

RAPIDE BLANC UNIT PUT IN OPERATION

First of Four Being Installed
By Shawinigan on St.
Maurice River

A message was received at the office of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company yesterday from the general superintendent at Rapide Blanc advising that the first unit had been put in operation on the Shawinigan system and was operating at two-thirds of its capacity. The operation of throwing a large unit on a transmission system is a delicate one, but it was performed, they state, with entire success. This indicates a further advance in the development of the resources of the province.

The unit in question is the first of four being installed at Rapide Blanc, each having a capacity of 40,000 horse-power. The installation of the other units is proceeding according to schedule and will be completed early in May, at which time the Shawinigan Company will have an installed capacity of 800,200 horse-power hydro-electric in addition to 55,000 horse-power of hydraulic power.

Rapide Blanc power-house is located on the St. Maurice River, thirty miles above La Tuque, and is connected with the rest of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company's system by a 220,000-volt transmission line ninety miles long to Grand'Mere.

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