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Drummondville is a town, distant sixty-six miles from Montreal, lying practically due south of the St. Lawrence river, and thirty miles up from Sorel. The present population is about 5,000, the French-Canadian element numbering some eighty per cent. of this. The civic government is in the hands of a Mayor and eight Aldermen. The present Mayor is Mr. Napoleon Garceau, K.C., and Mr. Walter Moisan, Notary Public, is the town clerk. Plans have already been drawn and approved for a Town Hall of a very dignified kind, the building of which will shortly be commenced.

The town is served by both the Canadian Government Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railway. The former run their Halifax to Montreal, and their Quebec and Nicolet to Montreal trains through the town, while the C. P. R. runs to Acton-Vale connecting with the Grand Trunk system, and by way of Foster to Sherbrooke and Montreal for all points on its lines. Capital banking facilities are provided by the Canadian Bank of Commerce (which also has offices at St. Cyrille and St. Germain, just outside Drummondville); Molsons Bank, the Provincial Bank and the Royal Bank of Canada. There is a chartered Board of Trade, of which Mr. Walter Moisan is president, and Mr. Dominique Courchesne, secretary.

In any account, however, brief or incomplete, of Drummondville, special mention ought to be made of the exceptionally fine water supply of which it can boast. Four years or so ago, the municipal authorities, impressed with the great future that obviously lies before the town, succeeded in arousing public opinion to the importance of ensuring an adequate supply of water that should be palatable to drink as well as all that could be desired from the medical health standpoint. Messrs. the Layne and Bowler Corporation, of Memphis, Tennessee, the world's largest water developers by means of artesian wells, were called into consultation, and instructed to provide the town with a minimum supply of water, fulfilling the requirements just mentioned, of 500,000 gallons a day. This cost the town about \$100,000. But the money has been well spent.

### Churches, Schools and Social Life.

There are two churches in Drummondville—one Catholic and one Anglican. The former is a very handsome structure standing in the centre of the town. The latter is one of the oldest Anglican churches in Canada, and Canon Scott was for some time the Rector before he went to Quebec City.

Under Catholic authority, there is a large day school, a large convent school, and a large residential college for boys. The Mayor, Mr. N. Garceau, is chairman of the Catholic School Commissioners, and Mr. Leopold Poirier, J.P., is their secretary-treasurer. There is

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A Town with an Interesting History to which the Activities of the Southern Canada Power Company are Bringing Great Present Prosperity

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course of construction. Cottage gardening and flower growing have been eagerly taken up by the inhabitants. An Agricultural Exhibition, with Mr. John Watkins as president, and Mr. Laurent Turcotte as secretary, is held annually. There is a fine brass band to the support of which the municipal authorities make a grant, and ten open-air concerts, which attract large audiences, are held annually. Mention should be made of the very cordial relations subsisting between the English-speaking and the French-speaking peoples.

### The Early Days of Drummondville.

The postmaster of Drummondville and registrar of Drummond county is Mr. C. H. Millar, in whose family the offices have been held for over a century. In a very interesting talk the writer had with Mr. Millar, the latter was good enough to give him a good deal of information about the history of the town in its early days.

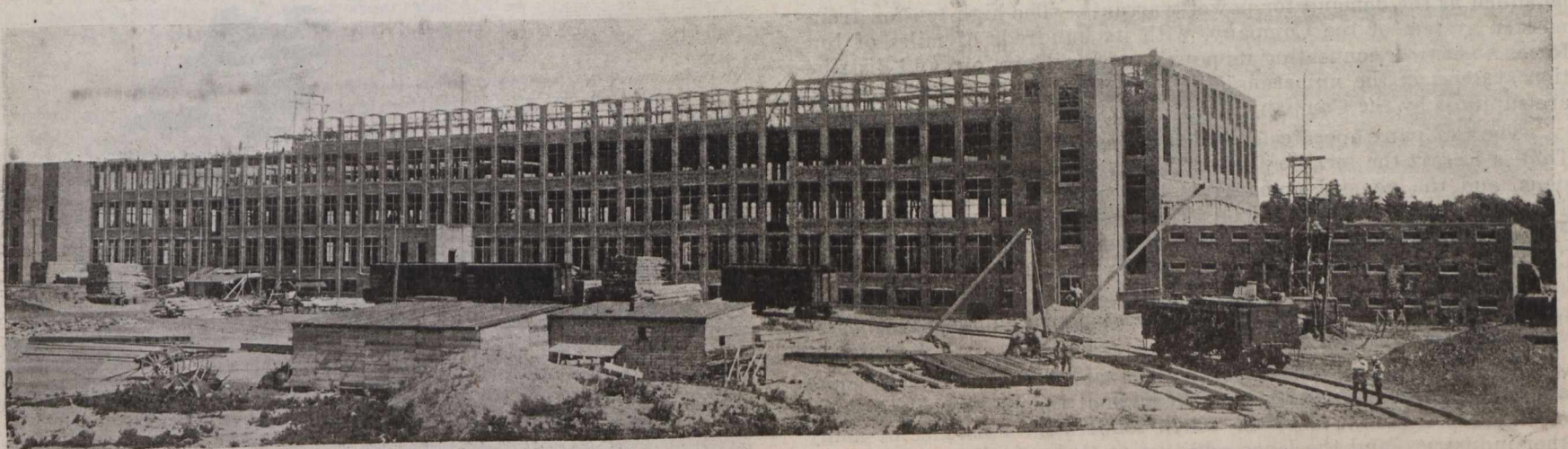
It appears that, after the revolution in the United States, numbers of United Empire Loyalists settled along the banks of the St. Francis river, in settlements two or three miles apart on a bridge path leading from Port St. Francis. Then Lord's Falls, on the St. Francis river, at what is now Drummondville, was a point chosen by the British government as a place of colony for British soldiers disbanded after the war of 1812.

This colony of disbanded soldiers was under the supervision of Major General George Frederick Heriot (after whom the principal street of Drummondville is still named) accompanied by other officers. He built for himself, just outside the town, a country-house on the English model which he named Comfort Hall. On the site of this today stands Grantham Hall, the country home of Mr. Herbert M. Marler, Notary, of Montreal. This is a very fine house, with a lovely entrance hall, spacious reception rooms and about sixteen bedrooms and twelve bath rooms. The grounds are delightful and include a private golf-course.

General Heriot had about 150 soldiers under him, and they settled on lands granted by the British government which also constructed barracks where they were regularly drilled. Many of them were married and brought their wives with them, and by the year 1815 there were 300 people in Drummondville.

### The Starting Of Industries.

The first industry in Drummondville was lumbering which the



New Plant of Canadian Jenckes Co., Ltd., at Drummondville, Que.