

Blatchford's & Co's Organs

HAVE WON FAVOR WHEREVER THEY
HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

A SOLID AND PROMISING INDUSTRY.



Among the men who have responded to the increased demand for superior musical instruments, Mr. G. Blatchford, of Elora, deserves honorable mention. Mr. Blatchford is a gentleman of very long experience in the musical instrument trade, and not only so, but his experience extends over a very wide range, giving him advantages in his line which otherwise he would not possess. In establishing the G. Blatchford & Co's factory in Elora, he exhibited shrewd knowledge and business-like tact. The country around Elora, as is well known, is singularly blessed both by nature and Providence; and especially adapted for the success of any large undertaking of this nature, which might be set on foot.

Mr. Blatchford established this business two years ago under the name of G. Blatchford & Co. The building itself is in a particularly fine situation, showing no small skill and wisdom in the selection of the site. The size of the building is commensurate with the great success of the undertaking, being a handsome structure two stories high, and measuring 43x120 feet. In addition to this are a boiler-house and dry-kiln 18x25.

The whole is constructed of solid stone work, with a handsome brick front and a galvanized iron roof. A visit through this factory would well repay any one. The whole building is handsomely equipped in all its branches. It is fitted up with the very latest and most improved machinery, and every detail of each department is arranged with a view to the quick and ready dispatch of business, and the best facilities for the production of a first-class article. In speaking of the

machinery, we cannot fail to mention the fine-proof apparatus with which the factory is equipped. In an establishment which gives employment to a number of hands the arrangements for the rapid extinguishing of fire is a great desideratum.

The organs which are placed on the market meet with a ready sale. Blatchford's Resonant Chamber Organ is an invention of Mr. Blatchford's, and is the outcome of twenty years experience in catering to the public taste.

In going through the different departments of this beautifully arranged factory we see the manufacturing of the organ in all its stages. From first to last this is an exhibition of workmanship and skill which to the visitor is a valuable education. All kinds of men are here employed and all have to be first-class mechanics in their particular line, whether they are cabinet makers, carpenters, polishers, or what not. Organs are made for parlors and churches, of any size, to suit the requirement of the trade. No instrument is allowed to leave the factory without being duly tested and examined by skilled experts, who have become proficient in this business from a long and steady acquaintance with the subject. Some idea of the extent of the business may be formed when we state that the output amounts to 600 organs per year. As has been before stated the trade extends throughout the whole Dominion.

In establishing a business in Elora which has assumed such proportions as this has, Mr. Blatchford has conferred lasting benefit on the town and county. In setting up such a large establishment Mr. Blatchford proved himself to be a wise and far-seeing prophet, as to the probable success of his business in the future. His hopes were high, and they have been fully realized. He deserves to the full all the respect and esteem which his friends and patrons so willingly bestow on him.

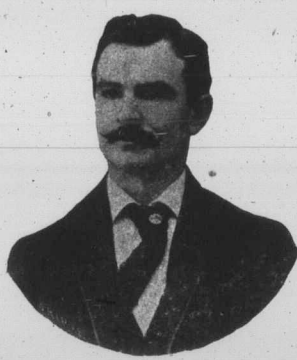
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Popular Tom Biggar

HE MAKES EVERYBODY COMFORTABLE AT THE
COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

A CHEERY, WELL-EQUIPPED HOUSE



It is the history of all cities and towns of any pretension, that their hotels figure in their growth and prosperity, and Elora is by no means an exception to this rule. To her hotels is due much of the popularity which she now enjoys among the travelling public. This end has been brought about in a large degree by the excellence of the Commercial hotel, a three story stone structure, lately renovated and almost completely refurnished, to which has lately been added the only water works and sewer-

age system that Elora enjoys. The hotel contains about fifty well-lighted, airy rooms, tastefully furnished, and kept scrupulously clean. The main office, bar, reading and dining rooms are on the first floor, while on the second floor are the parlors, which continue to the third floor. The dining room is made the chief attraction of this house, the proprietor believing that the "way to a man's heart is by the stomach

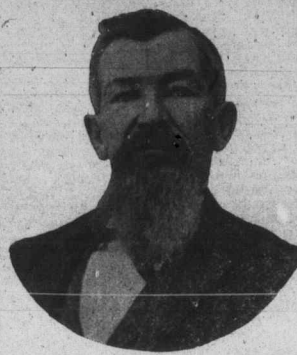


able manhood and loyal citizenship that so predominated in the father is reflected in the son. He is imbued with every characteristic of the successful boniface as is shown by the unrivalled success of his house. An energetic, hard-working, progressive citizen and genial host, he has made a most creditable success of the hotel business financially and otherwise, while enjoying the respect, confidence and esteem of the entire community.

