

" THE SOO "—Continued

Just when the first white man set foot in the St. Mary's country is not known, but in 1668 a small white settlement of between twenty and twenty-five voyageurs had been formed. Space does not permit an outline of the years which have intervened, but suffice it to say that they have been crowded full of tradition and history well worth the reading.

The original Block-house, built by the Hudson Bay Company in 1792 and used as a powder magazine, is still preserved on the ground adjoining the paper mill.

The growth of the Sault has been steady since 1901, when the population numbered 7,169; in 1911 it had increased to 10,984 and in 1920 it has an estimated population of 22,000.

The future of Sault Ste Marie is bright, and as an industrial community she is bound to forge ahead rapidly during the next twenty-five years.

Sault Ste. Marie is the home of the Algoma Steel Corporation, which employs 3,500 men, and is one of the largest industrial concerns in Canada. In 1901 the walls of the first building of the steel rail mill were built, and in March, 1902, the first rail was rolled. The new \$7,000,000 addition to the Steel Plant, which is in course of erection, will have a yearly output of 150,000 tons of steel.

With the new addition the mill will have a total output of about 400,000 tons annually of rails and structural steel.