

SHAWINIGAN'S DEVELOPMENTS ON SCHEDULE

Good Progress Being Made
on St. Maurice
Projects

BUILD CEMENT ROAD

Will Use Trucks to Transport
Supplies at Rapide Blanc
—Toro Dam Ready
in 1931

From Our Own Correspondent

MONTREAL.—Shawinigan Water and Power Company is making good progress in connection with its water power developments in the Upper St. Maurice district. Last year the company completed ground and air surveys and decided upon the development of six power sites which would give the company an additional 1,250,000 horsepower. The first of these sites to be developed is that of Rapide Blanc with a planned installation of 160,000 horsepower.

Construction work this year is being carried out in two sections. The first has to do with the Rapide Blanc development and the other with the new storage dam at Toro Rapids on the Mattawin River.

Build Concrete Highway

As all this is virgin territory, considerable handicaps have to be overcome by the company's engineers in arranging for adequate transportation of materials and supplies. The principal work at Rapide Blanc at the moment consists in the construction of a 10 mile concrete highway from the nearest point on the Canadian National Railways to the site.

Construction of this highway represents an interesting departure for engineering enterprises at a distance from railhead. It is customary when working under conditions that are to be found in the St. Maurice district to run in a spur railway, or, at best, construct a tote road. In the present instance it is considered that the building of a concrete road and the use of trucks for transportation will prove more satisfactory than other means. No information is available as to the cost of this project, but judging by expenditures on provincial concrete highways, the cost will run into several hundred thousand dollars.

Over 800 men are engaged in building the highway, which is expected to be completed this fall. This will give the company sufficient time to truck in supplies and materials to the camp so that winter work can be carried on without cessation.

Permanent camps also are being erected at the site and will be in readiness by the time freeze-up comes. When work on the dam and power house gets under way, it is to be expected that the force of men will be increased.

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