

Valuable mines, too, are now being worked in comparatively new townships in the rear, rich in mineral wealth, and the commercial interests of the city are growing large and more prosperous. Several foundries, locomotive and car works, a hosiery and cotton mill and various smaller factories give employment to many employees, and increase the business and importance of the city. The population however has been stationary as compared with many newer places, remaining for a number of years past at 14,000 or 15,000 and not yet having passed much beyond the latter limit.

Kingston as an Educational Centre.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

It is rather as an educational than as a commercial centre, however, that Kingston boasts its highest claims to consideration. Queen's University, whose handsome buildings form one of its architectural adornments, is one of the oldest Universities in Canada. It was established by royal charter in 1844, in connection with the Church of Scotland in Canada, which eventually became the Canadian Presbyterian Church. It is however undenominational in its character, though it has in connection with it a theological school for the Presbyterian Church. Its beginning was small, and though it has done good work for the country, it has had little aid from the public purse. Through the energy of its friends, however,—especially of Dr. Grant, its present esteemed Principal,—and the generosity of many private individuals, it has now a large and growing endowment, urgently needed to keep abreast of the educational demands of the age. The staff of professors is being increased from year to year, and a new school of science will shortly be in operation. The building for this is to be the gift of John Carruthers, Esq., and the handsome edifice in which the Arts and Theological Departments are housed was erected by the voluntary contributions of Kingston citizens, who have repeatedly shown, in a substantial form, their warm appreciation of the institution and the benefits which its presence confers on the city. Its roll annually numbers some three hundred students, and these, with the students of the Business College, and the cadets of the Royal Military College make a considerable addition to the population of the city. Queen's University has an able staff of professors, a progressive Principal of well known ability and established reputation, and a long and honorable roll of graduates. Among its honorary graduates are the present Premiers of the Dominion and Ontario, both of whom were Kingston boys, educated in Kingston, previous, however, to the establishment of the University.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons stands close by the University building and is affiliated with it. Many medical graduates pass yearly out of its halls. A Ladies' Medical College also flourishes in Kingston