PICTON.

Prince Edward County's Picturesque Town.

THE WORLD PAYS IT A VISIT.

In Honor of the Gallant Waterloo Veteran—Picton a Prosperous Port—A Great Fruit District—Ho! For the Bay of Quinte Barley—Public Buildings—Business Houses.

Picton is the county town of Prince Edward County, and as its interests are closely identified with those of the county a few explanatory observations on the conformation of the county itself might not be out of place. It is a peninsula of irregular shape, whose shores are indented with bays and jutting headlands, and is connected with the mainland by a narrow neck known as the Carrying-place, through which the Murray Canal has been constructed to connect the Bay of Quinte with the lake to the west. It is 60 miles long and from 5 to 10 wide and contains 241,500 acres. The general character of the land is slightly rolling and in general very fertile, with an occasional reminder that some wandering glacier has left droppings in its course. It is a wonderful fruit country, and its apples have long held the reputation of being unexcelled either in soundness or flavor. 50,000 barrels on an average are shipped from the county annually. The foundation is limestone, and owing to this and the chemical composition of the soil is peculiarly adapted for the growth of barley, large quantities of which have been grown from year to year. Bay of Quinte barley always leads the market and is ever in active demand by brewers and distillers. The prices for barley, however, have ranged so low of late that Prince Edward County farmers are beginning to consider whether they could not turn their attention to something more profitable.

The settlement commenced about the close of last century and in course of time two small villages, called Hallowell and Picton, grew up on opposite sides of the creek and bay. These amalgamated and were incorporated as a town in 1847 without passing through the village stage. It was called Picton by the Rev. Mr. Macauley, in honor of General Picton of the British Army, who fell at Waterloo.

The location is a most delightful one, surrounded with a great density of picturesque scenery, and has all the advantages of a lake port and an almost complete circle of fertile country from which to draw its support. The town is divided into two parts by the creek, which empties into the bay, and though the east side has the jail and court house, two churches and a few stores, the west part has the county offices, the registry office, town hall, high school, the driving park and grounds of the County Agricultural Society and nearly all the stores. The two parts are connected by bridges, the one over the principal street being a broad and handsome stone arch. The bay runs gradually to a narrow point, like a V much condensed, and so far inland as to place Picton pretty well towards the centre of the county. The town is built at the end of this bay, the western or business part being on table land about 100 feet above the waters of the bay. The ground on the east side rises more gradually, but to a greater height, forming a mountain, as a background to the town. This mountain, or at least 37 acres of it, is owned by the town, and being covered with wood, with glimpses of velvety lawn between, forms a very beautiful natural park, and is a most delightful resort for pic-nic and pleasure parties. In fact, the bay on both sides all down has delightful retreats, seemingly formed by nature for pic-nic parties. For accommodation of this kind the whole neighborhood is unique.

The first impression of the town is very favorable. It is solidly built of brick, mostly three stories, and everything has a clean, neat, tasteful and prosperous appearance, and nowhere is there the slightest trace of dilapidation. Excepting in the business centre, and this does not always escape, the whole town is embowered among shrubbery and trees, giving the impression that it must be a perfect paradise during the sweltering summer days.

Its business houses are generally of a high order, the stores being large and abundantly supplied with goods. The financial standing of the merchants is said to be second to none in the Province.

It is the terminus of the Central Ontario Railway and is distant from Trenton 32 miles, where connection is made with the G.T.R. This road runs 72 miles north of Trenton to Coe Hill and connects with the C.P.R. at the C.G. Junction. From Trenton to Picton 2 passenger trains run every day each way, giving ample facilities for travel. Boats are coming and going almost every hour in the day, and Deseronto, Belleville and other Bay ports can be reached at will.

The exports to the United States consist of the products of the forest and the farm, principally barley, and amount to about $500,000 annually. It is the 6th largest registry port in the province, and, as shown by the report on Marine and Fisheries, 40 vessels are registered here. There are 9 outports under the survey of the Port of Picton.

