THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER

A PROGRESSIVE AND BUSY MANUFACTURING CENTRE.

Not Yet Incorporated But Having a Population of Over 1300—Its Clean Appearance—Substantial Buildings—The Several Churches, Institutions, etc—Public Officers—Will-to-do-Business Men.

It is a noticeable fact that wherever there is a considerable German element, you are sure to find a prosperous and busy manufacturing town. Hanover is no exception. Many of its citizens are Germans, or of German origin, and the indications are that in time they will make the place a second Berlin. Even now there are industries which Berlin itself would be proud of, and others are being established by the citizens themselves. They do not wait for something to come along, but go to work, form a joint stock company perhaps, and shortly there is a large and flourishing industry.

Though Hanover has an established population of 1300 it is not incorporated, the reason being that the village is partly in Grey and partly in Bruce, and up to the present time circumstances have been such that the citizens do not think it advisable to make any change. The village is situated on the Saugeen River and on the Lake Erie & Georgian Bay branch of the G. T. R. 30 miles south of Owen Sound and 6 east of Walkerton, and for substantial buildings and clean and prosperous appearance will take a high rank among the villages of the Province. White brick manufactured in the village is used almost exclusively for building material. The surrounding country is a superior agricultural one, and is noted for advanced farming and fine stock. Some of the finest trotting horses in Canada are owned here. The exports consist of lumber, telegraph poles, grain, cattle, horses, and the manufactures of the village, among which furniture takes the most prominent place.

The neighborhood was settled in 1852, and the village plot laid out by the late H. P. Adams in 1857. Its growth has been steady and continuous, and, chiefly owing to its manufactures, is one of the thriving places in the Province today. Its religious, educational and institutions generally show an advanced public sentiment. There are 9 churches, 7 of them being substantial brick buildings, and respectively represent the following denominations: Church of England, Presbyterian, United Brethren, Lutheran (2), Methodist (2), Baptist (2). There is also a Mennonite body.

The school house is a good brick building, in which 4 teachers are employed, J. McCool being the efficient headmaster. The Mechanics' Institute is in a flourishing condition and is well patronized. The press is represented by The Post, an eight-page well conducted journal, published by John Mitchell. A brass band and several of the societies are some of the local institutions. It is headquarters for the Bentinck Agricultural Society, and very successful annual fairs are held. The right kind of spirit seems to pervade the people, which is the best guarantee for the future progress and prosperity of the place.

The following are the representative business houses:

Drs. Lauderkin & Hay,
physicians and surgeons. Dr. Hay can be consulted in English or German. Dr. G. Lauderkin has been practising in Hanover 27 years, and is coroner for the county of Grey. He is M.P. for South Grey, and his name is familiar throughout the Dominion. He displaced George Jackson in 1872, was again elected in 1874, defeated in 1878, again elected in 1882 and in 1886. It is interesting to notice that in the contest between Blyth and Irving, before the gerrymander, 1806 votes were cast for Blyth, being a majority over his opponent of 227. In the same riding the Doctor polled 1970, or 164 more votes than the Conservative member for the Local House received. The Doctor appears to be a popular man throughout the riding.

J. Hall,
chemist and druggist, keeps a full stock of drugs and medicines, and is also a careful dispenser of prescriptions. Books, stationery, wall paper, fancy goods, spectacles, watches, clocks and general jewelry will be found in sufficient variety to meet every demand. A specialty is made of watch repairing. The office of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company is in his store.

W. H. Goodeve,
chemist and druggist, has an attractive corner store, well supplied with drugs, medicines and everything in the line. There is a stationery department and the central office for the Bell Telephone is in his store. He is agent for the C.P.R., and also agent for the daily newspapers.

R. H. Miller,
land, loan and insurance agent, notary public and conveyancer, loans money, buys and sells land, and takes special interest in collection of old accounts and "hard" claims, and having had several years' experience in a Division Court office thoroughly understands the part of the business. He is also a very reliable land valuator and does a considerable business for the Can. Per. Loan & Savings Co.