Mine Host Dalby

A GENIAL GENTLEMAN
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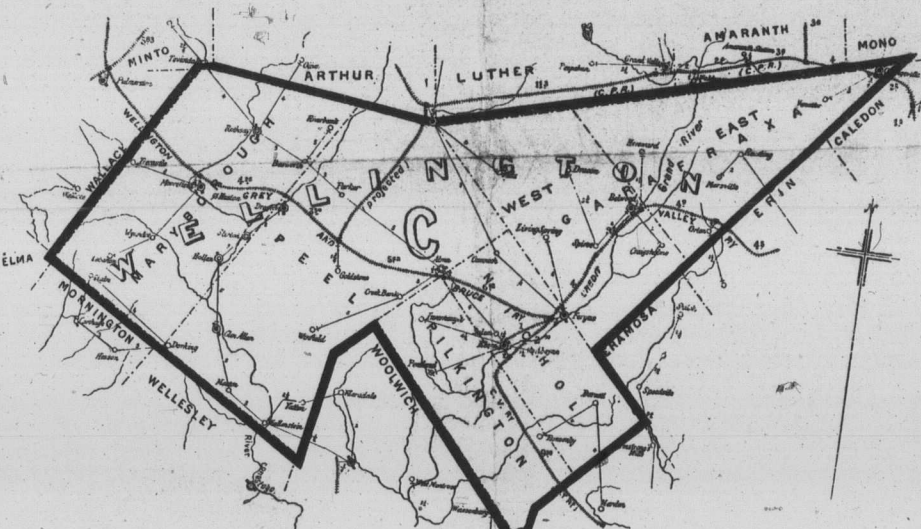
Prominent in Elora, as one of the leading hotels, is the Dalby house. Mr. Dalby has conducted this hotel for the past twenty years. The first floor is taken up by the office, dining room, baggage room, smoking room, and bar arranged in every respect. The dining room is tastefully finished and well lighted, and will seat over thirty guests at a time. The bar is well stocked with a fine lot of wines, liquors and cigars. On the second and third floors are elegant parlors and sleeping rooms, giving accommodation to about one hundred guests. The building is constructed with a view to comfort and convenience throughout. It is tastefully finished and kept scrupulously clean. The Dalby house is situated in the business centre of Elora, in the building known as the Dalby Block.

Personally Mr. Dalby is a genial host, esteemed by all who know him. He is ever watchful of his guests' comfort, and so makes his house a great favorite.

W. F. BASTENDORF HAS BUILT UP A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS.**ARE THE MEATS SUPPLIED BY JNO. B. BURNETT, BUTCHER.**

One of the establishments where the juiciest steaks, sweetest cutlets and nicest chops are obtained is at the market of John B. Burnett, located opposite the Commercial hotel. Although this business has only been lately under the control of Mr. Burnett, it has already attained a large trade through the excellence of the meats offered, as only the best cuts of beef, pork, mutton, lamb and veal in fresh meats and a full line of salt and smoked meats, are served to customers. In fact, quality, cleanliness and prompt delivery is the motto of this establishment. Mr. Burnett is an enterprising merchant. Ever affable, he rapidly makes friends, whom

he retains by his characteristics of probity and equity.



ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CENTRE WELLINGTON.
Population, Census of 1891, 23,387.

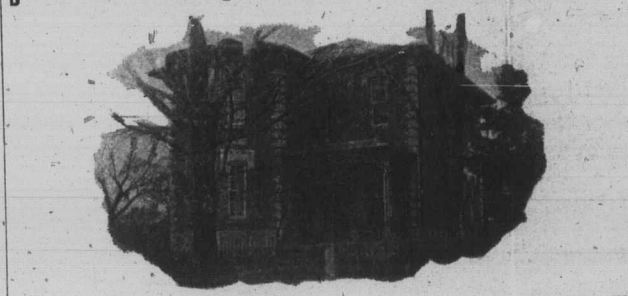
Among the most attractive and best stocked stores in this line in Elora is that of Mr. W. F. Bastendorf. He occupies a well-managed store room, and the tables are always laden with the most tempting display of the latest novelties and most attractive goods in his line. Mr. Bastendorf has only been in business four months, but is already doing a prosperous trade. Fashionable young men can always be fitted out at this popular place in the most complete and stylish manner. He employs the most skilled workmen and warrants neat fits. He turns out only the very best garments, made in the most thoroughly workmanlike styles. Mr. Bastendorf is a gentleman of energy and agreeable manners, which, with his extensive acquaintance in the community, is rapidly increasing his business.



