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BATHURST IS BOOMING

North Shore Town Has All Kinds of Energy---
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Few towns even in "the Busy East" can show such a record of rapid progress as Bathurst has achieved during the past five or six years. From being a quiet lumbering and fishing village of a few hundred inhabitants, it has developed into a hustling town of between four and five thousand souls, and the end is not yet. In fact, Bathurst is only at the fringes of its ultimate prosperity. Men of enterprise and vision are developing its resources and rapidly making it a pulp and lumber center of no mean proportions. Incidentally, they have made it a seaport as well.

This latter development is one of the greatest assets possessed by the town, a port that can accommodate for large ocean-going vessels, as Bathurst can, will inevitably attract a volume of trade greater even than that of the district itself. Last year fourteen steamers of from 600 to 3,000 tons registered tonnage, and the same number of sailing vessels, cleared at Bathurst, the total amount of tonnage amounting to nearly 30,000 tons. This year, owing to the scarcity of ships, Bathurst will suffer a diminution of this trade, in common with all other ports, but had conditions been normal the shipping at this new port would have shown a substantial increase during 1917.

In addition to the Public Wharf, there are extensive wharves belonging to the Bathurst Lumber Company and the Gloucester Lumber & Trading Company, both of which concerns are extending their facilities in this direction with a view to coping with the larger business that is ahead. The Bathurst Lumber Company's wharf is connected by a spur line with the Intercolonial Railway main line between Montreal and Halifax. The spur line is fitted with coal handling machinery with a daily capacity of 750 tons, and this equipment will probably hasten the reopening of the Bathurst Mines, of which event there are persistent rumors, as one of the difficulties the Mining Company had to contend with was the long haulage of the ore to seaboard.

The enterprising management of the two firms referred to above is rapidly developing the further prosperity of the town. In addition to their lumbering operations, which are amongst the most extensive in the country, the Bathurst Lumber Company have recently brought the capacity of their pulp mill up to fifty tons a day each Sulphite and Kraft pulp. This is only a beginning as further increases are contemplated not only in these two commodities, but others as well. New allied industries are being planned and will be established as soon as peace comes, or conditions permit. The new plant will give employment to hundreds of additional hands, including girls.

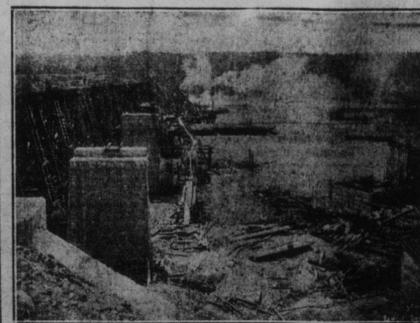
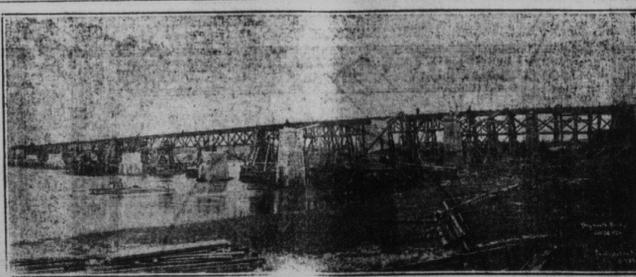
The new enterprise will include the manufacture from paper of certain articles at present made from materials which the war has rendered prohibitive in price. Recently the writer was shown a number of interesting samples by the manager of the Bathurst pulp mill, Mr. J. H. Thickens. These included twine, sacks and rugs, and for strength and appearance they were a revelation of the possibilities of the ubiquitous pulp. Mr. Thickens, who is an authority on paper, and who has written a standard technical book on its manufacture, declared that there was no reason whatever why such articles could not be manufactured in Bathurst, and he added that as the work was clean, light, and pleasant, it would afford employment for female labor.

It must not be imagined, however, that Bathurst is a "one industry" town. It can boast of a number of industries other than those already referred to, and which under capable management, are growing rapidly in importance. The George Eddy Company, who for some years have operated a large and well-equipped wood-working factory, have recently laid down a flour and grist plant with a daily capacity of twenty-five sacks. Judging by the success that has attended this step, Messrs. Eddy are more than likely to add to their activities in this direction before very long.

Now that the Province has gone dry one is glad to know that Bathurst possesses its own ginger ale factory. This concern, installed with the latest machinery by Alderman Azad Landry, has recently changed hands, and under the guidance of its new proprietor, Mr. A. Melanson, is rapidly making a name for the long list of temperance beverages which it turns out.

With the first sign of spring building operations were set on foot throughout the district. Houses and stores are to be seen rising in every direction, and although the town already possesses an apparent sufficiency of stores, others are being added to the list, not only in the town proper but in the more outlying districts. Fenwick Bros. have built a large corner block, fitted with the most up-to-date refrigerating plant, for the accommodation of their growing butcher business. Mr. A. T. Hinton, who already owned one of the largest general stores in town, has just completed a rush erection of another equally large to take care of his automobile trade.

New offices and workmen's bungalows for the pulp mill, and innumerable private dwellings and extensions, are part of the hustling being done in the building trade in Bathurst this summer, and they indicate the permanent nature of the boom that has come to this fortunate North Shore town.



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