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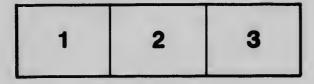
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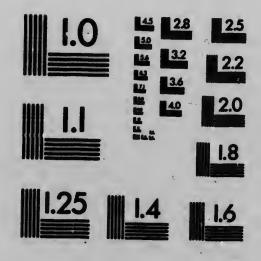




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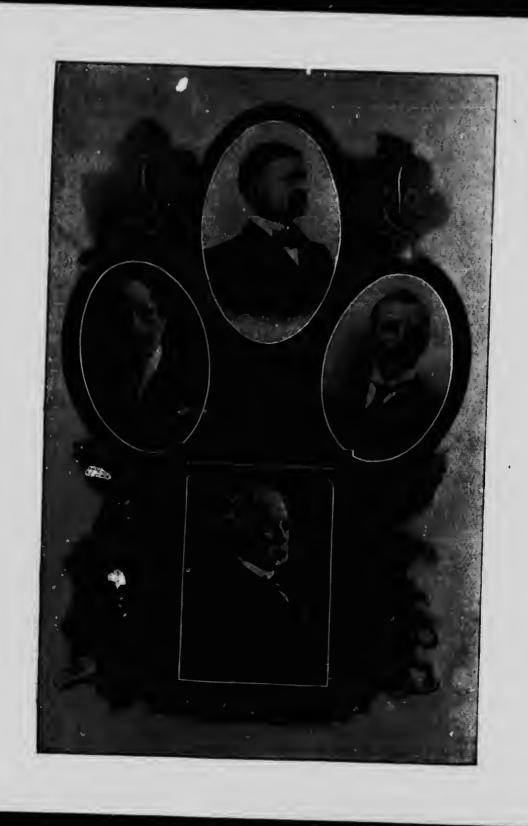
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It Will Hasten by Two Years the Construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Open Up a Country of Enormous Possibilities ~ Illustrates the Possibility of Railway Work in Winter

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W ITHOUT any ostentatious newspaper publicity or flourish of trumpets of any kind, several hundred men with an elaborate engineering plant have been hard at work for some mouths past upon a branch line of railway in the very heart of Northern Quebec, which, by reason of the natural riches of the country which it penetrates, and of its fortunate location, is destined not only to open up a country of enormous possibilities for the interests identified wit¹ agriculture and colonization, lumbering, pulp and

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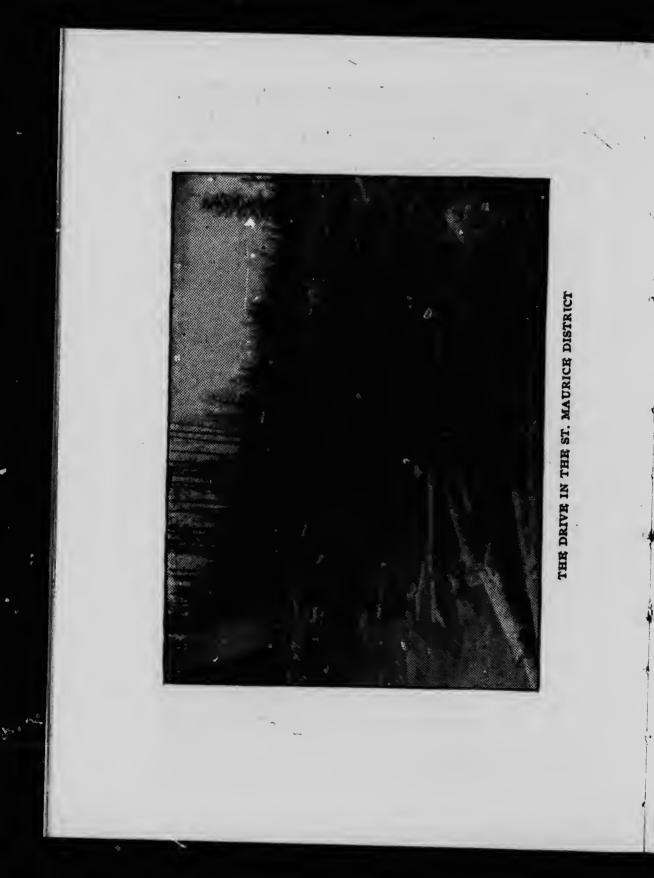
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other industrial enterprises, as well as for the establishment of a new route for tourists, but also to hasten, by at least two years, the construction of a large portion of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

