PETROLIA THE OIL CITY.

A VISIT TO THIS INTERESTING COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

Headquarters for Coal Oil—Wonderful Development—Facts About the Petroleum Production—Business Stores and Modern Equipments of this Progressive Town.

THE TRAVELER MAY VISIT the majority of the cities and towns in the Dominion and think he has got all the practical knowledge of the country that keen powers of observation can give him, but if he fails to visit Petrolia he is still ignorant of one of the most interesting commercial pursuits in the world. This being the headquarters for coal oil, the industry is here seen in its highest state of development. Petroleum is the pivot round which everything centres, and everyone is more or less interested in its production. It is a striking fact that the intelligence and inventive genius of many of the citizens have devised such perfect machinery for carrying on this industry with safety, expedition and profit that orders for outfits come from all parts of the world where mining or well-boring is engaged in.

The town is in the township of Enniskillen, county of Lambton, on Bear Creek, a tributary of the Sydenham River, and is the terminus of the Petrolia branch of the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk Railway, and of the Canada division of the Michigan Central. It is 16 miles southeast of Sarnia, the county town, and 160 from Toronto. It was incorporated as a village in 1866, and up to this time had no particular history other than that of all early settlements. The finding of oil started it on a career of prosperity and it has grown and prospered ever since. In 1874 it was incorporated as a town, and improvements ever since have kept pace with the increase in population.

The town of to-day has a clean, tasteful, substantial and progressive look. The principal streets are block-paved and have good sidewalks, and Petrolia-street, in which are the principal business marts, would be a credit to any city in the Dominion. Among the fine blocks are the Masonic Temple, a white brick 3-story building, in which are the Postoffice and three stores. The Oddfellows and Dr. Mearns have fine buildings, and among the others those known as "Lancey's Folly," Vaughan's, Watson's, McKay's, Archer's, Alley, and Union deserve special mention.

Not to be behind any progressive town in modern equipments, the Petrolia Electric Light Company has been organized, and King Coal Oil will have in a measure to bow down before the latest development of that wonderful element which Franklin drew from the clouds with his kite. Waterworks are also projected, and whether to bring the water direct from the St. Clair, or by artesian wells, is under discussion, and thus far without any definite conclusion. Two test wells were put down last year, and from these, it is said, an unlimited supply can be pumped.

The Town Hall has just been finished, at a cost of $35,000, and is one of the best designed and most handsome public buildings in Western Ontario. It is a white brick structure, 72 x 108 feet, 2 stories with basement, and surmounted by a tower of fine architectural design and in harmony with the building. The fittings throughout are of the most superb kind and the accommodation is of a very comprehensive nature. The room deserving of the best attention is the hall, constructed in opera house style, beautifully frescoed and decorated, with large stage proscenium boxes and magnificent drop curtains, and is furnished with 1000 opera chairs. The council chamber is another elegant room, and independent of the accommodation required by the council is seated for 200 visitors. This is used for the Police Court and as a Division Court room. There are rooms for the town officials a fire station and all the equipments. In the fire station are two steam fire engines—a Silsby and a Shand Mason English steamer, a brake engine, hook and ladder apparatus, half a dozen hose carts, and all other necessary appurtenances. It may be noticed that the hall is provided with iron galleries at certain places, from which there are iron stairs intended as fire escapes. It is heated with steam throughout and lighted with gas.

The assessment roll of 1888 shows a population of 4092 and a total assessment of $1,045,010. The officers of the corporation for the current year are as follows: Dr. Mearns, Mayor; O. W. Simmons, Reeve: S. Stokes, Deputy-Reeve; Councillors—H. Wilson, Harrison Corey, W. A. Wilson, J. C. Duncan, S. J. Morwood, D. B. Mills, W. A. Reynolds and Jacob Boozey, Geo. S. McPherson is Town Clerk.

The town is well supplied with churches, the English church and Roman Catholic buildings being handsome white brick structures of superior architecture, with graceful spires. The Presbyterians are erecting a new one in keeping with the town and the increasing wealth and numbers in the church. Methodists and Baptists have frame churches, the Methodist church building being tastefully designed and surmounted by a spire.

The schools ably represent an age of erudition and culture, and having for years past been in a thorough state of efficiency enjoy a correspondingly high reputation. The High school building is of chaste design, 2 stories with basement, and 4 teachers, all graduates, are employed, J. J. Bell being the Principal. There are 6 public school buildings, and in these 14 teachers comprise the staff. Mr. Woodworth is Headmaster.

