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A thousand years has the grand old river sped its way on down to mingle broken rock taken from the excava- length of the canal and well below the occurrences. The forcing system is in with the waters of the "deep blue sea," rippling waters. But from the beginning, nature's hidden treasures have been discovered one by one, her grand forces have been bridled and harnessed to the wheels of human progress to bless the countless millions of earth; and at last, after waiting through all the mists of the centuries and the slow tread of the ages, the Great Falls of the noble old Roanoke are transformed, by the bent of genius and the sweat of toil, into a matchless power that promses to rival the greatest water power in

the country. The Great Falls Manufacturing and Improvement Company, organized and managed by Major T. L. Emry, of Weldon, has developed, where a few years ago the casual observer saw nothing but water flowing over rocks in the same old place, the third strongest water power in the United States.

THE LOCATION.

Six miles above Weldon nature ha made a distinct channel, or canal, running around the Great Falls in the riv er, and just where it starts there is ar island in the very middle of the river which divides the current before it roll over its great rocky bed. Here Maj Emry conceived the idea of putting a great manufacturing plant which should turn thousands of spindles, drive thous ands of wheels, give employment to thousands of laborers and bless Halifax county and the State with an industry second to none in the country. Maj. Emry seeing all this in the possibilities of the great water power there, placed it before other men of progressive ideas and abundant capital, and the Great Falls Manufacturing and Improvement Company was thus organized.

THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK.

On the 26th day of March, 1891 ground was broken and the first show el of dirt was thrown for the great and towering enterprise. Since that time the work has been steadily pushed and with lively vigor until the great canal is now nearly completed and the water power perfected.

THE CONTRACT.

Maj. T. L. Emry, the mover an promoter of the enterprise and on of the largest stockholders of th company, contracted with the company to complete the canal for on hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. He at once employed from the State a large force of convicts in the penitentiary and has kept average of 80 convicts, besides much free labor, on the works ever since.

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factory to the State's penitentiary aument which forms a side of the canal foundations of a populous and prosper-

WELL ENGINEERED. Maj. Emry secured at first the very dam, there is an abutment of solid ma- It is a plant of which Halifax county best engineers for the great work be-

fore him, and every single foot of the work has been done under the engineer's direction with Maj. Emry's quite

practical personal oversight. Mr. George M. Lehman of, Philadelphia, was employed as chief engineer. Mr. A. E. Lehman, of Philadelphia. Steinrok, of Philadelphia, assistant en-

THE IMMENSITY OF THE WORK. The entire length of the canal is about two miles including that part made by excavations, dams and em-

bottom of the river, they are filled of rock below. This rock foundation but who yet pitied the child. underneath the planking with tons of runs down the river bank the entire tions in the canal and then substan- end of it.

with no one to disturb the flow of the ually riprapped below wherever there. The cost of the work thus far, includ-



MAJ. T. L. EMRY.

could be any possibility of extra pres-jing the purchase of 3,000 acres of land sure against the work by reason of lying all along on either side of the

high water or any other cause. across the canal-like division of the and \$100,000 river where it flows back into the river about a mile below where it first down the canal, and the main dam of factories and mills begins. across the natural canal three quarters of a mile below serves as an overflow,

way from the upper to the lower end, and just at the end of the main dam of nal that distance, is a bulkhead, or gateof the canal and the abutments at the vestment. ends. This bulk-head is 13 feet 3 inches wide at top, 24 feet 8 inches wide at

river, and the whole expense of the The main dam of 568 feet is built work, reaches well up between \$300,000

WHY NOT A GREAT CITY? The Great Falls Manufacturing and sets off. The spur dam of 1,435 feet Improvement Company through the at the upper end of the natural canal plans and calculations of Maj. Emry to Philadelphia Record. where it breaks off from the river, is lead, has made it possible for a magic built across that half of the river that city here in Halifax county. The 3,000 credit and confidence as to bring on runs on the south side of the island acres of land contiguous on either side conditions of stagnation and panie which divides the river into two of the river to the great developed was if every man and woman owing small streams. By means of this dam the ter power, give the company room bills to the grocer, the doctor, the milwater of the river that flows on that enough to lay off the boundaries of a liner, the baker, the butcher, the earside of the island, which is more than big town, which they will do as soon as penter, and the hundreds of persons half of the whole current, is turned the work is completed and the building in other callings who minister to our Diploma granted to young ladies