The new railway, which is to be finished in December 1905, is a branch of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway, which has already succeeded in opening up the wealthy lumbering, pulp, dairying and agricultural districts of Lake St. John and the Saguenay, and in establishing one of the most popular tourist routes in America. La Tuque Junction, on the line of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, whence the new road branches off in a northwesterly direction towards the La Tuque Falls, on the St. Maurice River, is 78 miles from Quebec, at a point where the Batiscan river flows close to the main line of the railway. At this point, close to the Junction, the splendid stream is crossed by a very substantial steel and masonry bridge, now in course of construction by the Dominion Bridge Company. After crossing the bridge the new line follows for ten miles the Jeannotte river, the outlet of Lake Edward, piercing the wall like range of the Laurentian mountains, through magnificent scenery, then touching Lac au Lard and a succession of picturesque lakes and rivers, until it reaches Lake Wyagamack, which is drained into the St. Maurice. The river of this name is finally reached by the railway at the head of the magnificent La Tuque Falls. The

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length of the new line is but forty miles, so that it brings La Tuque within 118 miles of Quebec.

La Tuque, though beyond the Laurentian mountains, is only 500 feet above tidewater, or about the elevation of Sherbrooke, and is the head of steamboat navigation on the St. Maurice, and its picturesque waterfall is of such dimensions that when harnessed by electricity it will furnish a force of 90,000 horse power.

Some idea of the development that must follow at La Tuque as soon as it is reached by the railway, may be formed from a glance of what has been accomplished under similar conditions at Grand'Mère and Shawinigan. When a railway reached Grand'Mère, seven years ago, there was nothing there in the shape of industries with the exception of a small pulp mill, while both that place and Shawinigan were practically without population at all. In fact this is true of Shawinigan up to about five years ago. Now the population of each town is about five thousand people, Grand'Mère having a pulp and paper mill that ranks amongst the largest in the world. At Shawinigan, ten millions of dollars have been expended in the development of power from the falls and in the establishment of dependent industries. The Pittsburg Reduction Company has aluminum works there, and there is also a large carbide factory, besides the extensive mills of the Belgo Pulp and Paper Company and the works of the Shawinigan Power Company.