There is a good Mechanics Institute and reading room well patronized and in a flourishing condition.

The Petrolia Topic, published by John A. Cook, and The Advertiser, published by R. Herring, voice public opinion and keep the inhabitants posted on current events.

The societies are represented by 2 Lodges of Masons, Oddfellows, Foresters, Orangemen, Workmen, Maccabees and Royal Arcanum. Most of the lodge rooms are commodious, luxuriantly fitted up, and models of convenience for the work.

This is headquarters of the Enniskillen Agricultural Society, and excellent buildings and a driving park of 20 acres are not the least attractive features of the town.

A brass band at times quickens the pulses and makes the air musical with its melodies.

It is said the busy man has the most time for recreation, and here we have an exemplification of this, in the well patronized curling and skating rinks, and the many national amusements engaged in both in the domestic and social circle.

The citizens of Petrolia are an enterprising and liberal minded people, justly proud of their town, and have full confidence in its future. Its growth has not been of the mushroom kind but solid and substantial. The possibility of collapse has long been out of the field of discussion. The oil promises to be a permanent industry and source of wealth, as wells which have been pumped for over 20 years give about the same daily steady supply. The agricultural resources alone, where the land is of the very best and every acre adapted to the growth of all the agricultural products found in the Province, are sufficient to maintain it, even should the oil supply cease, of which there is not the remotest prospect. Manufacturing industries are well represented by foundries and machine shops, boiler works, flour, planing and saw mills, and if there is any room anywhere in the Dominion for further industries in certain lines Petrolia has many advantages to offer. For wooden industries, such as furniture, the raw material is plentiful, the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk Railway compete in freight, and tar for fuel is so cheap as to be merely nominal. The waterworks scheme is sure to go on in one form or other, and this combined with the other advantages make Petrolia one of the best points for manufacturing purposes in the Dominion.

About Oil.

On nearing Petrolia the striking feature in the landscape is the 3860 derricks, which in some directions extend as far as the eye can reach. There are 480 engines used in pumping, one engine often pumping as many as 75 wells, some of them at a distance of a quarter of a mile. There are 8 or 9 refineries in active operation, and over 3000 hands are employed in them and at pumping. The capital invested in the oil industry is estimated at $8,000,000, and the output of refined oil is about 3500 barrels per week. The Grand Trunk Railway have hundreds of oil tank cars, each holding about 40 barrels, to convey the crude oil from the wells to the refineries. For storage purposes underground tanks are constructed, averaging about 30 feet diameter by 50 to 60 feet deep. Each tank holds from 8000 to 10,000 barrels, and the total capacity is over a million barrels.

A visit to the refineries is both instructive and interesting. With W. A. Wilson, one of the town aldermen, as chaperone, we examined the works of the Producers Oil Refining Company and saw the whole process. It is not the complicated nature of the process but the gigantic character of the business that appeals to one's senses. The stills, which hold about 350 barrels each, are charged with crude oil, and distillation commences, the vapor passing through pipes in water to condense. It is next conveyed to the agitator, where it is heated chemically. It then goes to the bleacher, where the process of refining is completed.

The wells average from 450 to 500 feet in depth. Below the oil bed is rock salt. When the salt is struck the bottom is plugged up with seed bags. These bags are like the leg of a top boot, and are filled with flaxseed. They are one of the articles to be found in the shoe stores.

Another extensive establishment where some time could be pleasantly and profitably spent is that of