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John Godfrey & Son

DO AN
EXTENSIVE BUSINESS IN
BOOTS AND SHOES.



Prominent in Elora as a well-conducted and well stocked establishment devoted to the sale of boots and shoes is that of Messrs. John Godfrey & Son, whose premises are centrally located in the Godfrey Block, and where can be found boots and shoes of all the different lasts, from those that will fit the tiniest lady's foot to the broadest for heavy wear, and in all cases made from the best material in the most workmanlike manner. In fact, only the most popular and best manufactures

Fergus, Past and Present

SETTLED BY A STURDY, INDUSTRIOUS AND
PROGRESSIVE CLASS OF PEOPLE.

* It Has Made Substantial Progress *

A GLIMPSE AT ITS HISTORY, AND THE MEN AND
INDUSTRIES THAT FIGURE THEREIN.

It may perhaps be fairly said that the year 1856 marked the foundation of the town of Fergus. At that date it was surveyed and laid out, though long before that there were a few property holders in the same location. To take a birdseye view of Fergus, we find it nestled in a valley, well watered by the Grand River, whose rocks form an important part of the scenery, and the waters of which are utilized by which mills and factories. The situation is one that is both pleasant and salubrious. In fact, there are few towns so free from epidemics, the largest one known having taken place in the year 1849, when four deaths resulted from cholera. The measures taken, by the early settlers to disinfect the place were at once drastic and effective, and this was to burn the houses of those who had died of the disease. The names of the victims to this disease are yet extant, and are remembered in history as Wicklow, Paxton, Low and a Highland emigrant, name unknown. The early settlers around Fergus were chiefly Highlanders, who brought from their native heath the enthusiasm and courage necessary for the formation of a new country. Two distilleries were built by early settlers and dedicated to the making of genuine Usquebaugh. The proprietors did not stay long enough to inculcate into the minds of the people the necessity of this product of the hills, but emigrated farther north, and the once prosperous distilleries are now in ruins on the banks of the Grand.

In 1856 the property of the town was in the hands of three men, Mr. Webster, Mr. Buist, and Mr. Fergusson. Fergus is named after the late Hon. Adam Fergusson, one of its first settlers, father of the late Geo. D. and Jas. Fergusson. The former died this summer, leaving a very picturesque

McQueen, postmaster, Mrs. Foote, sr., Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Smellie, and Mr. and Mrs. William Pattison.

Fergus has now 1,700 inhabitants, and an idea of its present prosperity may be gathered from the fact that it is well-nigh impossible to rent a house near the town. There are no empty buildings or houses to let. There are two Presbyterian churches, a Methodist church and Roman Catholic. The Church of England opened and dedicated their church only last month. We must not forget to mention also the old Congregational church, and the Branch of Plymouth Brethren. Thus from a religious point of view Fergus is indeed well furnished with the "means of grace." Societies too are well represented, numbering among others, the Masonic, the Oddfellows, the Independent Order of Foresters, the Royal Templars of Temperance, the C.M.B.A., the W.C.T.U., and the Select Knights of Canada. This sketch of Fergus, past and present, meagre as it is, serves to bring to the light of day some noble deeds and undertakings, the authors of which would have buried them in unostentatious oblivion, but if the outpouring avowal of such things will in any way serve to stimulate the younger generation with fresh energy and courage these brief records of well-lived lives and memorable events will not have been written in vain.

Goldsmith Hall

A BUSINESS WITH A
QUARTER OF CENTURY'S
SUCCESSFUL HISTORY.



Marshall Block, Fergus.

No history of the town of Fergus would be complete without reference to Goldsmith Hall, located in the Marshall Block. Mr. Marshall started this business about 25 years ago, and has achieved a success which is highly gratifying. The premises are most centrally situated, elegantly fitted up, and are filled with a large and expensive stock of goods, which present an appearance that is unsurpassed.