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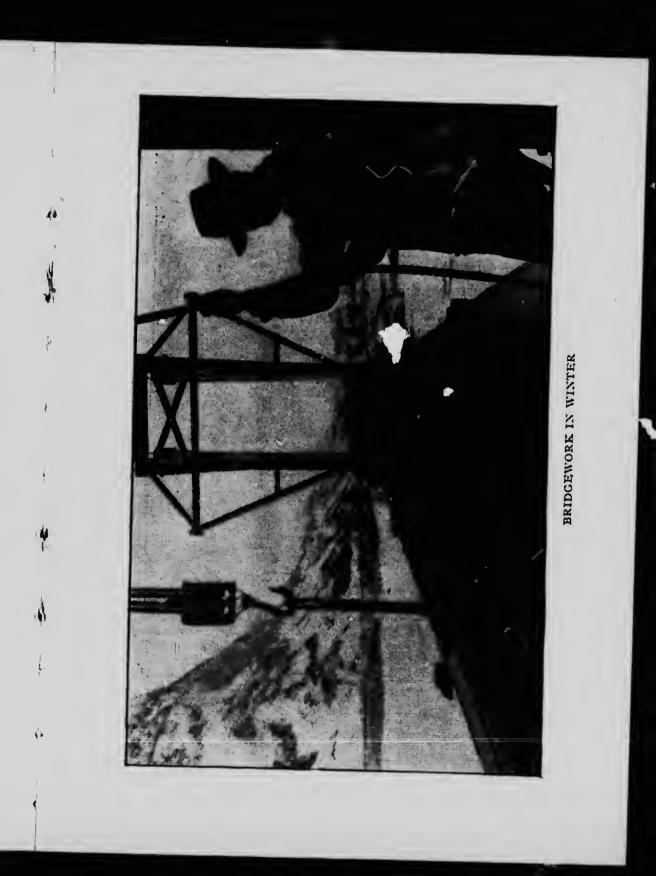
The industries which may be established at La Tuque as a result of the railway construction and the development of the local water power will be only one factor out of many that will contribute towards the wealth of the upper St. Maurice country. The magnitude of the lumbering operations of that district is such that no fewer than 6,000 men are employed, who cut last year the enormous quantity of 3,500,000 logs. What this will mean to the railway when the means of manufacturing at La Tuque have been provided, may easily be imagined. And there will be facilities, of course, for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and for its shipment by rail, as well as for that of lumber.

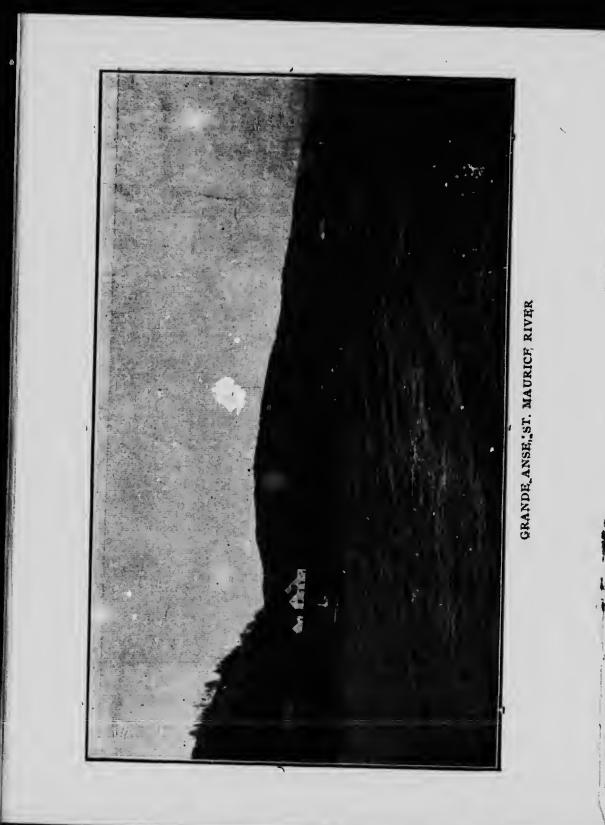
The lumbering operations in the St. Maurice district are next in magnitude to those of the Ottawa country, and the surveyors who located the new line of railway are authority for the statement that it will open up twelve thousand square miles of timber limits in the valley of the St. Maurice, thus adding very materially to the accessibility of valuable government property and so largely contributing to the public wealth, by its enrichment of the public exchequer.

It appears from the reports of the surveyors and others who have visited the country through which the line is being constructed, that it is infinitely superior to that through which the main line of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway runs, abounding in excellent timber which has never been burnt over, in beautiful lakes and rivers, and so level in places as to provide

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room for the establishment of many settlers. Government surveyors report that above La Tuque there are over two millions of acres of land suitable for settlement. Here again the new railway will become a creator of national wealth by making salable a vast tract of the public domain of the province of Quebec, besides largely contributing to the patriotic development of agriculture and colonization. The first fifteen