M. J. Woodward & Co.

Their refinery is devoted to all the products of petroleum, paraffine wax included. Some time ago this firm discovered a process of treating crude petroleum by which the unpleasant smell, so objectionable to the consumer, was removed. The valuable process of desulphurizing the oil brought it into the highest repute, and to-day "Home Lights" and other brands of their illuminants compete successfully in the market with the best product of the American manufacturers. So thoroughly established is the integrity of the refinery for reliable oils that the name of M. J. Woodward & Co. is a sufficient guarantee to the consumer of the superiority of the illuminant he is purchasing. The works were established in 1870, and stand prominent among the oldest and most important of the refineries. They are situated between the lines of the Grand Trunk Railway and Michigan Central, and have direct shipping with each. It has always been the policy of the company to keep up a constant system of experiments, and though much money has been spent in this way the result has been business profit to the firm and great benefits to the petroleum trade generally. It has also added to the national reputation of their products, and largely extended the annual volume of business. Last season their output of refined oil and benzine was 31,458 barrels, lubricating and wool oils 16,246 barrels; gas oil and tar, 29,317 barrels. Of paraffine wax they shipped 200,000 barrels. Besides this there was a large output of other oils for lubricating and fuel purposes, and these summed up will give the reader a fair estimate of the commercial importance of this refining firm. "Home Light," their favorite brand of illuminating oil, last year successfully competed against the best American oils. "Economy," 800 gravity, is an extra quality of Canadian oil and commands a ready sale. "Standard," the third brand of illuminants, is a good average quality, from 802 to 805 gravity. They manufacture a 62° benzine under the new process, which entirely removes the sulphur, for mixing paints and varnishes. A 76° gasoline for vapor stoves and vapor lamps is made, also a 28° paraffine oil of high flash test and viscosity, adapted for light machinery, for wool oils and also for compounding with animal and vegetable oils. They also manufacture red oils of 28°, 25° and 23 gravity, being the best general of light colored lubricating oils on the market, owing to their high flash test and viscosity, and are very suitable for all kinds of heavy and fast running machinery. The 23° gravity grade is non-corrosive and more durable than lard oil. Castorine oil maintains a high viscosity at a high temperature and is well adapted for agricultural and flouring mills. A grade of this oil is also made suitable for heavy machinery, such as pumping engines, rolling mills and steamboat machinery. Saponine wool oil is used for wool greasing and will wash out and scour rapidly. Filtered cylinder oil is adapted to engines of all capacities. Two grades of leather oils are made, one used as a sole leather oil and the other as a finishing oil. Locomotive valve oil is used as a lubricator in locomotive cylinders and marine engines. The "Eclipse" is a superior class of black oil, in good demand for all kinds of machinery. Virginia oil is an oil of 28° gravity and 400 flash test, similar in appearance and superior in lubricating qualities to the imported Virginia black oils. They also manufacture an oil specially suited for the Shipman engine, a torch oil, neutral oils, railway car and coach oils, paraffine wax, petroleum tar and all the by-products of petroleum. They have a 3 years' contract with the Canadian Government for a special brand for the lighthouses. Their lubricants are largely shipped to the United States, where they successfully compete with the best products of the refineries there. In the production of paraffine oil they use an ice machine capable of producing ten tons per day, enabling them to make a perfectly cold test with the most satisfactory results. The remarkable success of this enterprising firm shows that the products of Petrolia can hold their own against the whole world.

Electric Light.

Messrs. Faust & McKee, with the enterprise and energy which characterize a great majority of the business men, are now introducing the electric light, the system being the Reliance of Waterford, a Canadian company which manufacture their own plant. The system has been proved satisfactory in every detail. They are commencing with a 25 light dynamo and additions will be made as justified by the demand. This extension, we imagine, will soon be justified, as at the time of our visit the lights were all taken up; 25 cents per night each till 12 o'clock is the charge, and the corporation pay 30 cents each light to burn all night. This is probably the cheapest quotation for all night lights in the Province. Mr. Faust is general manager of the local electric light company.

W. A. Wilson

is an oil producer, a former resident of Smith's Falls, who came to Petrolia 19 years ago, and by industry, shrewdness and enterprise has become one of the solid men of the place. He has been in the oil business during the past ten years and is the owner of a number of good paying wells. He has been 3 years in the Town Council and is chairman of the Board of Works. He is recognized as a useful practical man in the Council, and as a citizen is much esteemed.

John McMillan

is one of the pioneer refiners, and has always shown himself in everything pertaining to the oil business ahead of the times. He promptly procured the best apparatus as invented, was the first to adopt tank cars and the originator of tar burners for firing stills. His premises cover five acres, and in addition to the various brands of illuminating and lubricating oils, manufactures benzine, gasoline, and immense quantities of paraffine wax. He owns over 80 wells, the products of which are conveyed in pipes direct to the refinery.

D. Hawken,

manufacturer of boots and shoes, has been 8 years in business and is noted for the superior quality of work and material used. He has a large run of the best custom and gives general satisfaction to all his patrons.

Spur & Vigar

have been 4 years before the public as family butchers and have won an excellent reputation for the uniform superior quality of their meats. They are practical men, judges of good stock and know what to buy.