The Town Hall and market building was erected in 1866, and comprises a public hall, council room, engine room, &c. The council consists of W. T. Crandall, Mayor; J. Redmond, reeve; W. H. Williamson, deputy. Councillors: J. Welsh, A. Terrell, Jas. Collier, J. W. Conger, Thos. Walsh, R. B. Morden, T. Slatterly, R. A. Norman, jr., R. Jamieson, D. Sullivan, W. M. Owens and F. M. Pulver. John Twigg is the town clerk. The total assessment is $1,085,710, and the population is given by the assessor as 2998. The latter figures are said to be a long way under the actual population. The same claim is made pretty generally all over the province, and it is strange that such a loose way of taking the census should be tolerated, seeing that the Government grant to schools is apportioned on the basis of population.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

The county officers are installed in a tasty 2 story brick building on the west side of the bay, and the jail and court house on the other side. Whether there is any significance in keeping the bay between them we are not prepared to say. The officers are: R.P. Jellett, Judge; Philip Low, County Attorney and Clerk of Peace; John Gillespie, Sheriff; John Twigg, Local Registrar; Robert Boyle, County Clerk; D. L. Bongard, County Treasurer; Walter McKenzie, Registrar; Thos. Bog, Deputy; H. W. Wesse, Reeve of the Township of Ameliasburg, Warden. The clerk of the Division Court, Francis McManus, has his office in the same building. The jail and court house were built in 1831 at a cost of $24,000. The modern building for the officers cost $9000.

THE PRESS.

The press is well represented by two weekly newspapers, one being The Picton Gazette, established in 1836, and under the management of the present publishers, S. M. Conger & Bro., since 1856. The other is The Picton Times, published by J. W. McLean.

WATERWORKS, &c.

The town is now expending $30,000 on a system of waterworks. The engine house is at the Bay and the water is pumped to a reservoir in an elevated part of the town and gives a head of 175 feet above the town level. Negotiations are also on foot to put in an electric light plant during the present season.

SCHOOLS.

The High School is an elegant brick building and 4 teachers are employed, Robert Dobson being H.M. The Central Public School is a large brick building with tower and bell, and is heated and ventilated by the Smead-Dowd system. There are 8 teachers and 1 in a separate junior school and the attendance is 430. R. F. Greenlee is the H.M. There is also a Separate School.

Churches.

The Church of England is on the east side and is built of brick and stone and has spire, bell and pipe organ. Rev. E. Loucks is Rural Dean.

The R.C. is also on the east side and is a stone church. Rev. Father McDonough is P.P.

The Presbyterians have a brick church with spire and bell. Rev. Mr. Coulthard is pastor.

The Methodist appear to be the predominant body and have two churches, built at a cost of $15,000 and $16,000 respectively. The Main-street church is brick with spire and pipe organ and has a seating capacity of 600. Rev. J. Young is pastor. The one in Church-street is stone, with belfry and clock, large pipe organ, and has a seating capacity of 1000. Rev. J. F. Ockley is pastor.

Bands, &c.

Picton has a Citizens' band of 24 instruments and the 16th Battalion band, a curling club, driving park, and other facilities and sources for recreation and amusement, and nearly all of the usual benevolent and benefit societies.

The Sand Banks.

The famous sand banks at West Point, Prince Edward County, have to be seen, as no description can give an adequate conception of their appearance. They are reached by a drive of ten miles from Picton and by going on the west road and returning by the east the tourist, besides seeing the banks, will also get a good idea of the county as an agricultural and fruit section. The roads throughout are superb, and the almost unbroken double rows of shade trees along their sides add both to their comfort and attractiveness. The country almost looks like one continuous orchard, and at this season with everything in full leaf and of the deepest green, a view in any direction from any ground of vantage presents a rare picture containing the beauties and bounties of nature. Taking the west road the drive through this kind of country was a most delightful one and the elegant farmhouses, the well kept orchards, the promising crops were sufficient for the most observant eyes. Suddenly the attention is arrested and an intense interest is excited by a most unusual sight away in the distance. Huge mounds of glistening white loom up against the sky and there is a weird and solemn grandeur about them that suggests the idea that we have passed into Africa or the mysterious regions of "She" and are now approaching the ruins of some once great city, or perhaps the Pyramids, and the eye unconsciously wanders round in search of the Sphinx. Interest in everything else is lost, and the eye keeps centred on the wonderful phenomenon alone. By and by the straight road is barred by the sand, and the only thing that marks the old highway is the top of the fence posts for a short distance, until they too are swallowed up. A new road has been made through the woods to the eastern end of the sand hills. Following this, which skirts the base of the sand, we pass two summer hotels, and shortly after reach the Lake Shore House at the southern edge of the banks, and in a beautiful maple grove in front of the lake. The first impulse was to clamber up the bank of mysterious moving sand and from the top view the wide and varied prospect stretched out on every side. This view includes verdant fields and woods, bold headlands, curing beaches, the boundless lake loost in the horizon, and the almost land-locked lakes called East and West, stretching into the interior. The sand banks are about two miles long and vary in width from a few hundred feet to several thousand, and stretch along the shore, with a pebbly beach between. The sand is moving and is traveling inland, like some grim monster reaching out and now seizing a fertile field, or a bit of cedar swamp, and the trees can be seen in all stages of engulfment, some with the tops only sticking out. The movement landward is calculated to be about 150 feet a year, and the active agent seems to be the drifting snow which entangles the sand and carries it forward.

