
THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

The settlement of the ownership of the Crown Lands in the disputed territory so recently will do much towards building up the mining industry between Lake Superior and Rat Portage.

With satisfactory titles to mining properties Rat Portage gold mines should come rapidly to the front, and within a year there should be some results which will show this as a gold producing district.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

I am pleased to learn that our town is so likely to have erected within its borders a flouring mill of such capacity and operated by such a substantial and practical firm as Messrs. Hastings Brothers & Company.

While opposed to the general principle of bonusing manufacturers, it is hardly possible to establish here, notwithstanding our advantageous situation, the nucleus of what is to be a manufacturing centre, without in the beginning paying for it.

This Board should, during this season, make every effort to induce other firms to locate here, due care being always taken to bonus only good men and businesses that can be carried on at a profit, and successfully at this point.

Port Arthur's situation as a manufacturing centre is second to none in Canada. With cheap power, either water or steam, with low freights on raw material, cheap labor and the advantages which we possess of being able to sell to either eastern or western customers, make it a very desirable place to locate.

With the development of iron mining, previously mentioned, it only becomes a matter of time until we have blast furnaces and rolling mills in our midst, and a natural consequence will then be that all machinery and implements, of which iron and steel form the most important constituents, must be made here.

We know what a market the Northwest even now is for such articles.

THE WATER POWER COMPANY.

The arrangement and contract recently entered into between the town and the company for furnishing a water supply as well as light to our citizens should be very beneficial to this community. In addition to a supply of water for domestic purposes if the scheme contemplated be a success, as I have every confidence it will be, there will be created in Port Arthur, one might almost say in the very business centre of the town a water power quite equal to that of the Mississippi at St. Anthony's Falls, Minneapolis. Of course, the volume of water will not be so great, but the tremendous head at which it is possible to secure and divert the streams will equalize this.

Cheap power will do more to attract manufacturers here than any other one inducement which the town can hold out.

THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

I regret to see that the Port Arthur Lumber Company has made no commencement to rebuild its sawmill which was burnt.

The mill owned by Vigers Bros., together with the Port Arthur Company's planing mill, operated by Graham, Horne & Co., and Kennedy & Saunders' factory, have all done a good season's work. Large quantities of saw logs, square