M. H. Wilkinson

is a manufacturer and dealer in choice cigars, having his factory in the east end of the town. His chief brands are the Signal, Belita, Ship-Shape, Rock-and-Rye, 5 cent, and Buds are one of the best 10-cent cigars manufactured. There is ample room for an industry of this kind, and there is no reason why it should not develop into mammoth proportions.

The One Price Store.

T. R. Webb is in a good business location, has a fine store, well fitted up and lighted with the electric light. His store is well stocked with dry goods, the specialties being dress goods and children's clothing. He does business on the principle of giving the best value for the money, and the large business done shows that the public appreciate his idea.

J. Barrett

is an oil producer—proprietor of 25 wells producing 350 barrels per month. He manufactures leather well cups, all sizes, from 1 inch to 4 inches, and is the inventor of a patent valve used in oil wells, and which is destined to become indispensable. Mr. B. has been a resident of the town for 27 years, and is a practical man, with keen powers of observation.

Sign of the British Lion.

H. B. B. Alley is a man of versatile talents, and, his friends affirm, in his early days licked the blarney stone. Be that as it may, he is a successful man of business, owns the shop in which is displayed a large stock of staple and fancy dry goods, and is reputed to sell first-class goods at low prices. Millinery and gents' furnishings are two of his lines, and his specials are hosiery, gloves, neckties, etc. He is a merchant of large experience, and while doing a cash business gives his customers the benefit of his system.

Hugh Smiley

is one of the early settlers, and has seen Petrolia grow out of the bush into the modern town. He is an oil producer, owning 18 wells producing 300 bbls. a month. Every man who had pluck and enterprise enough in the early days to risk every dollar he had has been amply rewarded, and Mr. Smiley is one of these. The whirligig of time and fortune doesn't affect him now.

C. B. Mullen

is a dealer in engines, boilers and wild and improved lands. He has on hand for sale a great variety of machinery, including one of Whitelaw's automatic engines. He is an oil producer of 20 years' experience and is posted in every detail of the business.

McKee & Warwick

are oil producers, and also are proprietors of a brick foundry in which are manufactured steam engines, pumps and fittings of all kinds. This establishment is one of paramount importance and is doing a lucrative business.

Cheap Cash Store.

W. A. Perkins is a dealer in choice family groceries and provisions, crockery, glassware and boots and shoes. His pervading idea has been cheap goods for cash, and his secular and material demonstration has proved that the public are in complete sympathy and patronize him accordingly.

E. McDermand & Son

are among the leading boot and shoe men of the place, and may justly feel proud of the success they have achieved. Commencing business with the determination of selling and buying for cash, they have worked up a large and gratifying trade, more particularly in fine Canadian and American goods. For the spring trade they have ordered a large stock made from special lasts, and which will combine easy fits with stylish looks. The stamp of the Canadian and American manufacturers ordered from is a sufficient guarantee of quality, style and workmanship. Their motto is "Small profits and quick returns."

Balls, Stewart & Begland,

general blacksmiths, carriage and wagon makers, have been 4 years in the carriage making business, and are noted for the superior quality and fine finish of their manufactures. Since the commencement, business has been increasing at a very satisfactory rate, and their work is in great demand. This is developing into a very important industry.

John Scott

is proprietor of a livery and boarding stable, and has one of the best collections of driving horses to be found anywhere. Twelve horses are kept on an average and there is a full collection of rigs of all kinds, such as buggies, cutters, sleighs, etc. The stable has excellent accommodation for horses to board and has all other conveniences of a first-class livery. Particular attention given to commercial work.

J. Joyce,

manufacturer of well drilling and pumping tools, machinery and connections, and contractor for boring and drilling oil, salt, water and gas wells. In all the oil producing regions of the world great improvement has been made in the machinery in use. With the advantage derived from long experience improvements after improvement has been made until Petrolia stands in the front rank and Mr. J. has orders and sends outfits to India, Australia, Europe, California and all places over the world where prospecting is going on.

Van Tuyl & Fairbank.

This is a mammoth establishment whether in reference to accommodation or stock. They deal in general hardware and oil well supplies, also carry full lines in builders' hardware, carpenters' tools and iron, paints, oils and glass. It is headquarters for everything required in the production and refining of petroleum oil. This firm have the largest stock of tubing in Canada, and the same may be said of pipe fittings. Pipe is of English, Scotch, German and American manufacture, from ⅛ to 6 inches. Their stock of stoves and tinware is also large and varied. They also carry on a large carriage factory and have a branch store at Oil Springs. The principals are enterprising representative men.

