfactory kind. Normally, over 3,000 people are employed in the industries. Just now, it is true, many of the industries are far from as busy as one would wish to see them. But it seems to be recognized by all, by employers and employed alike, that this condition of affairs will not last long. A demand for female help exists right now. The majority of the families in St. Hyacinthe own their own homes.

### The Plant of Penmans Ltd.

Naturally, the many advantages of which mention has been made have attracted a large number of important industries to St. Hyacinthe. Prominent among these is that carried on by Penmans, Ltd., the largest manufacturers of knitted goods on this continent, if not indeed in the world, which has a branch at St. Hyacinthe. The plant at St. Hyacinthe is an enormous one, covering many acres of ground. Originally, the floor space was about 160,000 square feet, but, as it has been added to since it was built, the present floor space must be a good deal more than that. The plant comprises carding and spinning, knitting and weaving mills, and all classes of knitted goods, including underwear, hosiery, socks, mits, and blankets as well as paper-makers' felts, are produced. The employees at this factory number 800. Sir Charles Gordon is the president of the Company; Mr. R. B. Morrice is the vice-president; Mr. C. B. Robinson is the secretary-treasurer; and Mr. H. W. Lundy is the superintendent at St. Hyacinthe.

### A Huge Factory Just Built.

Another huge factory has just been erected in the city, by the Canadian Manhasset Cotton Company, Ltd. This plant comprises a spinning mill and a weave-shed. The former of these is a building of four storeys, each of them measuring 200 ft. by 100 ft. The latter is 120 ft. wide by 300 ft. long. This plant, which is now operating, only started to be built on the 1st of January in this year. Its product is tire fabric cloth exclusively, and its capacity is for 40,000 lbs. of tire fabric cloth per week. The president is Mr. E. V. Livesey; Mr. R. H. Ballou is vice-president; and Mr. J. P. Goudreault is the manager.

### A Great Boot Trade Centre.

St. Hyacinthe is renowned as a great centre of the boot and shoe industry. One of the largest of the city's factories is a branch of Ames Holden McCready, Ltd., Canada's largest boot and shoe manufacturers. This factory, which was established in St. Hyacinthe in 1903, since which time it has been added to enormously, has today a floor space of about 67,000 sq. ft. The main plant has five storeys, and the new wing, which has recently been added, four. Normally, 475 people are employed at this factory. The output of the plant is 3,000 pairs a day of good-year welts, McKay and nailed boots and shoes in medium and heavy work. The president and general manager of this Company is Mr. T. H. Rieder; Mr. Wellein is the treasurer; Mr. Stephen J. LeHuray is the secretary; Mr. Thomas H. Lane is the managing director of the leather section, and Mr. W. B. Wiegand, managing director of the rubber industry; Mr. W. H. Smart is the superintendent of the St. Hyacinthe plant.

One of the oldest concerns—as it is one of the most important—carrying on business in St. Hyacinthe is that of La Cie J. A. and M. Cote, manufacturers of footwear. Of this firm, Mr. J. A. Cote is president; Mr. M. Cote, vice-president; and Mr. Eugene Cote, secretary treasurer. The foundations of this firm were laid in 1865 by Messrs. Louis and George Cote, under the name of Louis Cote & Brothers. They were succeeded by Messrs. J. A. and M. Cote who organized the present Company in 1893, following the big fire which destroyed a large part of the city. The product consists of men's, boys', youths', women's and misses' McKay, Goodyear and standard screw boots and shoes. The plant, which is a three-storey building, with some 27,600 square feet of floor space, employs, normally, between 250 and 300 persons, and the output amounts to between 1,000 and 1,200

pairs of footwear a day. This factory's output is sold throughout the Dominion.

Also engaged in the manufacture of footwear is the firm of A. A. Cote & Son, of which Mr. A. A. Cote is president and general manager. This firm, which employs about 50 persons, enjoys a great reputation for high-class work.

The Rita Shoe Factory also manufactures footwear and employs some 30 people. Mr. Joseph Langelier is president and general manager.

The oldest firm in St. Hyacinthe, which has continued without a change in its name since its commencement, is that of Duclos & Payan, manufacturers of all descriptions of leather. Of this concern Mr. P. F. Payan is president and Mr. L. Heribel, secretary-treasurer. The plant, which is equipped with the latest machinery, covers a big area of floor space and gives employment to about 200 hands.

### Renowned Builders of Organs.

As church organ builders, the name of Casavant Frères is a household word all over the North American continent. This business, which is devoted to the building of pipe organs for churches, schools and academies, was started in 1880. The organs which have been put out from this plant are in use today in some of the foremost churches not only in Canada but in the United States. Among other churches, which it has supplied with organs—and its output of organs, during the forty years that firm has been in existence, numbers very many hundreds—are St. James Cathedral, Notre Dame and Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, and the big Anglican Church of St. Paul's, Toronto, the organ in which last-named church is acknowledged to be one of the finest instruments to be found on this continent. Mr. S. Casavant is president and Mr. J. Laframboise, secretary.

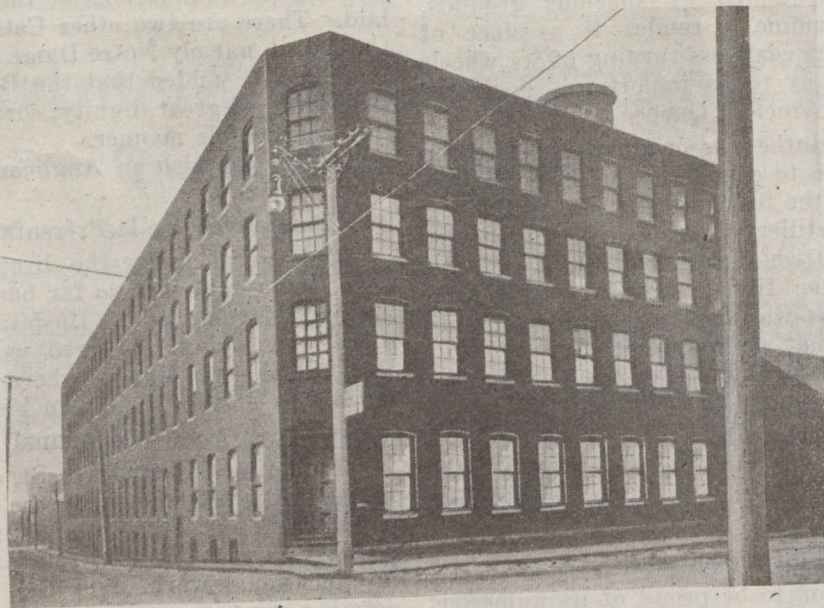
La Cie Phonograph Casavant, of which concern Mr. S. Casavant is also president, manufactures phonographs of unexcelled quality.

Another organ-building business at St. Hyacinthe is that carried on by the Canadian Pipe Organ Company Ltd., of which Mr. N. Daudelin is president and general manager. This company which was organized ten years ago, has built numerous organs for churches and convents, one of its specialties being a small organ which has received the highest commendation wherever it has been installed. The concern employs about 50 hands.

### Makers of Corsets and Clothing.

A very well-known industry at St. Hyacinthe is that of the E. T. Corset Company, Ltd., of which Mr. J. N. Dubrule is president, and

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