

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

A PLACE WHICH IS YET DESTINED TO BECOME GREAT.

It Has Many Material Advantages, And Not a Few Artificial—A Railway Centre And Becoming Still Greater—The Outlook Very Promising.

SAULT STE. MARIE, July 19.—An intelligent man, looking at the map of North America cannot fail to be struck by the remarkable position, commercially speaking, occupied by Sault Ste. Marie. It is the hub of the lakes, to the west stretches the vast expanse of Lake Superior, with its shores richly laden with minerals of every description—silver, copper, galena, iron and gold-bearing quartz are there in abundance—whilst to the south-west stretch the vast grain-producing districts of Dakota, Minnesota, etc. To the south-east of the Sault lies the great lakes, Huron, Michigan with their lumber-lined shores. He will also observe that through the narrow passage of the St. Mary's river all the shipping between Lake Superior and the lower lakes must pass, that this is the only point between Duluth and the Detroit river (a distance of 800 miles), at which a railway can cross the border. So far what he has seen by the map will make him meditate upon the great natural advantages possessed by the place.

But there are things of greater importance that can only be learned by a personal visit. At this point the river St. Mary falls 200 feet in a distance of half a mile and runs impetuously in rocky channels between many islands on the Canadian shore, thus making a controllable, inexhaustible water power, to which that at Minneapolis is as nothing. As a locality for mills or factories requiring continuous power no place on the continent equals Sault Ste. Marie. The facilities for shipment are greater than those of any port on Lake Superior or the lower lakes, because the former is navigable for several weeks longer in the fall than are Huron or Michigan, whilst these are navigable several weeks earlier in the spring than is Lake Superior; and the Sault being situated exactly at the dividing point, between these great lakes, possesses the advantages of a location on all of them combined.

The following railways are within a very short distance and are approaching rapidly day by day: The C.P.R., the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic, and the Minneapolis, Sault Ste. Marie & Canada; whilst the Grand Trunk, the Detroit, Marquette & Mackinaw, the Canada, LaCrosse & South Western, the Grand Rapids & Indiana roads are all endeavouring to make connections. These roads expect to erect workshops at this point. The first in will be the D. S. S. & A. R.R., which, according to a local paper, will run freight in by the 10th of August next. The work on the C.P.R. is progressing rapidly. The graders are hard at work in the immediate vicinity of the town, and it is expected that regular trains will be running during the early part of the fall. The International bridge, though only commenced about a month ago, is rapidly approaching its final stages. Two abutments have been built, five of the piers are completed, and several coffer-dams have been sunk for the rapids. The work is of the very finest quality and reflects great credit upon the contractors.

When all these lines are completed and running through trains across the bridge, Sault Ste. Marie will possess the same transcendent advantages from a railroad shipping point of view that she now does from a water-shipping. Amongst the other improvements which will cause the development of this erstwhile little village are the new canal on the Canada side for which \$1,000,000 was voted last session, the new water-power canal, the new locks, etc., on the Michigan side.

With all these advantages, natural and artificial, the future of this lovely spot must be brilliant. The surrounding country on both sides is heavily timbered, the mineral wealth is vast, the agricultural and fishing facilities are unsurpassed. Property is held at very reasonable figures. Not a house can be had to rent, the hotels and boarding-houses are crowded, and not with spectators, but with men who are settling down in various kinds of business. There is plenty of scope for any man, in any line who can erect a store and stock it, to grow up with the place and become wealthy. Building is going on rapidly all over; a brick yard has started; timber is at a premium; a gun club has been organized; cricket and base-ball clubs are prospering; a beautiful park is being formed; the streets have been lighted, etc. All of these particulars are of the Canadian "Soo," except where the American is directly specified; and in conclusion we would say that any man finding the east too crowded for him, and having a little capital, cannot do better than come right here, where he can get his land with the right of not paying for it for five years provided he starts in business on the spot.—B.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Articles to be Found in Leading Magazines by Eminent Writers.

Lord Bramwell, one of the foremost jurists of England, believes that the issue between Ireland and the British government has never been fairly stated in this country, and has prepared for the August Forum a paper to tell the story in an impartial manner. It will command general attention.

Dr. Howard Crosby, who has made many friends and enemies by his independent and determined attitude on moral questions, has prepared for the August Forum a very caustic article on "The Forgotten Cause of Poverty," to show that the George-McGlynn attack upon capital is calling attention away from the real cause of human misery.