John Watson

is a dealer in boots and shoes, trunks and valises, and carries on business in a splendid plate-glass-fronted store. There is a special ordered work department, where a number of skilled and experienced workmen are employed turning out work that for fit and quality of material and workmanship cannot be excelled. Mr. W. evidently knows the right road to success.

J. & J. Kerr,

contractors, builders and lumber merchants, coal dealers, etc. Office—G. T. R. Depot. The above-mentioned firm are the largest and most important builders and contractors in Petrolia, their operations extending through the whole County of Lambton—a specialty being made of drilling machinery and tools, which they ship to all parts of the world. The factory is 48x70 feet, two stories high, equipped with the best machinery, and in which the best mechanical labor is employed. They do all kinds of contracting and building work and have established a high reputation for the excellence and completeness of their workmanship. They have also laid out and built a large section of what is now the most desirable part of Petrolia, and known as the Kerr survey. They manufacture special lines in drilling machinery, drill poles and other requirements and ship to all parts of the world.

W. H. Dale.

druggist, occupies a very attractive new store, fitted up in the best of style and fully supplied with drugs, medicines and sundries of various kinds. He is a practical and experienced druggist, and compounds all physicians' prescriptions in the most careful manner, using only the purest drugs and chemicals. In the rear of the store is the C. P. R. telegraph office, and Mr. D. is also agent for the White Star line of steamers.

A. J. Morwood

is a wholesale and retail dealer in foreign and domestic fruits, confectionery and fancy groceries, and in connection keeps an oyster and ice cream parlor. He has had an experience of 20 years in these lines, and knowing the public wants and how to buy his stock is suited to general requirements. His oyster and ice cream parlors are always bright, attractive and popular.

Producers Oil Refining Co.

One of the largest and most compact institutions of the oil trade is that of the Producers Oil Refining Co. Although their works cover only some six or seven acres they have a distilling capacity of 3400 bbls. per week and treat 1200 bbls. each batch. In addition to which there is storage for 40,000 bbls. on the premises. For the last five years their "Union" brand (801 gravity) has been a favorite in the market, and their "Gas Light" (804 gravity) is an excellent oil; but their specialty is "Electric Light," a beautiful water white oil, manufactured expressly to compete with the best grade of American oil. An immense business in gas oil and tar-fuel on yearly contracts is done by this company.

Dr. J. Dunfield

is a resident physician, standing high in the profession and does a large practice. He has been established here 13 years and is much esteemed both as a citizen and physician.

John McIlattie

has been in the employ of the Michigan Central Railway Company 9 years, the last 4 as station agent here. He is invariably courteous and agreeable and holds a high place in popular favor.

F. Stenlake

deals in meats of all kinds, fresh and cured, sausages, &c. He does his own killing, is a judge of good stock, and keeping a large stock on hand and always of superior quality does a large business.

Wm. Richmond

is a livery keeper and does undertaking in all its branches. He keeps from 8 to 10 horses and a full supply of rigs of all kinds for commercial travel, moonlight drives and all other calls. Hearse for funerals and all requirements promptly attended to.

C. Maston

is a baker, with a first-class reputation, and also deals in groceries, confectionery, fruit and vegetables. He understands his business thoroughly, gives the utmost satisfaction and is rewarded by a substantial and increasing business.

Corey House.

Johnston Bros., formerly of the Alexandria House, Sarnia, are proprietors of the Corey House, and are well known to the traveling public. The house has been thoroughly refitted and furnished, and combines all the comforts of a first-class hotel. Billiard room in connection.

Scarsbrook & King

are located in the Lancy Block and deal in fine groceries, crockery, glassware, boots and shoes. This business is well established and favorably known, and the stock carried comprises everything in staple and fancy groceries. The other lines are kept fully assorted and sold cheap for cash.

G. J. Newton,

merchant tailor and dealer in ready-made clothing, gents' furnishings, hats and caps, keeps a good assortment of tweeds and other cloths, and a specialty is made of custom work, which is conducted by Mr. S. A. Bell, an experienced and artistic cutter. Eleven experienced hands are employed, and first-class workmanship is a leading characteristic.