The country around is very fertile, and where this sand came from is a mystery science has been unable to solve. It is very fine, perfectly clean and drifts in the wind like snow, but never rises more than a foot or two. It will soil nothing, not even the finest silk, and is so "lively" that it is impossible to retain it in the hand. It filters out at the joints of the fingers and at other places in spite of every effort to retain it, until you find there is nothing left. The air on the top of the banks is said to be delightfully cool, even in the sweltering days of summer, and two causes are given. The breezes are so delightfully tempered by coming over so many miles of water, and internally the banks are a sort of ice-house all summer, as ice can be found by digging a few feet down into the sand. There are the sand domes of Houghton on the Erie shore, and there are similar sand banks in Michigan, in Denmark, the Island of Java and other places, but for fascinating and mysterious qualifications those in Prince Edward County surpass them all. They are fast becoming a favorite resort to the people of Picton and towns along the main shore, and every year thousands of strangers from a distance visit this wonderful phenomenon.

Another Mystery.

The vicinity of Picton, and indeed all over the county, is a perfect picture of quiet, picturesque beauty. The streams, as might be expected, never attain to the dignity of rivers, still there are water powers and some beautiful inland lakes. The largest of these lakes is Consecon—meaning pickerel—but in the Lake of the Mountain we have another natural phenomenon, which science, as in the case of the sand-banks, has been unable to explain, though for nearly a century it has been the subject of much investigation. It is a body of water 3 miles in circumference, and situated literally on a mountain. A beautiful drive of five miles from Picton brings the traveler to this most interesting curiosity. It is separated from the bay by a ledge of solid limestone, terminating in a rocky precipice 200 ft. in height. The notable feature is that the flow from this lake is far greater than its visible means of supply. An early genius thought the water must come up through a hole from the outer lake, but after wrestling with this idea for some time abandoned it when it dawned on him that it would work the other way. It was probably the same individual who held the theory that it was fed from Lake Erie by some subterranean passage under the lakes. This is a brighter idea but certainly a little "far-fetched." The most reasonable theory is that the lake is fed by springs which burst forth under its surface. A visit to this place will well repay the tourist.

Another attractive place 5 miles off and easy of access to Picton is Davy's Island, where Mrs. J. Christie keeps a hotel and 15 cottages for the accommodation of summer visitors. It is near the celebrated fishing grounds of Hay Bay and is becoming a favorite resort.

Glenora is another popular resort, but in fact the whole county abounds with charming spots to which the tourist can retreat from "the busy haunts of men" and indulge in health-giving recreation on land or water, drinking in the pure air and building up a constitution equal for the strain and bustle of active life, or as Cowper puts it, there is everything "to exhilarate the spirit and restore the tone of languid nature."

BUSINESS HOUSES.

Ontario Wire Fencing Co.

The most widely advertised industry at Picton is the Ontario Wire Fencing Co., manufacturers of woven wire fencing. This company is practically the property of the Messrs. McMullen, who own the patents for these marvelous machines for the Dominion and the United States. The American headquarters are at Chicago, where it is incorporated as the McMullen Woven Wire Fence Co. They turn out at Picton from six to seven hundred miles of this fencing annually, using nearly a thousand tons of steel wire. The fencing is now being used by the American and Canadian railways and by the public to a very large extent and the demand is constantly increasing. The shipments extend from Cape Breton in the east to Vancouver Island in the west. The company claim that they have never had a fence broken down by snow, sleet or domestic animals, and never a complaint from any one of their thousands of customers. No wonder such a business is a growing one. The factory in Picton in 1888 turned out more of these goods than any similar establishment in America. The proprietors expect that it will be surpassed in 1889 by their Chicago factory, but by no other.

