

SPRUCE FALLS

Spruce Falls Co. Lets Contract for Railway.

Spruce Falls Co. Ltd., of Kapuskasing, Ont., and Toronto, has given Morrow & Beatty Ltd., engineers and contractors, Peterborough, Ont., a contract to build approximately 60 miles of railway from Kapuskasing, on the National Transcontinental Ry. main line, now Canadian National Ry., 69.4 miles west of Cochrane, Ont., northerly to Smoky Falls, on the Mattagami River, and the work has been commenced, it being expected to complete it by November. The estimated cost of the line is approximately \$500,000. It is said that no Dominion or Ontario railway charter will be applied for, as the line will be operated almost entirely as a private one, its principal object being to carry pulp wood from the company's timber limits of some 4,700 square miles to a pulp and paper mill to be built at Kapuskasing, with a capacity of 500 tons of newsprint a day, in addition to a sulphite mill, of 115 tons daily capacity, already in operation there, and also to take in machinery and supplies for the company's projected 50,000 h.p. development at Smoky Falls. China clay deposits have been discovered a short distance north of Smoky Falls, and it is expected that the railway will also be available to bring them out. A power transmission line will be built along the railway right of way from Smoky Falls to Kapuskasing. The total expenditure on the railway, paper mill and power development is reported as likely to approximate \$15,000,000.

As stated in Canadian Railway and Marine World for Jan. 1925, Morrow & Beatty made a preliminary survey for a railway from near the end of track of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Ry., 68 miles north of Cochrane, to Smoky Falls, about 32 miles, and as stated in Canadian Railway and Marine

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Spruce Falls Power and Paper Co. Ltd., has completed its line from Sturgeon, mile 2.9 from Kapuskasing, Ont., 69.4 miles west of Cochrane on the National Trans-continental Ry., to Smoky Falls, 47.1

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miles, making its line, including the 2.9 miles from Kapuskasing to Sturgeon, built previously, 50 miles long. It has under construction a line from mile 49.5 to the Smoky Falls power house, 1 mile. Morrow and Beatty Ltd., Peterborough, Ont., are the engineers and contractors, James Dick being Chief Engineer in charge of construction.

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Mattagami Rd. Co.—A bill was introduced in the Ontario Legislature at its current session to incorporate a company with this title, to purchase or lease the railway, rolling stock, and other works and assets of the Abitibi Fibre Co. Ltd., or any portion thereof, and to build, complete and operate by any motive power, a railway from Smooth Rock Falls Jct., on the Canadian National Ry., northerly, northwesterly or northeasterly to the Abitibi Fibre Co.'s pulp mill at Smooth Rock Falls, Cochrane District. The provisional directors of the railway named include G. H. Kilmer, K. C., Toronto. The railway referred to was built by Mattagami Pulp and Paper Co. and is about 4 miles long. The assets of this company were acquired recently by Abitibi Fibre Co., which proposes to transfer the railway property to a subsidiary company for the better development of its timber areas. It is said that the railway line is to be rebuilt and a press report states it is likely to be electrified.

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Tillson Spur Line Ry.—A press report states that the Canadian Milk Products Co. has bought this line and will relay the track with new ties and heavier rails and reballast it, to enable the heaviest traffic to run over it. The Canadian Milk Products Co. bought the Borden Co's milk evaporator plant recently and is installing new machinery. It is stated that the company has acquired all the stock and real estate of the railway from R. B. Moulton, who bought it about a year ago from Canadian Cereal and Milling Co., and that he retains running rights over the spur to the mill property which he bought at the same time from the C. C. and M. Co. The Tillson Spur Line Ry. Co. was incorporated by the Ontario Legislature in 1891, to build a spur line from the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell Ry., in Tilsonburg, to the right of way of the Canada Southern Ry. spur line into the town, and thence to the intersection of Bunker Hill St. and John Pound St. The promoters were the Tillson family, millers, etc.

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Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co. Ltd.—

It was reported recently that the railway under construction from Kapuskasing, Ont., on the Canadian National Ry., northerly to the Smoky Falls on Mattagami River, about 60 miles, was practically completed, and was expected to be put in operation before the end of October. The railway will be used for carrying materials to Smoky Falls for the construction of a power development plant, and for carrying logs, etc., for the pulp and paper plant at Kapuskasing. (June, pg. 286.)

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