H. Wilson

was at one time a resident of Forest, but moved here as furnishing a larger and more promising field for enterprise. He is an extensive dealer in grain and provisions of all kinds, and has an elevator on the Michigan Central Railway, with a capacity of 50,000. Last season he handled 300 car loads. Mr. Wilson is a representative man, and is a councillor and a member of the Board of Works.

Wm. Stevenson

manufactures marine, portable and stationary boilers, stills, agitators and general iron work. He is a pushing, energetic man of business and has made his works famous at home and abroad. He has been 22 years in Petrolia, and has made a special study of drilling machinery, and his works have become so famous in that particular line that orders are received for outfits from Germany, Australia, India and other parts of the world. He employs on an average 55 hands. Second-hand engines, boilers and mill machinery for sale.

E. Marshall

has a fine store built and fitted up by himself for the butcher business. Among other attractions it has the electric light. Mr. M. has been in the business since 1873, and meat from his shop is a guarantee of superior quality.

Austin Demott.

No better indicator of the prosperity of a place can be found than in the character of its stores, and Mr. Demott has kept pace with the times, and presents a general stock of goods embracing all leading lines in dry goods, crockery, groceries, tobacco and cigars. Mostly everything required for the household can be obtained here at prices that will please.

Cameron & Co.

are merchant tailors, who keep on hand a good assortment of cloths and gents' furnishings. He devotes his attention to ordered work and has a high reputation as a maker of clothes that are stylish, fashionable and invariably good fits. He employs about 15 practical hands, and guarantees all his work.

Wm. Brown

confines his attention to groceries, crockery, glassware and provisions. Ten months ago he started business with the determination to keep good stock and sell at moderate prices. The public appreciated his effort, and accord to him a generous patronage.

Delmonico Hotel,

McPailand & O'Leary, proprietors, is centrally located, and though not as large as some, is a model of neatness and comfort, and is fitted up in the best modern style with such recent improvements as electric bells, etc. This house is doing a good business.

Anderson House.

C. H. Errington is proprietor of this well known hotel, and a more popular host is not on the road. He has been a resident of Petrolia for 20 years and landlord of this house for 7 years. The hotel is on a prominent corner and has fair accommodation, but is not in keeping with Mr. Errington's popularity and the requirements of a growing town like Petrolia. A new hotel of large dimensions and of splendid architectural design is contemplated to take the place of the present house.

W. A. Griffin & Co.

deal in groceries, provisions, crockery, lamps, cutlery, &c. He does business on a large scale, importing his crockery from England and Germany, and is in a position not to be undersold. He keeps a large stock and does a business in proportion.

J. C. VanCamp

is a dealer in furniture and does undertaking in all its branches. He has commodious warerooms well filled with a choice assortment of furniture adapted to all wants. He has been in business 17 years, and conducts his business with a scrupulous regard for the interests of all his customers.

The Tecumseh House,

J. A. Alexander, proprietor, is a three-story brick hotel, and in fittings and furnishings is first-class in every respect. It contains 40 rooms, convenient sample rooms, all supplied with the electric bell, and is lighted with the arc and incandescent electric lights. A good livery is kept in connection.

D. B. Mills

is an oil producer, operating in the eastern part of the town. He is the owner of 73 acres inside the corporation, on which there are 14 wells producing 250 barrels a month. Mr. M. is a town councillor and a level headed man.

Henry Canneff,

dealer in watches, clocks, jewelry, has excellent premises and keeps on hand a large stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, spectacles, &c. He has been in business in Petrolia over 22 years, and his trade has extended with the growth of the town. He pays special attention to repairing, at which he has few equals. He is the owner of 18 wells, two of which average 14 barrels per day, and the others not so much. He has been a member of the Town Council for several years past and is one of the energetic men who do much to build up a place.

H. Corey

is an oil producer, manufacturer of nitro-glycerine and oils of different kinds. He is a go-ahead man, and has built up a business which is a credit to himself and the town. He is a member of the Town Council.

O. W. Chamberlain

is a gentleman of versatile talents and diversified tastes, and while in the oil business, pays great attention to the raising of thorough-bred horses. He is the owner of several fine drivers and of a fine Hambletonian stallion. Some of his stock have taken first prizes in Brantford, London and other places. He was at one time the owner of Russian Spy and Chestnut Joe, both of which he raised. He has a private driving park. He is a member of the Town Council, and discharges the duties of the position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.

