

IMPORTANT CITIES AND TOWNS IN EASTERN CANADA.**A Brief Sketch of the Leading Business Firms and Manufacturing Houses.****HALIFAX, N. S.**

As Halifax is one of the most important seaports in the Dominion of Canada, many of its merchants and business men are interested in shipping, and we therefore give their names the precedence in this brief review.

The branch house of the widely known firm of Messrs. S. Cunard & Co. does a large business in ship brokerage, and deals extensively in coal. In addition to the management of the Cunard steamers, this firm has the Halifax agency for the Allan line of mail steamers, and for several lines of freighters.

Messrs. A. G. Jones & Co. are agents for the Dominion line of steamers, and own a considerable fleet of fine sailing vessels, which are employed in the West India trade.

Mr. Wm. Roche, jr., is a steamship agent, and does a large business in supplying steamers that call for coal while en route between European and United States ports.

Mr. E. P. Archbold also does a very large domestic and foreign coal trade.

Among the leading private bankers and stock brokers of Halifax are Messrs. W. L. Lowell & Co. and Mr. J. C. Mackintosh. The former are agents for several of our most productive gold mines, purchasing a large portion of the gold produced in the country.

Messrs. Auston Brothers hold the agencies for many of the best manufacturers of railway and colliery supplies.

Mr. H. H. Fuller has always on hand one of the largest stocks of hardware, agricultural implements, and mining supplies in the Maritime Provinces.

Messrs. William Stairs, Son and Morrow, and Messrs. Black Bros. are long-established wholesale hardware firms. Together, they control the largest portion of the supply trade in this line in Nova Scotia. Each firm has also many customers in other Provinces, and controls large shipping interests.

Mr. J. E. Wilson is the Halifax agent for the Yarmouth and the Windsor stove foundries. He deals also in ships' castings, and household hardware generally.

Messrs. J. S. Maclean & Co., Esson & Co., and John Tobin & Co. each do an extensive wholesale business as grocers and provision and commission merchants.

Mr. James Scott, of the Army and Navy Depot, conducts a large retail business in choice groceries and wines. His place is familiar to all visitors to Halifax, whether they come for trade purposes or as tourists.

Mr. H. F. Worrall, commission merchant, has built up a large and extensive business, dealing in the most choice and popular brands of flour.

Mr. D. Cronan carries on a very extensive trade with the West Indies.

Messrs. Brown & Webb are the largest wholesale druggists in the Maritime Provinces. All drugs known to the medical science are kept in stock. Perfumeries are likewise sold by them.

Putner's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, manufactured by W. H. Simson, has very many endorsers.

Messrs. J. E. Morse & Co., wholesale dealers in teas of all kinds, do an extensive business throughout the Maritime Provinces.

In both the wholesale and retail dry goods trade, Mr. B. A. Smith, Messrs. Neal, White & Co., and Messrs. Anderson, Billing & Co., occupy leading positions.

Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay, stationers, are well known throughout Nova Scotia, having for many years published the principal school books and works of education. Their book ruling and book binding department gives good satisfaction to the trade.

Mr. J. R. Jennett, wholesale and retail dealer in china, glass and earthenware, does an extensive business.

Messrs. A. Keith & Son, and S. Oland, Sons & Co., brewers, supply a large portion of the ale and porter used in the Maritime Provinces. They also do an extensive business in the West Indies. Their breweries are large and well equipped.

Messrs. A. Stephen & Son are probably among the largest furniture manufacturers and dealers in the Lower Provinces.

OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Our Business Directory of the Wholesale Firms and Manufacturing Establishments in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, is as yet somewhat incomplete, but we hope to be able, in the subsequent editions of our Exhibition Number, to present our readers with a more complete list of those engaged in mercantile pursuits and manufacturing enterprises.

The shortness of time at our disposal has prevented us from corresponding with a larger number of first-class houses, but we will be pleased to receive the names of any wholesale house or manufacturing firm which we have omitted, with instructions as to the respective department under which each would have their name placed. The names of all shall appear in every subsequent edition. Each edition to consist of twenty-five thousand copies.

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES and AGENTS,**SHIP-OWNERS and BROKERS.**

Many of the Steamship Companies and their Agents, have gained for themselves a world wide reputation, not only for the success that has attended their lines, but also for their perfect system of management, and their attention to the requirements of the public. Our principal Ship-Owners and Brokers have successfully directed our Mercantile Marine, and have made it profitable notwithstanding the low freights.

H. & A. Allan (Owners Allan Royal Mail Line)	Montreal, P. Q.
S. Cunard & Co. (Owners Cunard Line, Established 1802).....	Halifax, N. S.
A. G. Jones & Co.	" "
Wm. Roche, Jr. (Acadia Steam Coal furnished steamers immediately) " "	" "
Troop & Son. (Ship-owners and Brokers).....	St. John, N. B.
D. & J. Maguire (Ship owners)	Quebec, P. Q.
George T. Davie. (Ship owner and Builder)	Levis, "
Canada Shipping Co.	Montreal, "

WHOLESALE HARDWARE.

The following are the principal Iron Mongers of Eastern Canada who have, by their business ability, won for themselves a commercial standing and financial record that is highly respected both on this continent and in Europe.

The aid and support that the Ship Chandler has given to our ocean marine have largely contributed in placing our ships on every sea, and extending the commerce of the Dominion to foreign ports.

H. H. Fuller & Co. (also Mining Supplies, Estab. 1856).....	Halifax, N. S.
Stairs, Son & Morrow. (Established 1792).....	" "
Black Brothers & Co. (Established 1815)	" "
T. McAvity & Sons	St. John, N. B.
W. H. Thorne & Co. (Hardware, Metals, &c.).....	" "
Wm. Darling & Co.	Montreal, P. Q.
Beaudet & Chénier	Quebec, "
H. S. Scott & Co. (Wholesale and Retail).....	" "
Audet & Robitaille, (Ship Chandlery a specialty).....	" "
Walker & Hanson, (Wholesale and Retail)	Truro, N. S.