

THREE RIVERS IRON WORKS CO.

The Montreal Gazette prints the following particulars regarding the works of the above company in connection with a description of the St. Lawrence Valley Exhibition :

"These works are situated adjacent to the river St. Maurice. The company was formed about two years ago, taking over the works standing upon some fifteen square acres of land, previously carried on in the name of the Canadian Water Pipe Company, with the distinct intention of entirely changing the system upon which the pipe castings were produced, to make it second to none in Canada, and, if possible, far ahead of anything adopted in this country. It is stated by persons of experience in such matters and well qualified to give an opinion, that the object has been fully attained. It appears that the whole of the old plant and appliances have been discarded, and, practically, nothing now remains beyond the mere location. Further, that these are the only works in the Dominion producing cast-iron gas and water pipes in long lengths of so small a diameter as 2 inches and 3 inches. The pipes are cast vertically in revolving flasks with the head, or bell, downwards, ensuring soundness and uniformity in thickness, only the best and most suitable material being used. The pipes are all tested to 300 pounds to the square inch by hydraulic pressure, and whilst sustained at that pressure are tapped with a two-pound hammer, and not a single pipe is permitted to leave about which there is the slightest doubt.

The motto is "quality" and "excellence of finish," and waterworks and other engineers have already testified to the superiority of the pipes made at these works. Indeed they are considered to be the very best produced in Canada, and when this fact has become more widely known it is anticipated that large orders result. Hitherto the company has not will cared to push their make in the market, preferring to wait until the changes had been completed and fully tested.

An extensive shop, containing the most modern machinery and tools, has been erected so as to enable the company to supply their improved "barking," "double-edgers," "slab-splitters," "scantling," and other sawmill machinery, also to supply their improved friction and other pulleys, shafting, couplings, bear-

ings, general shop gearing, etc., and to construct any special machinery. There is likewise a large foundry for casting hydrants, valves, special pipe castings, as well as general iron and brass castings. So far, the neighboring works have found this a great convenience, and it has been fairly well patronized.

It would be well to mention that Law's patent improved anti-freezing hydrant, of which this company are the sole manufacturers, is making its way steadily amongst the various municipalities, and is giving the best results. The works are very conveniently situated as regards transportation, either by railway or by

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