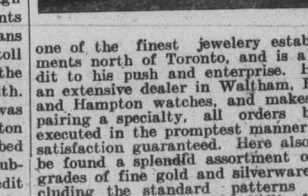
Since the location in the present premises 9 years ago, his patronage has annually increased, until he has assumed very large proportions. His moderate charges, liberality, and straightforward system of doing business, have won for him the esteem and confidence of the public. His store is undoubtedly



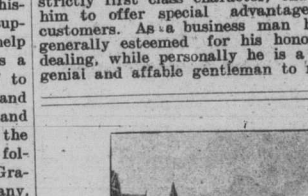
one of the finest jewelry establishments north of Toronto, and is a credit to his push and enterprise. He is an extensive dealer in Wallham, Elgin and Hampton watches, and makes repairing a specialty, all orders being executed in the promptest manner, and satisfaction guaranteed. Here also can be found a splendid assortment of all grades of fine gold and silverware, including the standard patterns and original styles. Mr. Marshall's facilities for transacting business are of a strictly first class character, enabling him to offer special advantages to customers. As a business man he is generally esteemed for his honorable dealing, while personally he is a most genial and affable gentleman to meet.



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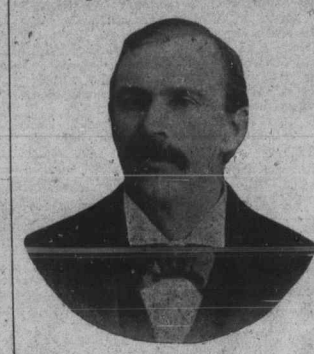
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Neat and Comfortable

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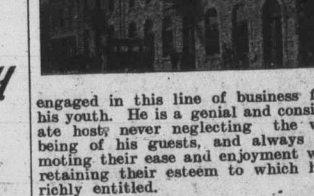
Fergus is splendidly equipped with hotels, but there is no better conducted or more comfortable house in the village than the well-known and popular Commercial, situated on St. Andrew street. This hotel is large and commodious, embracing three stories and a basement, and is the best constructed hotel building in the village.

It was recently remodelled and refitted throughout and has been furnished in the neatest and most comfortable manner. The bedrooms, of which there are 85 for the accommodation of guests are large and roomy and well-lighted. The house is fitted up with all the latest modern improvements and conveniences and the bar is stocked with an assortment of the best wines, liquors and cigars.

The dining room is large and spacious and the table is of the finest, laden with all the delicacies of the market and season, cooked in a most palatable manner. Mr. Couse making this a feature of the house.

As a stopping place for travellers, or a permanent home for families, we can warmly recommend the Commercial for pleasure and comfort.

The proprietor, Mr. Herbert Couse, is an experienced hotel man, having been



engaged in this line of business from his youth. He is a genial and considerate host, never neglecting the well-being of his guests, and always promoting their ease and enjoyment while retaining their esteem to which he is richly entitled.

Fine Monuments...

EXECUTED AT THE
FERGUS MARBLE AND
GRANITE WORKS.

In a historical review of the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Fergus, special mention is due to these industries which add to the commercial resources and capacity of the city, and which furnish a field for the employment of skilled labour.

In this connection the Fergus Granite and Marble Works are deserving of a leading place among our noted and thriving enterprises. These are the only works of the kind in the town, and were established in 1859 by Mr. John Alpaugh. Since its inception the business has enjoyed a successful career, though the remarkably healthy climate of the place has kept down the demand for monuments.

Mr. Alpaugh, however, has displayed marked ability in well-directed efforts to build up a large trade and has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations. The works are equipped with the most approved appliances, and the work turned out is unequalled for beauty and originality of design, superiority of finish and workmanship.

The manufactures embrace monuments, headstones, mantels, marble tops, &c., including every kind of granite and marble, such as Red, Swede Granite, Scotch Red and Grey Granite, Red Labrador, Emerald Pearl, Canadian Red Grey, Blue and White Marble, and Governor Marbles.

The facilities of the firm for transacting business are of an unusually complete character; and as the firm employ five men, they are enabled to execute all orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner.

Personally, Mr. Alpaugh is a most affable and genial gentleman to meet, and standing deservedly high in both social and commercial circles.

Mr. Miller's Studio

THE PLACE WHERE LIFE LIKE
AND WELL FINISHED
PORTRAITS ARE MADE.

In giving a history of the industries, mercantile and otherwise, of Fergus, due mention must be made of a profession which reproduces to us in art the familiar faces and events, which would otherwise be effaced from memory and "leave not a wrack behind."

Mr. A. T. Miller is a worthy representative of that art, which is no longer in its infancy, but which is just in its prime. In his studio are specimens of his own conception, which are clearly forerunners of what may be expected in the future from a master hand like his. Every year inventions in the art are being found out, and in Mr. Miller Fergus has a man who has all the ability and interest in his studio to follow up the development of the art of photography to its farthest limits.



ST. ANDREW STREET, FERGUS-LOOKING WEST.