The Midsummer (August) Century is to contain the opening article, "Snubbin' thro' Jersey," of holiday papers written and illustrated by a group of artists who went on a voyage over the raging Delaware and Raritan canal. "The Education of the Blind" will be discussed in the first of a series of open letters. They are written by a blind man, and present novel views.

THE PLUG IS SAFE.

The Romance a Contemporary Indulges in—Not Caught Out on the Fly.

Editor Flewelling, of the Belleville Ontario, stood in the bow of the Pierpont today, drinking in the scenery, when a gust of wind took off his new white plug hat and carried it to the cabin, where it fell on an infant's head. The editor thought his new hat was gone, and consequently grew very gloom, but when it was returned to him he offered to bet ten to one on the Belleville base-ball team.—Kingston News.

Editor Flewelling replies: "Unfortunately a few inaccuracies have crept into the story. It was not while standing on the bow of the Pierpont that the plug was carried off. The editor did not stand on the bow of that vessel. He did not cross on it at all. No gust of wind carried his tile off. It did not fall on an infant's head. It didn't fall anywhere. He did not offer to bet on anything. With these trifling exceptions the story is correct."

OH! GLORIOUS RAIN.

It Comes to Refresh the Parched Earth—The People Rejoicing.

It has come at last. And thousands of citizens have rejoiced. What has come? Why the rain to be sure! The parched earth was refreshed and today the whole face of nature seems to have been changed.

When the people awoke yesterday morning they found the sky draped in dark damp clouds. These portended rain, and many longed for a rousing shower.

For hours the heavens assumed a gloomy shade and at one time it seemed as if the showers were going away.

But just after dinner the rain came down, drenching the earth in a pleasant way.

Then it cleared up and many citizens were in doubt as to whether they would enjoy most a base-ball match or a good rain storm.

Of course, from selfish motives they would have preferred the ball game, but for public reasons the rain would be most advantageous. And so they hovered between both desires.

The rain let up and the sun in a slight way shone down. Blue sky became visible, but as soon as it was announced that the base-ball match had been postponed the heavens darkened again and the style in which the clouds banked themselves low in the sky betokened a wet time.

And at half-past five o'clock rain came again, first in big drops and then in bucketsful.

It was grand! Next the lightning began to play and the thunder roared away in the distance.

The rain poured down in torrents, leaping from the water spouts on the houses. Rivulets were formed on the streets. They increased in violence. By and by the traps were choked and small lakes were formed about the street corners.

For hours the rain fell, heavily. It was just what was needed and no one regretted its arrival.

Those who have the water works system in their houses have no conception of the extent of the water famine that has existed in the city for several weeks.

It was terrible! The water barrels on wheels were in constant service, and nightly weary women marched to the lake-side, filling cans and pails with that without which life could not be sustained. For the ending of this toil alone hundreds rejoiced.

The farmers are delighted. The thirsty earth was bursting open and vegetation was at a standstill. One said: "Everything is burnt up. You could scarcely find a green blade of grass on the farms. The cows were drying up and the grain was withering in the fields. But this rain is most opportune. Though it will damage the barley that has been cut we can stand that for the water will revive the dying grain and the hay vest may yet be a bounteous one."

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

J. G. Campbell left for Perth to-day. Hon. T. B. Parlee is lying very ill at Saranac.

Sir Charles Dilke is to visit this country next month. Timothy James, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting his parents.

Dr. McGlynn came near being appointed Bishop of Pittsburgh at one time. Thomas Howard, of the Montreal harbor commission board, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Macpherson, who has been visiting her uncle, Sir John Macdonald, at Ottawa, has returned to the city.

Mr. T. B. Caldwell, of Perth, one of the directors of the Electric Light company, was in the city to-day.

G. E. Williams, of Peterboro, has resigned his position in the Y.M.C.A. there, to assume a similar one in Brighton, Eng.

Rev. Davidson Macdonald, a Methodist missionary in Japan, is expected to reach his home in Picton to-morrow.

Sir Richard Cartwright was heartily received in Renfrew on Wednesday night. His address yesterday was a rousing one.

George C. McAndrew, Renfrew, died on Monday from consumption, aged 20 years. He was a brother of John A. McAndrew, M.P.P.

C. R. Hosmer, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph company, has left for British Columbia and San Francisco on company's business.