Dr. Mearns

has been practising his profession in Petrolia for 19 years, and while busily employed in practice has also taken a deep interest in municipal affairs and in the prosperity of the town. He has been in the Council 12 years, 8 of these as Councillor, 2 as Reeve, and 2 as Mayor. Educational matters have also engaged his earnest attention and he has been chairman of the High School Board since the first organization.

E. Pollard

is a hardware merchant, and in addition to general hardware, keeps a large stock of stoves, tinware, paints, oils, &c. He manufactures tin, copper and galvanized iron ware, does plumbing, puts in furnaces and pays special attention to eavestrousking. His well directed efforts in these varied lines have brought him a fair measure of success, and his business is still on the increase.

D. McVicar

is a dealer in fruit and confectionery and keeps a large stock of the most tempting kind. He has an ice cream and oyster parlor in connection, which is extensively patronized. He has been six years in the business, and caters to the public with much acceptance.

Geo. Denham,

druggist, keeps a full stock of drugs and medicines, soaps, brushes and druggists' sundries generally. He is a gentleman of high professional ability, and in dispensing has a reputation for carefulness and accuracy.

John T. Carmichael & Co.

are live business men and are engaged in the grocery and provision business. Their store is noted for cleanness and the superiority of the stock. Mr Carmichael is a member of the firm of Stokes & Carmichael, contractors, and has excavated most of the underground tanks. He is also a stockholder in an oil refinery.

E. A. Archer

is a bookseller, located in the business centre of the town, and has a large and handsome store, specially fitted up for his business. His block, built in 1888, after being burned out, is one of the noted business blocks of the place and comprises 6 stores and 11 offices upstairs. It is a two story white brick building, with stone trimmings and heated with steam. In the bookstore will be found a large stock of books, stationery, wall-paper and general fancy goods. This is one of the most attractive stores in the place, and naturally does the leading business.

H. McKenzie & Sons

are another of Petrolia's firms who have acquired a world-wide reputation as manufacturers of drilling tools, for oil, salt or water wells. They have been established 22 years and in their workshops are machines unique in construction and built expressly for their work. They manufacture engines and all kinds of well fittings. They not only supply the home demand but fill orders for India, Australia, the West Indies, Germany, Austria, and other countries. Without such industries the production of petroleum would be badly handicapped. They also manufacture saw mill machinery, and manufacture iron and brass castings of every description.

So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay, get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

The Scott Act in Ontario.

Editor World: In speaking against the Scott Act, I simply said what many supporters of the act now say: It is a failure. It has produced nothing but bad blood, hypocrisy, perjury and very nearly a murder in this county. Parties are now selling whisky that could not do so under the Crooks Act. I repeat here, I would rather see a man drunk than commit perjury, because by the former he simply makes a mockery of himself and injures those round him, by the latter he makes a mockery of God and destroys confidence in the community. By first principles we are taught that a common evil is greater than a private one and must therefore be avoided first.

In proof of my assertion that the act has produced perjury let me cite the words of a Protestant minister who headed a deputation of Scott Act men to the County Council at Whitby. He said among other things: "We can not blame the Catholics for the failure of the Scott Act so far because we 'could not get a single conviction until we got Catholics to testify.'" Now Mr. Editor what does that mean if not wholesale perjury? Also Mr. Cockburn, Presbyterian minister at Uxbridge, is reported to have said to his hearers, that they ought to enlighten the benighted people of Mara (who are mostly Catholics), because when they are brought up in Scott Act cases, they simply tell the whole truth. You can easily infer the meaning.

I also told my hearers that an hotel could be kept as decent as any other house; yes, if the proprietor or his man does not give liquor to any man or party that is likely to get drunk and prevents every rowdyism. It can be done and is done. Unfortunately, however, licenses are given to parties totally unfit for hotel business. If the law excluded such men and cut them off as soon as they can be shown thus, there would be less trouble. Let me point out here, Mr. Editor, the root of most drinking which I have observed. It is bad housekeeping and worse cooking. Most of men would stay at home if everything was nice and comfortable at home. A man of any human feeling in him would soon be disgusted with smoky, filthy bar-rooms. Many a man would not get the craving for liquor if there was proper cooking at home. In France and Germany, where so much attention is paid to these two points, I have found very little drunkenness.

Mr. Editor, I have contributed to carry the Scott Act; but I say again, it is a failure. I am not in favor of tavern-keeping, I heartily wish that not one Catholic were in the business, but of two evils let us choose the less.

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