Stirling & Burley

carry on a Financial, Insurance and Real Estate agency in Main-street. They represent the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York and the Standard Life Assurance Company of Edinburgh, Scotland. They also do a fire insurance business as well as the arranging and selling of property and negotiating loans. They also publish The Real Estate Circular four times a year, which gives a list of farms and other properties for sale or to let in the County of Prince Edward.

W. P. Johnson

photographer, has his studio on the ground floor, and with its plate glass front and handsome fittings is equal to any city gallery. The fine specimens of photography exhibited there show that he is an adept in artistic composition, graceful posing, and the fine soft gradations of light and shade show that he understands them thoroughly. Two years ago he took the first prize at the Photographic Association held at Toronto against competitors from the principal cities in the Province. He has large samples in India ink, crayon, bromide and all the new processes, as well as some beautiful life-sized photos taken direct. He has all the modern appliances, and with his cultivated artistic taste produces pictures excelled by none.

Lake Shore House,

McDonald & Hyatt, proprietors, is at the Sand Banks, West Point, and is a 3 story hotel, 138x40 feet with balconies and verandahs, and has accommodation for 100 guests. All the rooms are large, airy and well furnished and contain all the modern improvements. It is situated adjacent to the famous Sandbanks, in a park of ten acres, with lawns and groves, summer house, music hall, bowling alleys, roller skating rink and various other facilities for pleasure and amusement. Boats are kept for fishing or pleasure, and boating can be varied by beautiful drives under miles of shade trees through a most attractive country. This hotel was started two years ago, and as a summer resort is proving a complete success. The proprietors are popular men who spare no pains in anything that will add to the comfort or pleasure of their guests.

Bay of Quinte Canning Factory,

W. Boulter & Son are the proprietors of one of the most important industries in Picton. They have also a branch at Demorestville, and during the season, between the two places, employ 225 hands. They can corn, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, peas, beans, apples, peaches, quinces, pears, gooseberries, plums, cherries, pumpkins, blueberries, meats, pork and beans, turkeys, chickens, etc., and make jams and jellies. Last year this company put up over half a million cans. The cans are made by an improved method and are all soldered on the outside. There is steam power, and the factory is lighted with gas of their own manufacture. The trade mark is the lion, and the presence of this on the labels is a sufficient guarantee of the superiority of the contents. Their products have a world-wide reputation for their reliability and general excellence. The senior partner is a man of great practical experience in fruit canning, and has kept in line with every improvement that would influence the business beneficially.

Lieut.-Col. Bog,

Deputy-Registrar, is in command of the 16th Battalion, organized in 1862, and though reduced since then is still an active body of six companies with a total of 278 men.

J. B. Lent.

In the yard of Mr. Lent's marble works are to be seen many beautiful specimens of monuments and headstones, soon to become tributes of affection from the living to those who have gone before. He has been established over 30 years, and enjoying the reputation of a skilful and artistic workman gets a large share of public patronage. His monuments are always characterized by correctness and careful finish. In addition to monuments he also does all kinds of marble and granite work, such as mantles, table tops and other furniture trimmings. Fencing and cemetery work generally are promptly attended to.

Murray's Hotel

is a 3 story stone and brick building containing 42 rooms and has very good general accommodation. There is a large dining hall, good sample rooms and first-class barn and stables. It is well furnished and coming to the front as a commercial hotel.

W. T. Crandal & Co.

are grain dealers and commission merchants and have moved to new quarters in Main-street. For the purpose of their business they have a large brick storehouse.

W. H. Powers

is one of the Picton boys, and commencing business about a year ago has already built up a solid connection. The stock carried is a full and complete one and consists of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, fine confectionery, canned goods, the finest teas and the most fragrant coffees, and all the table delicacies usually found in all first-class establishments. His specialty is fine goods, and his efforts to provide everything fresh and attractive and of the best quality are being duly appreciated by a wide and ever increasing circle of customers.

Clark & Roblin

are well known merchant tailors who keep a very large stock of foreign and domestic cloths in the various lines and employ 13 skilled hands on an average making up their orders. They also keep gents' furnishings and hats and caps. Their patterns will be found the most fashionable and the garments themselves almost perfection, being invariably stylish, well finished and in every way eminently satisfactory.

The Royal Hotel,

Vanvlack & Hicks, proprietors, is a 3 story brick hotel with 60 bedrooms for guests, 6 large sample rooms and elegant parlors and sitting rooms. The whole house is handsomely fitted up, is lighted with gasoline, and is furnished with electric bells and other modern conveniences.

Goodwin & Dinsman.