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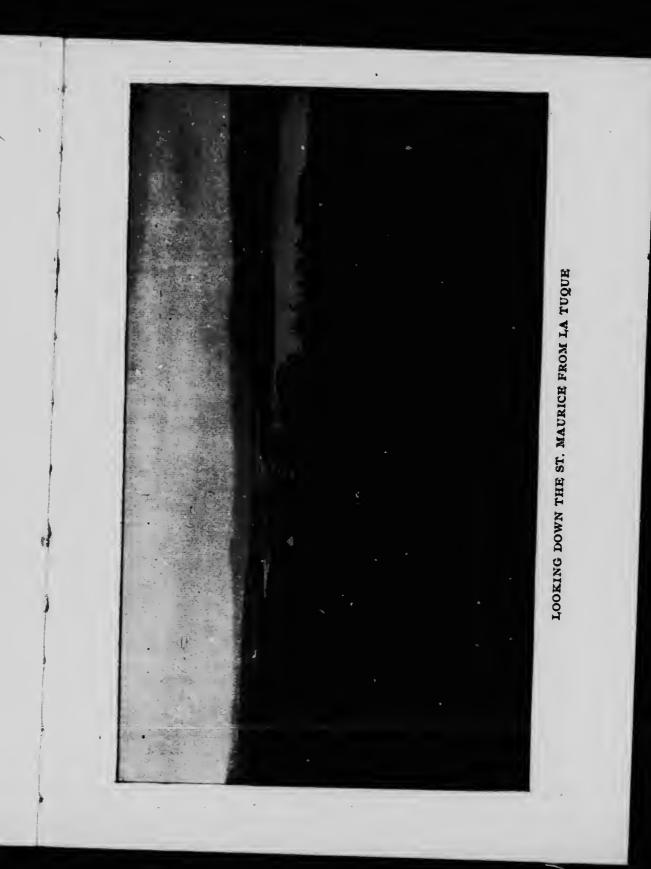
miles of the road runs through a very fine new township containing sufficient land of the best quality for the formation of two or three parishes in the valley of the Rivière Jeannotte, and well timbered. This new township has been happily named by the Provincial Government — Laurier — in honor of Canada's Prime Minister.

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The railway to La Tuque will possess an exceptional public value to the whole Dominion because of the important part which it is destined to play in facilitating the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. As is now well known, the proposed new transcontinental railway is to cross the St. Maurice somewhere within measurable distance of La Tuque, and under the existing order of things it would take probably a couple of years before the line would reach the St. Maurice crossing and be in a position to convey material for the prosecution of the work of construction in this part of the country. The building of the railway from the Lake St. John Railway to La Tuque will so change all these conditions, however, that it will be possible for the Grand Trunk Pacific people to save these two years in the construction of this important part of their through line. Instead of having to wait until their own road is pushed forward to the St. Maurice, they will be able to transport their men and material, their machinery and their rails to La Tuque over the new branch now in course of construction, and even their material for bridging the river ; and from La Tuque the material can easily be moved by water to the exact crossing point of the Grand Trunk Pacific, whence work can be immediately proceeded with on that main line, in both directions, thus saving two years in the construction of this part of the roadway.

This consideration alone eloquently testifies to the

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national importance and value of the railway to La Tuque.

Seventy miles of steamboat navigation on the St. Maurice, will, in connection with the new railway, make a round trip for tourists as beautiful and picturesque and almost as grand as that of the Saguenay. When a new passenger steamer with all modern improvements has been placed upon the St. Maurice, it will be possible for tourists to make the round trip from Quebec to La Tuque and back in part of one day, leaving the city after breakfast, by Quebec and Lake St. John Railway for La Tuque, connecting there with steamer for Grandes Piles, thence to Three Rivers by rail reaching that city in time to take the afternoon train for Quebec or Montreal, which will be reached in time for dinner.

