

QUEBEC TO WINNIPEG

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flows through richly timbered areas, and enormous quantities of lumber are carried down by it annually to the pulp and paper and lumber mills that have been erected on its banks. Its course is broken by a dozen falls and rapids which will be capable of developing 1,000,000 h.p. of electric energy when certain storage works, to which reference will be made later on, are completed. At the present time there are important power developments at Shawinigan Falls, twenty-one miles above the confluence of the St. Maurice and the St. Lawrence at Three Rivers; at Grand Mere, twelve miles above Shawinigan Falls, and at La Tuque, a flourishing town 103 miles from Three Rivers.

129.7 **La Tuque** Alt. 551 0 Population 4,000. A town of rapid growth, lively business centre, with modern stores and many fine residences. The town is well built, with water, sewerage system and electric light. La Tuque has good schools, both French and English, a convent boarding school and a business college. It also has a Catholic church, an Episcopal church and a well equipped hospital.

La Tuque is also an important centre for great lumbering operations. Upwards of six thousand men go into the woods from here for the Winter and are paid off in the Spring. The Brown Corporation are the largest operators, having timber limits of over three thousand square miles. Their pulp mill is one of the largest in the world, with an average output of 130 tons a day. The saw mills cut over ten million feet of lumber annually and the plant covers an area of seven hundred acres. This Corporation has control of the great water power of the St. Maurice River and that of the Bostonais River, which supplies electric power for the mill and electric light for the works and the town. They also operate a mill at St. Casimir, the output for 1918 being between fifteen and twenty thousand cords of pulpwood.

La Tuque being situated in an immense territory of rich forest growth, abounding with moose, bear and smaller game, with an unknown number of lakes, large and small, and being intersected by numerous rivers and streams that teem with fish, is an excellent centre for the sportsman. The territory has been made accessible to the sportsman by the establishment of camps at convenient distances, and guides, who are born woodsmen and know their business thoroughly, can be had at a reasonable rate.

132.8 **Fitzpatrick** Alt. 507 0 Three miles beyond La Tuque is Fitzpatrick, the first division point west of Quebec.

141.5	Stirling	Alt.		Leaving Fitzpatrick, the railway crosses
147.5	Cressman	"	728 0	to the left bank of the St. Maurice and for
153.6	Creek des Prairies	"		the next seventy miles follows the valley
151.5	Vermillion	"	819 0	of this picturesque watercourse in a north-
160.8	Darey	"	1033 0	westerly direction. The scenery is wild
167.3	Crespel	"	972 0	and impressive in its rugged grandeur.

On either side tower massive rocky hills, compressing the river into a narrow gorge, through which the water pours tumultuously along. The railway skirts the torrent, now running close to its margin on a narrow ledge of rock and again mounting higher and higher on the