Mr. W. Maxwell, a student with Dr. T. M. Fenwick, left for Brockville this morning. Mr. Maxwell has been in poor health for the past few weeks.

Rev. Dr. Dewart was being appointed by the Ontario government a member of the senate of Toronto university in the place of the late Sir Matthew Cameron.

Lieut. Col. Holmes, prospective commandant of the new battery of artillery about to be established in British Columbia, has arrived at Ottawa from Victoria.

R. B. Mantell will begin his second starting tour, Sept. 26th, in a new romantic drama entitled "Monbars," a story of France during the time of the first Napoleon.

Dr. Edward Foxton, a graduate of the Royal college, who has been walking the London hospitals for some time, has returned to the city. He left for the west to-day to secure a location.

Mr. Campbell, superintendent of the Electric Light company, has purchased a bicycle. When the electric lamps are in operation, he will inspect them nightly, and ride about on his machine.

J. H. Gilmour, the actor, while fly fishing near Brockville, captured three black bass at once. He was trolling with a gang of flies on a leader when the three bass struck at once. They made a game fight, breaking the rod, but were successfully landed.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements.

The schr. Neelon has been chartered to carry iron ore from this city to Cleveland.

The prop. Dominion and schrs. Augusta and Huron are discharging grain at Port-amouth.

The schrs. Blake and Taylor have been chartered in Chicago to carry wheat to Kingston.

The prop. Celtic and schrs. Grantham and Berwick cleared from Duluth to-day with wheat from this city. Freight, 8c.

The schr. Neelon, from Chicago with grain, ran on a shoal near Point Frederick this morning. She was released by one of the M. T. Co.'s tugs.

Arrivals: Schr. Manzanilla, Sandusky, 23,500 bush. wheat; schr. W. J. Suffell, Toronto, 16,173 bush. wheat; schr. Sylvester Neelon, Chicago, 22,026 bush. wheat; prop. Armenia, Chicago, 10,000 bush. wheat.

The steam-yacht Lenore, owned by Capt. Dennis, Cobourg, reached the city to-day, and received a patent set of groats bars for her boilers. The bars are movable, and when shook break coal clinkers easily. The bars are suitable for boilers burning any kind of coal, and were designed by Mr. W. Derry, engineer of str. St. Lawrence.

EXCITED CHEESE BOARD.

COMPETITION AMONG THE BUYERS HOTTER THAN USUAL.

Advance in the Price of Cheese—The Salesmen Feeling Very Independent—A Scene at the Meeting—One of the Buyers Forced to Retire—The Eventual Wind Up.

The liveliest meeting of the county of Frontenac cheese board, held this season, occurred on Thursday afternoon. The price of cheese has been rising daily since the last session, and this fact caused the salesmen to feel very independent. They did not care whether they sold their cheese or not. Buyers offered them good inducements, yet they held out for higher prices. The salesmen, before settling down to business, stood in groups of three and four in different rooms in the hotel, discussing the state of the market, and kept the buyers in suspense for some time. The gentlemen present who wanted to buy cheese were: H. S. Miller, Picton; C. F. Rees, Ingersoll; G. J. Madden, Newburg; Bartlett, Napanee; Smart, A. F. Cliff, W. Forrester, Brockville. About five o'clock buyers and salesmen gathered in the board rooms. Madden conceived the idea that the other buyers were waiting for him to make an offer for the cheese board. It has been his custom to lead off. He found that pushing the market when many buyers were present was not good policy, and determined to give the others an opportunity to speak first. He had also heard that some buyers credited him with playing an underhand game at the Kingston market. The buyers when asked what they intended to do, did not give satisfactory answers. Madden then said: "I will give 10 1/16 for all the cheese registered," and to the buyers he said, "Now, gentlemen, name your figures." A discussion occurred between Madden and Smart. The former gentleman contended strongly that Smart had no right to bid at the Kingston board, as he had not paid his membership fee of \$1. If Smart was allowed to buy cheese he (Madden) would demand a refund of the fee which he had paid. Smart would not pay the \$1, claiming that the salesmen had not treated him fairly on a former occasion. They had sold their cheese to Madden, notwithstanding that he had not offered a higher price for it than the speaker. President Duff ruled that Smart was out of order, and must leave the board room if he did not comply with the rules of the association. Finally seeing that the president meant what he stated Smart departed.

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