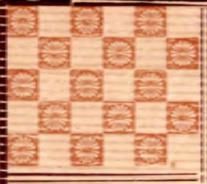
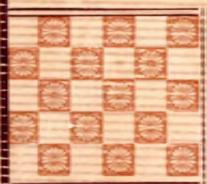


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*THE CAMERA'S CONQUEST
IN AND NEAR
THE TWIN CITIES,
GRAND RAPIDS AND CENTRALIA, WISCONSIN,
FROM THEIR PICTORIAL AND INDUSTRIAL POINTS OF VIEW, SHOWING
SOMETHING OF THE BEAUTY OF THEIR LOCATION ON THE
PICTURESQUE WISCONSIN RIVER, AND THEIR
MORE SUBSTANTIAL CLAIMS TO
WEALTH OF INDUSTRY.*



DOWN RIVER--LEFT BANK--FROM PIONEER MILL.



"NASH GATE."

Originally Babbin Gate



ALONG THE RETAINING WALL--BENSLEY RACE.

A STRANGER visiting this locality goes into ecstacy over the beauties of our great Wisconsin river. Its beauty is not limited to this particular locality, but all along, from its head, among the vast network of lakes in northern Wisconsin, until it reaches its parent stream—the Mississippi—it has points of interest to offer its admirers at every turn.

We who live here fail to appreciate as we should the beauties and value of our picturesque and grand old river.

Grand Rapids and Centralia, sister cities, occupy opposite banks of the Wisconsin river below the rapids, and are located geographically in the center of the state of Wisconsin. They are not jealous sisters, but work together in fellowship and for the good of both. Of about the same size, they would, if united, make a city of 5,000 inhabitants. The future of these towns is in the development of its water power, which is one of the finest, if not the finest, in the state. Engineers' estimates of the power that can be developed at this point on the river is from 8,000 to 10,000 horse power. Give this power diversity of employment and we will be no small rivals to the larger cities of the state.

The accompanying illustrations are selected from a great range of locations, and no attempt has been made to cover more than a small portion of the more attractive scenes. To do justice to it, in a book as limited in number of leaves as this, would crowd out other and no less important subjects of interest. Should a sentiment grow for a more extended sketch, another and different edition on this line can be produced.

THE water powers along the river have not been available for manufacturing purposes to any extent until recently. This was due to regulations of the Legislature regarding the dams and their construction to meet the requirements of logging and running of lumber fleets. These adverse conditions no longer exist for this portion of the river, and we now have some of the finest paper mill plants in the country. The Wisconsin River valley is recognized as one of the prominent paper mill districts of the state. Following are the names of the pulp and paper mills in this vicinity, showing capacity in dry tons of products for twenty-four hours:

NAME	PRINT PAPER	WOOD PULP	SULPHITE PULP
Nekoosa Paper Company.....	50.....	56.....	32
John Edwards Mfg. Company (estimated capacity).....	45.....	50.....	
Grand Rapids Pulp & Paper Company.....	30.....	25.....	
Centralia Pulp & Water Power Company.....	22.....	14.....	
Pioneer Wood Pulp Company.....		6.....	
Wisconsin Wood Pulp Company.....		2.....	

Invested in these plants is an amount something in excess of a million and a quarter of dollars. These mills have an average monthly pay roll of over \$16,000, and buy over \$125,000 of wood annually.

The wood working industry is next in importance. The Oberbeck Bros. Manufacturing Company and the Grand Rapids Table Company represent the furniture and table manufacturers; F. MacKinnon Manufacturing Company own and operate one of the best equipped and largest hub and spoke plants in the state, and hardwood piece stuff is a new industry lately started by The Lyon & Smart Manufacturing Company. The lumbering interest is represented by the Centralia Lumber Company, Daly & Sampson and John Farrish. The Grand Rapids Foundry company are alone in their line. The flour

milling business is a matter of no small importance and this branch of industry is represented by The Jackson Milling Company and the Nash Brothers.

Commercially we are well provided for. Good stores and not too many, business is shared to the advantage and profit of all. In banking we have the First National, Wood County National and Bank of Centralia. Their combined capital and surplus is \$160,000 with a total average deposit of \$700,000.

Our railroad connections are very good. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, the Green Bay & Western and its connections with the Wisconsin Central and Milwaukee & Lake Shore, and Marshfield & Southeastern and its northwestern connections furnish a choice of three routes.

Nearly all church denominations and fraternal societies are represented here. Public spirit has given the cities the T. B. Scott Free Public Library domiciled in the new city hall building in Grand Rapids. This library now has a total of 3,200 volumes.

Grand Rapids being the county seat has among its public buildings the court house and the new county jail and sheriff's residence.

In educational lines the schools are up to grade and the Howe High School and Centralia High School send this year (1896) a delegation of students to the State University numbering fourteen.

Located in a healthy district, with great natural resources, a fine climate and a friendly community, Goldsmith describes us exactly when he says:

"Such is the patriot's boast where e'er we roam,
"His first, best country, ever is at home."



