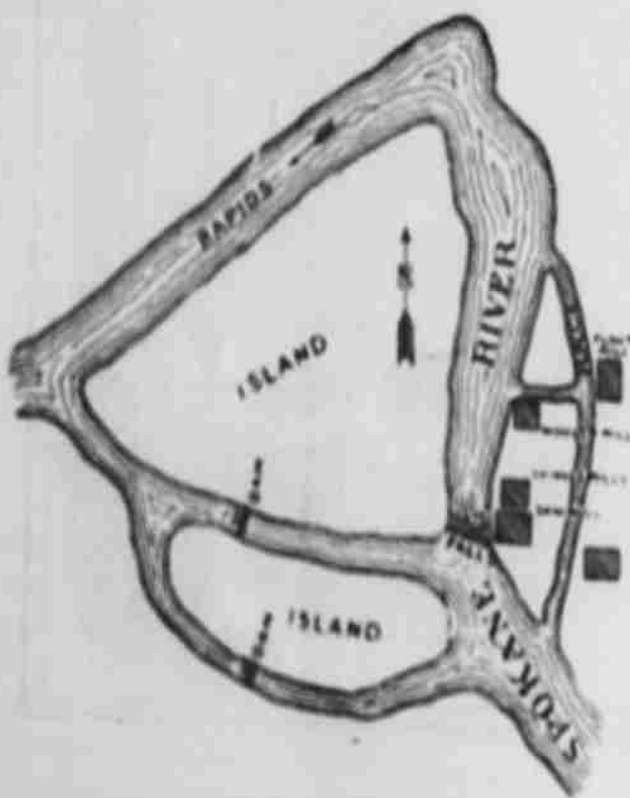


surpassed, and the tillable soil is, for the most part, a deep alluvium, with a mixture of volcanic ash in some places that gives it inexhaustible strength. The moisture is ample for the production of all ordinary crops without irrigation. Grains, common fruits and vegetables find no more congenial conditions of soil or climate than exist in the region drained by the Spokane river.

All the travel to and from the Cœur d'Alene mining region passes through the portion of the Indian reservation that is to be opened. The whole of that charming and remarkable body of water, Lake Cœur d'Alene, lies within the boundaries of the reservation. Those important streams, the Cœur d'Alene, the St. Joseph's and the St. Mary's rivers, flow through it to empty into the lake. They are navigable a considerable distance from their mouths, so there is easy communication with the country through which they flow, thus making it an attractive region for settlers. The infinite variety of surface characteristics, the wealth of natural resources, the healthful and delightful climate and rare scenery make that section one of the most attractive for the frugal and industrious.

Outside of the territory to be made available by the opening of the reservation there is a large area of timber and agricultural and mineral land, the products of which must naturally flow to Post Falls. Immediately adjacent to the town the Spokane valley extends a dozen miles north and east, and every foot of the soil is cultivable. It is a good producer of oats and other grains, and the usual farm crops are being raised to supply the active demand that is being created by the operation of manufactories at the farmer's door.



PLAN OF WATER POWER AT POST FALLS.

Another important element is the famous Cœur d'Alene mining region, only a few miles from Post Falls, where it is proposed to erect a smelting plant. The wealth of those mines has been abundantly demonstrated; it has long ceased to be conjectural. With the magnificent resources of Northern Idaho at her door Post Falls can not but enjoy a rapid growth.

The Spokane river receives no tributaries from Lake Cœur d'Alene to Spokane Falls, so at Post Falls the stream has the same volume as at the well known water power below. But the stream is more easily controlled at Post Falls. This makes the power comparatively inexpensive. A channel many hundred feet long is supplied with water from above the falls, and at any point on its course water can be taken for driving the wheels of factories. This is at the main water fall, which is shown herewith, as is also a considerable portion of the canal. The river, however, is divided by a rocky island having an area of, probably, 160 acres, and the south as well as the north channel has good water power privileges as yet unimproved.

The Spokane & Idaho railway, leaving the main line of the Northern Pacific at Hauser junction, only four miles distant from Post Falls, is now in operation, and the cut-off, in progress of construction to Missoula, Montana, will make the line via Post Falls the main line. A company called the Spokane, Post Falls & Eastern has been organized, with \$5,000,000 capital, to build a railway east from Spokane Falls to Post Falls and across the Idaho Panhandle to Western Montana. There is a likelihood that the Great Northern will touch Post Falls on its way to the seaboard. At any rate there are no doubts that the town will have good railway service, and there will be roads enough to make competition brisk. There is free water navigation from Post Falls to all points on Lake Cœur d'Alene and for many miles up the courses of the Cœur d'Alene, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's rivers.

Post Falls has good hotel accommodations; it has one of the largest hotels in Idaho. The town has a public school and church privileges. It has two newspapers—the *Post*, which started with the town and is a live local paper, and a new publication, the *Panhandle*. It has a daily mail and telephone and telegraph communication with the outside world. In a few days pressed bricks will be manufactured there and then the buildings will take a more substantial character, though all the present frame structures are neat and comfortable.

The town is not crowded together. Its streets are wide and in good condition. It is a town well worth visiting for the spirit of intelligent enterprise that is everywhere apparent and for the remarkable growth that it is experiencing. And travelers who go to Post Falls make their visit a very profitable one.