

PARIS.

The Prettiest and Busiest Town in Canada.

The citizens of Paris have every reason to be proud of this native town. If beauty and variety of landscape, broad valleys and limpid streams, stately homes and beautiful decorated lawns, busy factories and mills, peaceful and law abiding citizens constitute an ideal town then Paris certainly stands unsurpassed by any other town in our fair Dominion.

Nestling in the valley of the Grand River, where it is joined by the winding Nith, surrounded by precipitous hills, which offer points of vantage from which the beautiful landscape of the surrounding country may be viewed for many miles, Paris presents a variety of scenery—one of the fairest that ever rejoiced the heart of man.

Crystal streams of spring water gush out at numerous points along the banks of the rivers, hence the town is furnished in many places with a natural supply of spring water, in addition to that afforded by a complete system of waterworks.

Within the limits of the corporation are to be found two mineral springs containing ingredients of medicinal value equal to any mineral spring in Canada. Samples of these waters have been carefully analyzed by experts and pronounced rich in sodium iron, magnesia and other highly beneficial substances usually found in mineral springs elsewhere. The town therefore furnishes every requisite and is destined to be one of the most popular summer resorts of Western Ontario.

The waterworks system of the town is one of the oldest in the Province, having been constructed in the year 1882.

The source of supply is a number of springs situated about two miles from the town. These furnish a never failing supply of beautiful spring water which is pumped by electric power to every part of the town. The main lines of water pipe are over seven miles in length and vary from two to ten inches in diameter. (There are laid 485 water services.) These are nearly all for domestic supply, as river water is largely used for manufacturing purposes.

The system is carefully and economically managed by a Board of Commissioners and will soon become a source of revenue to the town as the debentures for purposes of construction will soon be entirely paid off.

A reservoir is situated on an elevation of 185 feet above the lower town and has a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons, thus providing amply supply when an extra amount is required for fire protection.

In this connection it is but right that a well earned tribute should be paid the thoroughly equipped and efficient fire brigade of the town. It is composed of over 50 members and is supplied with every appliance necessary for fighting a conflagration in any part of the town. For the last three years in succession they have won the championship prize for speed at the annual hose reel races, thus eclipsing all previous records in the Province.

Owing largely to the excellent water supply and natural drainage, the town has been singularly free of all infectious diseases and typhoid fever, that much dreaded disease recurring annually in many centres, is here practically unknown.

The death rate from all causes is much below the average in the Province.

A complete system of electric light is owned and managed by the town. A large power house furnished with the latest and best improved machinery is