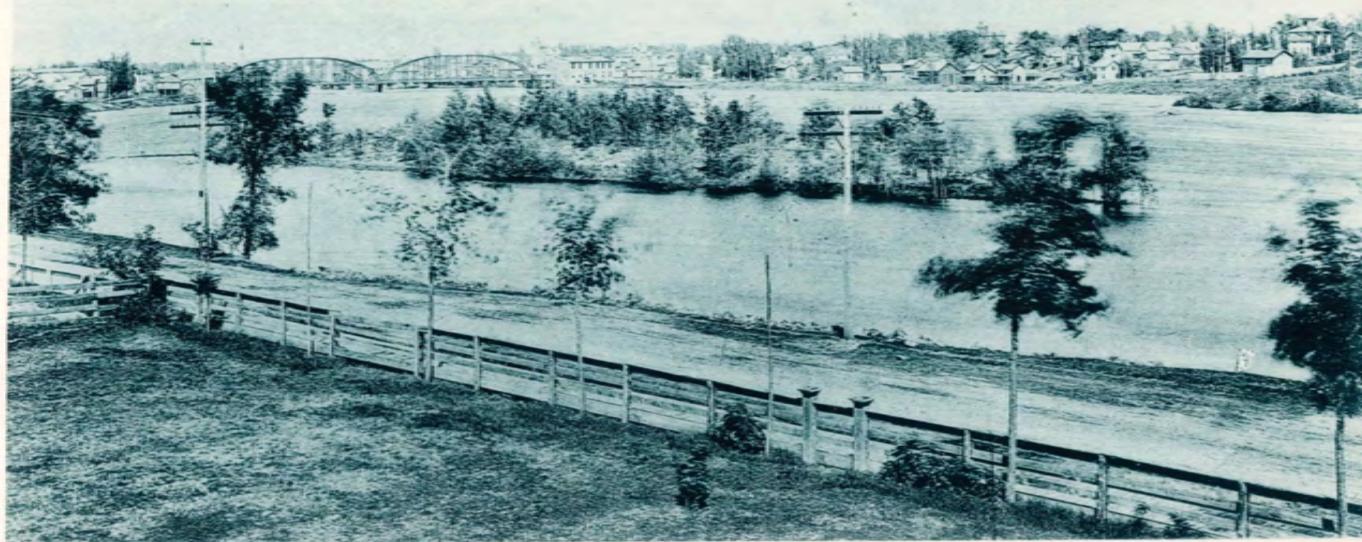
UPSTREAM FROM NEEVES' DAM--RIGHT BANK.



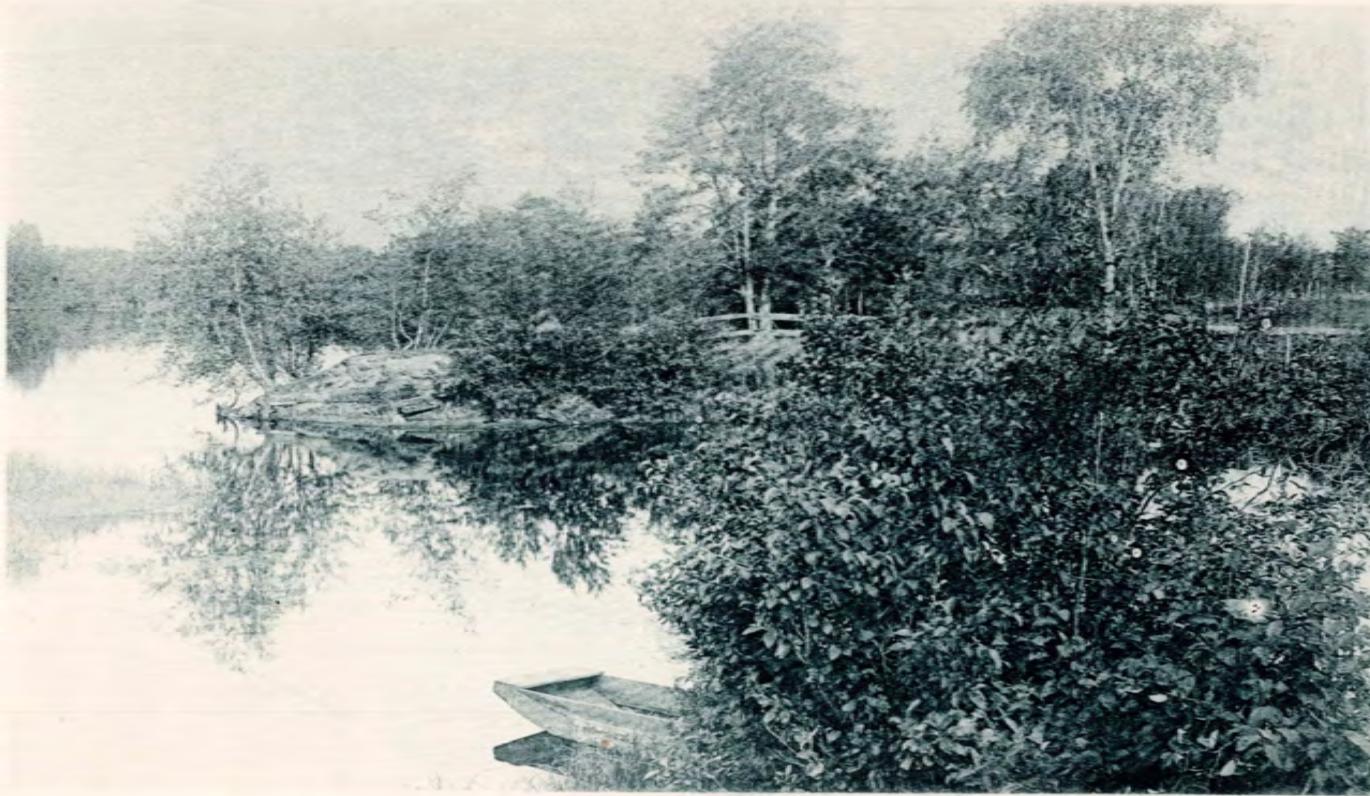
NEKOOSA PAPER COMPANY--REAR VIEW.



