

# FORT GEORGE

## as a Manufacturing Centre

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The great possibilities of some of the points in the Central Interior of this province as manufacturing centres are becoming better known every day from the reports brought down by those who are engaged in investigating the resources of the North. Not least important among the factors that will make up the industrial growth of some of these new centres are the water powers which are found in close proximity to raw materials.

A report has just been filed at Victoria on water power of the Willow River about seventeen miles east of Fort George. The Willow River is a tributary of the Fraser entering the latter river about twenty-five miles above the junction of the Nechaco with the Fraser. The Willow Canyon is located about thirty miles above the mouth of the river and is approximately due east from Fort George, a distance of some seventeen miles.

The canyon is formed from a huge mass of soil and igneous rock that is about 12,000 feet or a little more than two miles in length, with walls as high as 250 feet on either side. There are really two distinct canyons, although both are really a part of the same large one. In the bottom of each of the two at low water the river varies from ten to sixty feet in width, averaging about forty feet, and in some places

as deep as twenty feet. The vertical fall from water level at the head to water level at the foot is approximately 200 feet. At this canyon it is proposed by the Fort George Power Co., Ltd.—a company which has undertaken the work of development—to develop cheap power for manufacturing and other purposes. Several tests have been made; one at extreme low water in August last, showing a flow of 250 second feet. In the development scheme a dam is planned to create a service reservoir which will be the means of maintaining a constant head of water on a turbine to be installed in a power house situated on the lower face of the dam. In addition to this a smaller dam, placed near the middle of the upper canyon, will create a local storage reservoir covering approximately two square miles to an average depth of about thirty feet.

According to the report 40,000 or 50,000 h.p. might be obtained with sufficient storage.

This Willow River power is the only feasible, available power within reach of Fort George and vicinity, and as such it is tremendously important to the growth of that future metropolis. With abundant power adjacent to the city that must be the centre both commercially and industrially of the central interior, a great deal has been added to the prospects of Fort George as a manufacturing centre.

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