The railway will be a first class one in every respect, suitable for hauling heavy trains of lumber, no grade exceeding one per cent and no curve sharper than eight degrees. The bridges are of steel and masonry of the heaviest specification, and the rails, which have all been purchased and delivered, are of steel of the standard weight.

The work of construction is in the hands of Mr. Joseph Paquet, the well-known contractor, of Levis, who expects to complete it, as already stated, by December next. During the whole of the present winter some 400 men have been constantly employed in clearing, grading—in the heavy cuttings—rock cutting, bridge and culvert masonry, and in building camps for the additional men to be put on in the spring when the force will be increased to 1500 men. Although the winter has been very severe the work has progressed wonderfully well, the men having so far lost only half a day through bad weather. This experience is unique and is a demonstration of the possibility of railway construction work in Canada in winter.

Mr. H. J. Beemer, the enterprising contractor who built the main line from Quebec to Lake St. John, and also the extension from Roberval to Chicoutimi had already demonstrated that certain classes of construction work could be done in Canada in winter as well as in summer. The present experience proves that there is no necessity in future to lose the winter season, as we have done heretofore.



STEAMER SAMSON, which runs between Grandes Piles and La Tuque

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It will be something for the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway to be proud of, that after having made tributary to the old capital of Canada the great lumbering and colonization districts of Lake St. John and the Saguenay in the east, it will also have secured for Quebec the control of the great lumber territory of the St. Maurice, to the west, and also, as we have seen,

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have contributed largely to the national wealth and prosperity, besides furnishing the Grand Trunk Pacific railway with the means of saving two full years in the construction of Canada's new transcontinental road.

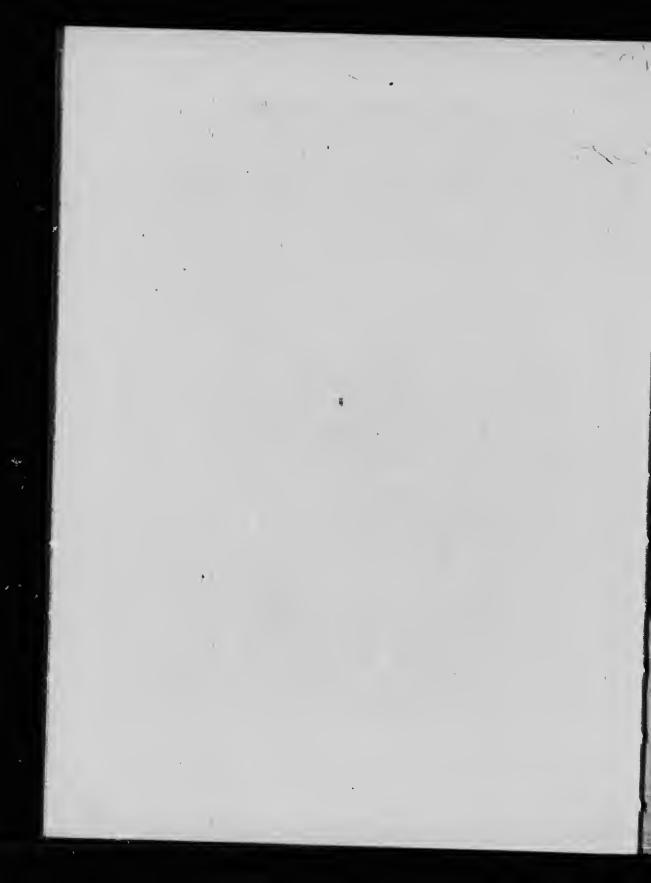
When the Quebec & Gosford Railway was built in 1870, the President of the Company at that time —Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière obtained a charter for its extension to Lake St. John, with a branch line to La Tuque. What then appeared to the public as a very gigantic and visionary undertaking on the part of that gentleman has at last been realized in its entirety, and by the end of the present year the completion of this branch line will have perfected a great railway system, putting almost the whole north of the Province and its vast resources in easy communication with the capital.

Quebec, April 1905.



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