JOHN EDWARDS M'F'G COMPANY'S OLD SAW MILL--PRESENT SITE OF NEW PAPER MILL.



UP RIVER FROM RESIDENCE OF EX-MAYOR JOHNSON.



PLEASANT POINT.



ABOVE FOUNDRY ISLAND.



A WARM MORNING.



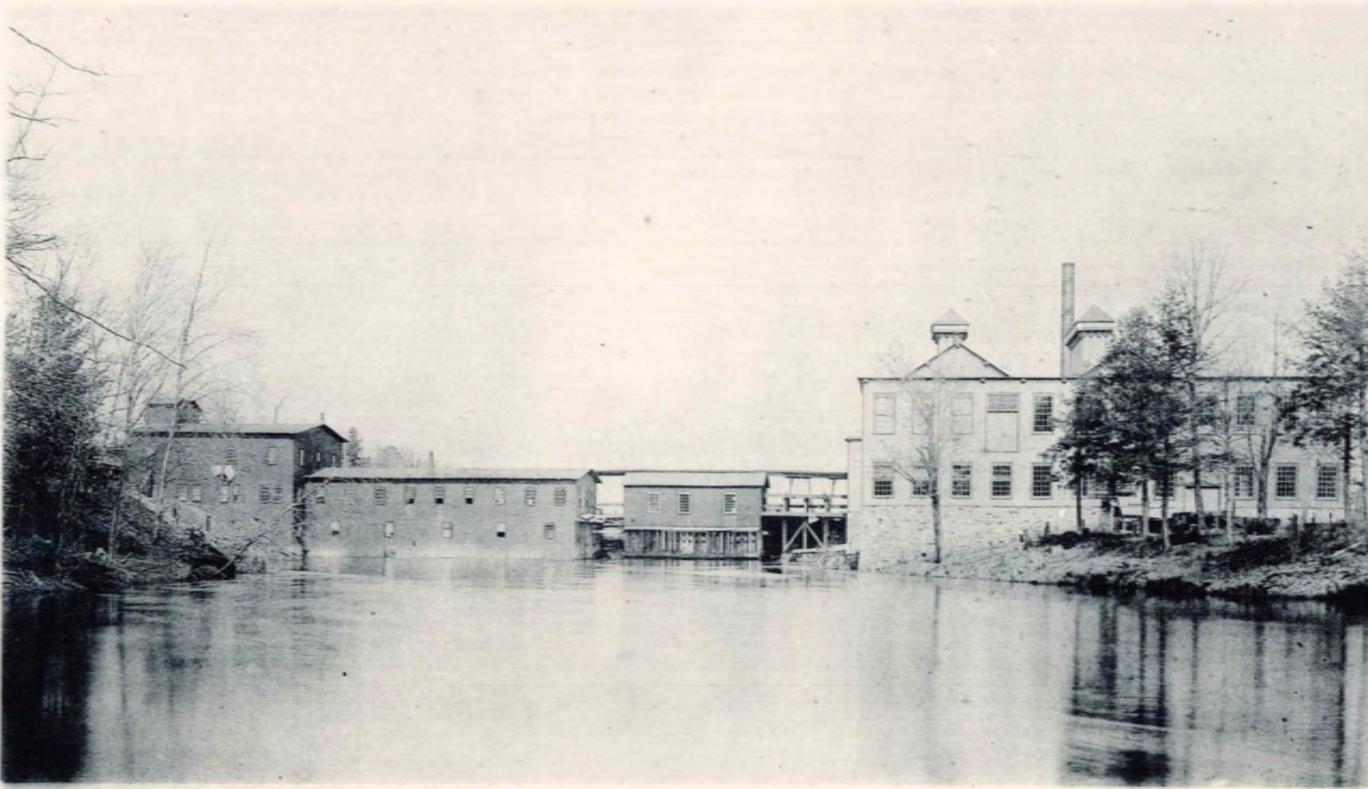
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JOHN EDWARDS MANUFACTURING COMPANY--IN CONSTRUCTION.



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BIRON SAW MILL--REMOVED BY GRAND RAPIDS PULP & PAPER COMPANY.



FORENOON SPORT AT "CAMP BIRON"--42 SMALL MOUTH BLACK BASS.



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