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From time to time complaints are heard regarding Iroquois Falls being kept as a "Company owned town." At first thought it seems rather odd that the chief complaints come from outsiders, rather than from those who live at Iroquois Falls and thus might be expected to suffer from any evils necessary in "Company-owned" towns. A visit to Iroquois Falls is likely to suggest that "there's a reason," and a comparison of Iroquois Falls with other free and untrammelled towns of the Province seems to be all in favour of Iroquois Falls. There may be disadvantage to a "Company-owned" town, but in the case of Iroquois Falls, as the matter works out in practice, the benefits far outweigh any drawbacks. If the people of Iroquois Falls do not feel that they are happily situated in their beautiful town with its wide and well-kept streets, its miles of sidewalks, its 250 or more comfortable homes, (every one with furnace, water, light, bathroom, sewerage, etc.) its wonderful lawns, its public parks, its public and private profusion of flower gardens and beauty spots,—then the people of Iroquois Falls are difficult indeed to please. Under no known system of promiscuous private ownership could such a town as Iroquois Falls be built up in so short a time. Only a few years ago Iroquois Falls was not ineptly described as a "muddy clearance in the bush." To-day it is one of the Beauty Towns of the North, one of the most pleasing residential places in the Province. If you think "company" towns are wrong in theory, just visit Iroquois Falls to-day and you will be tempted to believe that theory and practice do not always make a perfectly matched team.

Unrestricted townsites in the North Land are well-known for their fire-traps, unsanitary conditions, overcrowding and all other municipal evils. Iroquois Falls has none of these undesirable features. The visitor receives his first impression of the town when he steps off the train at the depot. Just before him is the large "Civic Centre,"—a park of wonderful lawns and magnificent flower beds. The rest of the town supports this pleasing first impression. Each house has its own lawn, well-kept, and beautiful with flowers. There does not seem to be a neglected home in the town. Evidently the citizens take the same pride in keeping the town a beauty spot as the Abitibi Company took in making such a town possible. And by the way, Iroquois Falls is not a "company" town in the ordinary way. It has its own municipal government, and the most democratic committees & councillors. Indeed, outsiders might suspect that the only interference by the Abitibi Company takes the form of putting up the money after the people decide they want some new improvement.

Among its public features Iroquois Falls now boasts beautiful parks, fine roads, miles of sidewalks, one of the largest hotels in the North Country, one of the biggest and most modernly equipped public school buildings, good tennis courts, a large athletic ground, and a magnificent golf course on process of construction. The new public school is a modern structure of the most approved type, finished in stucco, with the interior finish throughout in hardwood. High ceilings, shaded electric lights, and practically perfect lighting, heating and ventilation systems make it the most desirable type of school building. It will accommodate 400 pupils. The new hotel is also modern and perfectly equipped in every respect. It would indeed appear to be too large and ambitious for a town no bigger than Iroquois Falls. But it is already taxed to capacity. Instead of being too large, further extensions may shortly be required. The hotel now has over 200 rooms, and about 25,000 meals are served in it every month.

There is much construction work now in progress at Iroquois Falls, and even greater things are planned for the town. There are extensions now under way to the pulp and paper mill, certainly now the most perfectly equipped, if not the largest, of its kind on the continent. One paper-making machine recently imported from England and now waiting the completion of the addition to house it, is the largest machine for papermaking in the world. A number of new houses are in course of construction for Abitibi Company employees, and practically all of the older houses are being stucco-coated to assure their warmth and comfort in the winter. There is an unusual individuality about the homes. No two of them are alike in appearance or design, though all are alike in being well-finished inside and out, every one with fine cellar, furnace, electric light

**WELL KNOWN RAILROAD MAN PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK.**

Friends in this district were sincerely grieved last week to learn of the sudden death at Kapuskasing of Mr. P. J. McConomy, a well-known railroad man in this section of the North Land, being for several years on what is termed "the Falls run," from Porcupine Junction to Iroquois Falls and return. Recently Mr. McConomy has been at Kapuskasing where he has been yardmaster for the National Transcontinental. Mr. McConomy passed away on Sunday, Sept. 21st. Among the near relatives surviving is a son, Mr. Ken McConomy, who is also well-known and popular in railroad and public circles for his knowledge of and attention to sports and sporting matter.

**KAPUSKASING PAPER MILL TO BE READY FOR USE IN MAY.**

The big pulp and paper industry at Kapuskasing is making big progress in the work of construction of temporary buildings and getting ready for the actual work of preparing mill buildings, etc., to house the various departments of this big new pulp and paper concern. Speaking of the matter The North Land Post last week says:—

Mr. Sensenbrenner, President and Mr. A. S. Munday, Vice-President, of the Spruce Falls Pulp & Paper Co., Kapuskasing, and a party of directors came up for a trip on Monday to look over the work now being done on the construction of the new mill which it is expected, will be in readiness to start operation in May next. Meanwhile contracts have been let for the cutting of 60,000 cords of pulpwood. The first unit of the mill, which will produce sulphite pulp, will be arranged for steam power, and when during the next season the work on the power dam will be added, and in time it is the intention to bring the completion of the mill to one of the largest capacity around here. The party was greatly impressed with the progress made by the contractors, who have a large staff of men working. Mr. Sensenbrenner and several of his party stopped over on Tuesday night on their return to Cochrane and left the following day for a visit to the Calder Pulp and Paper Co.'s plant at Burt, in which they are interested."

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAYS DEAL ALL RIGHT.**

In what practically amounts to an official statement the Davidson Consolidated Gold Mines last week made the following announcement:—

The arrangement entered into with English capitalists by the Davidson Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, whereby the treasury is to be provided with \$1,125,000 during the next few months, is stated to be meeting with the approval of the shareholders. Judging from the comments heard on the "street," the offer is considered to be a most advantageous one, both for the company and the shareholders, as it assures the mine of sufficient funds to bring it into the ranks, of the large producers within a minimum space of time. The company states that the option required on 2,000,000 shares of shareholders' stock at a price of \$1.00 and \$1.25 per share, which is a condition of the offer made by the English interests, is being well responded to, and a considerable amount of stock has already been received. The Company point out in this connection, however, that each and every shareholder must do his share by optioning their stock and thus secure for the treasury the capital to build the mill and carry on the development, the company does not anticipate any difficulty in securing the required 2,000,000 shares necessary to complete the deal.

One of the features of the negotiations was the report made on the property by Col. Fielding, D. S. O., of London, England, who made the examination for the English syndicate. In this report Col. Fielding estimates that 350,000 tons of \$11.50 ore have already been blocked out ready for milling. Taking these figures, it means that the company has \$3,850,000 in reserves that can be taken out as soon as the construction of the mill is completed and production started on a large scale.

water, bathroom, sewerage, etc. There is only one house to every two lots and this means good lawns & gardens for every home. Some of the flower and vegetable gardens are "worth writing home about." A fine big new rink is also to be rushed to completion for this winter's hockey and skating, with additional provision for curling. The people of Iroquois Falls take a great pride in their town and they have every reason for doing so. It is one of the Wonder Towns of the Great North.

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