

NEW BRUNSWICK PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

Petroleum and Natural Gas have been known for half a century to exist in New Brunswick. The first recorded drilling for these products was in 1859; when three shallow wells were sunk near Moncton, and all gave good showings in both oil and gas.

Between 1876 and 1880, Mr. Lewis J. Emery, Jr., of Bradford, Pennsylvania, drilled several wells in Westmorland County, with satisfactory results, but owing to the very great development of the Oil Industry in the United States at this time Mr. Emery discontinued his work in New Brunswick.

No further work was done with regard to the development of Oil and Gas in the Province until the year 1889, when Mr. Mathew Lodge, of Moncton, N. B., obtained from the Provincial Government a License from the Crown to prospect and develop oil and gas within the Province over an area of 18,000 square miles.

The New Brunswick Petroleum Company, Limited, was formed by Mr. Lodge and this Company drilled some 80 wells in the counties of Westmorland and Albert and one well in Kent County, and succeeded in proving the existence of oil and gas over a large area. The company expended some \$225,000 in its operations.

In 1907 the New Brunswick Petroleum Company obtained a two hundred year's lease from the Government of the Province, granting to the Company the sole and exclusive Oil and Gas rights over an area of 10,000 square miles—the greatest concession of the kind in America. Two years later the N. B. P. Co. made arrangements for continuance of the development work with the Maritime Oilfields, Limited, a syndicate financed by English and Scottish capital.

The Maritime Oilfields, backed by ample capital and employing the best oil and gas experts from the United States, energetically developed the areas in Albert County and have a record of unqualified successes. Within an area of three square miles in Albert County they have seventeen wells producing gas, and ten of them also flowing oil. The capacity of these wells is fifty million cubic feet of gas per day, at pressures varying from 200 pounds to 300 pounds per square inch. This gas has been piped to Moncton, nine miles, and to Hillsboro, four miles. WE HAVE HERE THE GREATEST GAS AND OIL FIELDS IN CANADA, and in comparison with which the much-vaunted fields of the west sink into insignificance. Not only have we the largest gas wells but the New Brunswick gas is free from sulphur, poison and all deleterious substances, and is piped direct from the wells to consumers, requiring no purification. IT HAS THE HIGHEST CALORIFIC POWER OF ANY NATURAL GAS IN THE KNOWN WORLD, AND IS CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER GAS IN THE WORLD FOR POWER PURPOSES.