E. A. Goodeve
has been doing business since 1861 and is one of the oldest established in town. He has a double store and carries a large stock of staple and fancy dry goods, clothing, gen's' furnishings, boots and shoes, fancy goods, groceries and crockery. The aim is evidently to keep a complete assortment of the best goods and to sell at moderate prices. He buys direct from first hands and is in a position to do well by his customers. Mr. Goodeve is also a J.P. for the county.

D. Kuechtel & Co.
are extensive produce dealers, and also are proprietors of a large general store, in which will be found at all times an extensive stock of dry goods, clothing, boys' suits, groceries, crockery, &c.

Disney, Devlin & Co.
are contractors and builders and proprietors of a planing mill, door and sash factory, and have a foundry in connection and manufacture plows, straw cutters, land rollers, root cutters, harrows, and do all kinds of repairing. The premises are white brick and occupy 1½ acres. 30 hands are employed.

McNally & Adams,
bankers, have been established 8 years and transact a general banking business, notes discounted, collections made and drafts issued on all points.

Reid House,
Val. Kirchner, proprietor, is a 2-story white brick hotel of handsome design, and one of the largest and best appointed in the northern counties. Since the hot 1 was purchased by the present proprietor two years ago it has been enlarged, remodeled, finished in the most tasteful manner, and elegantly furnished throughout. Among the modern improvements is a system of private waterworks. There are 30 bedrooms; large sample rooms, and every accommodation required by the traveling public.

Hanover Furniture and Undertaking Co.
have white brick premises 44x100 ft. 3 stories high, equipped with the best machinery, and manufacture furniture, coffins and caskets. They have also a saw mill adjoining and manufacture lumber of all kinds, shingles, lathes, etc. They buy logs, do custom work, and do a large business generally. The motive power is water from the Saugeen River.

Hanover Felt Boot and Shoe Works,
D. Kuechtel, proprietor, manufacture felt boots and shoes, socks and leather goods of all kinds. This factory has been in operation 5 years, and has a wide reputation for turning out superior goods at reasonable prices. The premises are white brick and very extensive.

The Knechtel Furniture Co.
This firm employ 130 hands, and carry on the most important industry in this section of country. The premises are built of white brick 3 stories high, the main building being 330x50 feet, with a dry kiln 70 feet. An 85 horse power engine drives the works, and there are three large boilers for engine and heating. A band saw mill is in connection. They manufacture all kinds of furniture, including chairs, bedsteads, bedroom suites, sideboards, tables, etc., and do a wholesale shipping to points east to Halifax and westward to Vancouver. The factory has been 15 years in operation and is constantly increasing its output.

Dr. W. A. Hearns
has been practising eight years and has a large practice. He is a graduate of Toronto University and Trinity, and gold medalist of the graduating class of 1881. He is a promoter of and interested in the new furniture factory and an enterprising citizen.

Hanover Woolen Mills,
Jacob Messanger, proprietor, is a one-set mill with 4 looms and is propelled by water power, the head at this point on the Saugeen being 18 feet. The manufactures are tweeds, flannels, grey and white blankets and all kinds of yarns. The goods manufactured here have a high standing in the markets and find a ready sale. Custom carding, filling and manufacturing are also done.

The Scarborough House.
F. W. Ernest, proprietor, is a white brick two-story hotel 30 x 40 ft., in first-class order and furnished in the best of style. It comprises 21 bedrooms together with parlors, sitting rooms, and three large sample rooms. The table and attendance are all that could be desired, and a bus meets all trains. Livery in connection.

West End Boot and Shoe Store,
H. A. Luesing, proprietor, is opposite the Queen's Hotel, and though not a very old establishment, has captured a good share of the trade. In addition to a full line of boots and shoes, comprising all kinds from men's long boots to children's kids, a good stock of trunks, valises and satchels is constantly kept on hand. He also makes to order, guaranteeing satisfaction, and attends promptly to repairing.

A. Hammel,
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R. F. Boyd
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Queen's Hotel,
William Winkler, proprietor, is another hotel, brick, 2-story, fitted and furnished in a superior manner, and offers excellent accommodation. Commodious sample rooms, good table, and the bar supplied with the best that money can procure. Good stabling and every attention. Also, Durham & Walkerton stage office.

The Central Boot & Shoe Store,
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