EXCELLENT FOR HEALTH.

or easeade, where all the water passes place in point of healthfulness. The over except the 10 feet depth for the banks of the river are high, the water runs rapidly over the falls, there are no with the milliner, and the milliner the Now, between the main dam and the pools or ponds of stagnant water near baker, and so on. spur dam there is a solid embankment and no canals or ditches on the levels of dirt thrown up to keep the water above the river bank; but the whole from flowing back into the river. The area has beautiful and most advantaembankment is about 3,200 feet long. geous natural drainage. The water is 12 feet high, 12 feet wide at the top cold and pure and excellent, and the and 48 feet wide at bottom and con- health of all the laborers and overseers tains about 40,000 cubic yards of earth. has been remarkably good during the Right across the canal about half whole time the work has been in prog- thousands of men, actuated by fear or ress. The company is cap'talized at two million dellars, and already men of 568 feet, which makes a side of the ca- large capital are turning their attention to this place that offers such fine opway, 180 feet long, including the width portunities for safe and profitable in-

MAJ. T. L. EMEY.

This mammoth enterprise is one that bottom, 28 feet high from foundation Maj. Emry may well feel proud of. He to top and is all made of solid masonry. was the first to see the opportunity and, In the bulk-head, or water-way, there with others whom he wisely induced to are 12 gates each six feet wide and 11 share it, he promptly seized it, and has feet to top of arch. There is also at the thus laid the foundations of one of the tion, and positively cures Piles or no south of this bulk-head a main opening largest and most promising enterprises perfect satisfaction,, or money refunded For catalogue address or water-way for boats, 8 feet wide, 8 in the country; and it does seem that Price 25 cents per box. feet 4 inches high and it will admit to with the many and varied advantages

12 feet thick at base and 5 feet at the Carolina may well be proud : for there is none like it in many places on this On the lower half of the canal there are broad continent that reaches from lakes no dams, the most of the work being to gulf and from ocean to ocean.

excavations and side embankment. At The entire work has been done to one point in the lower half there is a der Maj. Emry's direction, together waste-way 100 feet long, 7 feet high, with the assistance of his capable engiconsulting engineer, and Mr. Henry 31 feet at top, 61 feet at bottom, with neers; and whatever of superiority the two discharge gates, all of solid mason- whole enterprise may present, is due to ry. This part of the canal is also sub- his untiring energy, constant vigilance stantially riprapped on the side of the and his sound and practical sense.

Infant Predigies.

The fall in the river for two miles Brooklyn Eagle

bankment. It is 60 feet wide at the parallel to the canal is 34 feet; so that "I never felt more like laughing in bottom, 90 feet wide at the top and the canal being cut with very slight my life," whisnered one individual to will carry at its lowest depth 10 feet of fall, at the lower end of the canal the another at a recent entertainment when river is 34 feet below the canal, and a portion of the audience sat spellbound The excavation is about 4500 feet where it turns into the river there is a in admiration of a child prodigy who Hundreds, and may be thousands, of long and in some places the entire ex- perpendicular fall of 31 feet. This fall was rolling her eyes and swinging her he citizens of Halifax county have cavation was through solid rock. The with the present height of the dams is arms in an attempt to be dramatic. and bolted together to the top. Be- tories. It is a level on the high river her seeming powers!" said those who sides being firmly fitted to the solid banks with firm and solid foundations could hardly repress an amused smile,

Girl and boy phenomena are common herself generally in an attempt to provide social entertainment is not a pleasters? It is just this sort of thing which sire to make one's self conspicuous, a all orders, eraving for amusement which must be 11 5 ly satisfied. "How late your Mary sits up nights!" remarks one mother to another. "Yes, she can not sleep like other children even if she goes to bed early. Why? Because she has been allowed to be up evenings ever since she can remember. The babit of going to bed early was never formed. It is to be regretted that in the transition period between childhood and early womanhood any activity of mind or body should be misdirected. Later this same might Literary, Art and Music Departments. become a source of real pleasure. Prodigies in the shape of boy and girl elo- Stenography, Typewriting and Bookcutionists or musicians should not be encouraged to seek applause.

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