

machinery is being furnished by the best makers in Canada and the United States, and when completed their staff will number about 150 hands. The factory will be one of the best-equipped in Canada.

On the 5th of January, 1903, a vote was taken for the purpose of ratifying an agreement entered into between the town council and the promoters of a linen factory—the first in the Dominion. The by-law was carried by a large majority, and it is presumed considerable headway will be made towards the erection of the necessary plant during the present year.

The town corporation owns a magnificent water power, operating its own water and electric systems,



The Power House, Bracebridge.

and disposes of its surplus power for manufacturing purposes at a rate far below that charged by power corporations at the big power stations on the Niagara and St. Lawrence.

It is the water power that has been and must become still more the attraction to Bracebridge for manufacturers. Within the town limits or adjacent to them, are thousands of horse-power for the most part running to waste, and these with the increasing cost of fuel and the improvements being made in electrical transmission insure the permanent growth of Bracebridge as a manufacturing centre, for the town is situated at the confluence of two rivers flowing from an elevated plateau that is covered