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two reserve pumps being kept in case of such an emergency. The crib is placed in the bay, and the wheel used is one of the largest in Michigan, and was the first of its size ever constructed. It is contemplated increasing the capacity to 4,000,000 gallons this fall, and with this intent in view, several miles of extra piping have already been laid. The concern is managed by private individuals, and is not controlled by the city authorities.

There are, in all, 94 fire plugs distributed throughout the city, and thus, with the aid of its efficient fire brigade, it is rendered safe from any serious conflagration.

The fire was instrumental also in developing the farming interests of the county, as many who had lost their all by the calamity had no heart to make a fresh start at their old business, and turned their attention to clearing and cultivating the land, and with such success that they have now no desire to return to the city, as they feel they are doing better by farming than they could by resuming their former occupations. Among the most important factors in the commercial prosperity of the city must be mentioned Thunder Bay River, for without this the lumbermen would be obliged to haul all their logs to the mills, and consequently the cut would be much less each year or the expense very much greater.

The city is lighted by the Brush Electric Light, and it is in use on the streets and in most of the principal stores and offices; it was first introduced in the fall of 1880, and has since entirely taken the place of gas. The United States fish hatchery was located

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here in 1882, and has proved very successful. It is located on the corner of Water and State streets, and cost \$1,500. It is supplied with 200 glass jars, each containing 200,000 eggs. The hatching is effected by the constant movement of the water, and the total number of young white fish shipped from here this spring was 30,000,000. These were planted in Thunder Bay and Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior.

For several years the inhabitants have been agitating for a railroad, and it seems now as though at last their wishes were about to be fulfilled, as the Alpena and Bay City R. R. is being rapidly graded to this point, and grading is also going on from a point on the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central. It is quite probable that one if not both of these roads will be completed to this point next year, and this will give a still greater impetus to business, affording as it will chances for more speedy and frequent intercourse with the outer world. It will also lessen the rates for transportation by increasing competition, and will thus in every way materially aid in the development of all the natural resources of the county. Thunder Bay forms one of the best harbors on the shore, and as the stranger approaches Alpena by water, the view is one which, though it may disappoint the eager searcher after the picturesque, yet shows to the man of business indications of life, prosperity, and energy, and the singing of the saws as they rip up the logs, the rattle of the lumber trucks, noise of the engines, and the numberless steamboats and sailing vessels passing in or out constantly, must impress the practical mind most favorably. There are now in the

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