

Hamilton Spectator Carnival Souvenir

Retail Merchant Princes

TO bring this interesting record of remarkable development in the city of Hamilton within the past ten or fifteen years to a close without something more than a mere mention of the retail business houses of the city, would be inexcusable. In no phase of the city's development has there been more marked or more apparent progress. It is true that the old boys will be able to find some of the old time retail business stands just as they left them ten, fifteen, twenty, or perhaps thirty years ago. But these old-timers are few and far between, and, in most cases, they are out of the race. To-day this city is becoming noted for its handsome business house fronts. The day of the two by four show window glass has gone, and in its place flourishes the monster plate glass front. In the old days business men didn't appreciate the value of the show window as an advertising medium. To-day the expert window dresser is as necessary to the up-to-date house as is the cashier or any other of the indispensables.

There is a marked difference in the dry goods business. Thomas C. Watkins' mammoth retail store is as modern in its appointments as any metropolitan city store. The same may be said of R. McKay & Co., James Shea, A. B. Kerr, Finch Bros., T. H. Pratt Co., G. W. Robinson, and a host of other stores in the same line, too numerous to mention.

In the Stanley Mills Company, Limited, department store the visitor to the city will find both a store and a stock not to be equaled in any other city in Canada, and surpassed only by the great department stores of the large American cities. This store is one of the sights of the city, along with the Pratt and Robinson department stores, which are both large and interesting to visit.

Hamilton has little to wish for in the way of up-to-date shoe stores. The Cline, Shea, Slater, Gilbert and other shoe stores of the city are of the finest, carrying stocks that will satisfy



WM. MARSHALL
Royal Druggist.



ST. CLAIR BALFOUR
The Balfour Co.



J. C. PERSON
Commercial Oil Co.



H. B. WITTON
Ex-Inspector Gov't Canada.



JOHN E. RIDDELL
Contractor.



HON. JAS. M. SHEPARD
United States Consul, Hamilton.

Possibly in no line of trade has there been a more pronounced development and change than in the grocery business. The magnificent store of Hazell & Son, with those also of Osborne & Co., Bain, Peebles and Carpenter, are revelations to the visitor who has been used to the old idea. The same may be said of the confectionery, the hardware, jewelry and clothing stores, the Oak Hall, Grafton, Fraibick and Hahn Bros. clothing stores being models in that line of business. All of them have the new and advanced idea and are reaping the reward of their enterprise and energy. In all lines there is constant improvement, and Hamilton is to-day a really attractive place in which to do one's shopping.

Hotel Accommodation

THE march of progress in Hamilton during the ten years just past has left its mark upon the hotels of the city. In the old days the Royal Hotel was the leading hostelry because it was the largest. To-day it leads, not only because it is large but because it is beautiful. Since its rejuvenation the Royal has been classed as having one of the finest hotel interiors on the continent. Its equipment is certainly of the most modern sort. The Waldorf hotel on King street east is a decidedly commodious hotel building, and is a popular stopping place for travelers.

The Osborne, Franklin, Commercial, Dominion and American hotels are all large and excellent in appointment, and there are many others.

Among the saloons of the city there are several that are deserving of particular notice. The Crystal, with its cafe and buffet, the Schmidt House, the Brunswick, and many others are fitted out with most extensive interior decoration and high-class appointments.

—Hamilton people are noted the world over for their whole hearted spirit in welcoming and entertaining visitors to their city. That's why strangers always feel at home in Hamilton.



RESIDENCE OF S. O. GREFENING, JACKSON ST. WEST



"ELNETH," RESIDENCE OF MRS. WM. CAREY, HERKIMER ST.