This is one of Picton's leading undertaking firms. The courteous partners explained to our representative a deal of the tricks of the trade caused by the undertakers' combine, of which the firm is not a partaker, and being out of the combine, their goods are sold at reasonable figures. Besides their well-conducted funeral establishment Messrs. Goodwin & Co. carry on a large business in the manufacture of fine furniture. The success which has attended this branch of the trade is well deserved, as the goods they put out are not of the auction-room style but are really of first-class workmanship.

Century Soap Co.

Professor Mahile of Paris, France, discovered the process by which the free alkali is converted into bi-carbonate of soda and making a pure self-washing soap that can be sold at the same price as the caustic soaps. This company have purchased the exclusive right to manufacture in Canada. They have been established five years and make Standard Electric and Century soap, both fine laundry soaps. They manufacture about 100 boxes a day, and find a ready market for all they can make.

W. J. Forte,

watchmaker and jeweler, commenced business in 1854, and ever since it has steadily developed, more than keeping pace with the growth of the town. A choice stock of watches, clocks, general jewelry, silverware, knives and forks is kept and particular attention is given to fine watch repairing, for which he has a high reputation. In that line alone he requires the assistance of three skilled workmen to do the work entrusted to him.

J. A. Rawson,

agent G. N. W. Tel. Co., Canadian Express Co. and General Ticket agent, Main-street, opposite the Bank of Montreal.

Globe Temperance Hotel,

Mrs. J. W. Bouvard, proprietress, is a large and attractive hotel, centrally located and conducted on temperance principles. It has been all newly renovated and refitted inside and out and has an attractive and inviting appearance. The rooms are large and airy and well furnished, and every provision has been made for commercial travelers. There is a grocery in connection, and ice cream and summer drinks are served in season.

R. B. Morden

deals in agricultural implements of all kinds and pays particular attention to the purchase of cedar posts, and in this line does a large business.

Herrington Hotel,

Z. Herrington, proprietor, is in Main-street, and having been lately decorated and refurnished is one of the best $1 a day houses in the section. Good table, attentive waiters and ample sample room for commercial men.

J. A. Wright

is a barrister of long standing, and has just admitted T. Walmsley as a partner.

The Standard Bank

was established here in 1874. W. T. Shannon has been manager during the 2 past years.

J. N. Waite

is a dealer in stoves and tinware, fishing tackle, sinks, pumps and general house furnishings. He manufactures all kinds of tinware, and assisted by a staff of competent workmen turns out everything finished in the best style. A specialty is made of furnace work, eavestroughing and roofing. The business is an old established one, and has grown steadily in public favor.

L. T. Vorse

is proprietor of one of the largest and best appointed liveries in Central Ontario. Twenty horses on an average are kept, with rigs of all kinds to suit the demand. Well trained horses and stylish turnouts can be counted on at any time. Among the horses a white matched team attracts general attention. For reasons to be given the livery will be sold to suitable parties.

Dr. J. H. Platt

has been practising in Picton for 20 years and at the present time represents the county in the House of Commons.

H. S. Wilcocks

deals in groceries, provisions, crockery and glassware, and his establishment is regarded as one of great importance. The store is 24x100 feet, 3 stories high, with basement, and has every convenience for carrying on the large trade done here. Buying from first hands he is able to sell to the public at the very lowest market prices, a fact which has been fully established and has resulted in creating a trade that extends throughout the county. The stock of grocceries is always fresh and well selected, and the crockery, china and glassware include the very latest patterns and designs.

F. W. Post

is a dealer in staple and fancy dry goods, velvets, satins, silks, ribbons, laces, buttons, kid gloves, corsets, hosiery, canvas and Berlin wools, stationery, jewelry, &c. The quality of the goods is of the best and the prices are exceedingly reasonable. Mr. Post has been in business 15 years, and has had the satisfaction of seeing it increase year after year.

C. E. Van Dusen

is located in Main-street west and has been in business about 20 years. His stock is large and consists of groceries, crockery and sewing machines. Among the sewing machines he pays special attention to the universal feed machine for shoemakers. It will stitch in any direction at the will of the operator, the thread passing through the centre of the needle bar allows the feed to turn wholly around. The variety of work it does is perfectly wonderful, and worthy the attention of boot and shoemakers particularly.

A. E. Cleveland Co. (Limited)

have their headquarters at New York, with branches at several points. They furnish the farmers with seed and get back the same number of bushels when the crop grows, and also buy the crop. The main building here is 168x40 feet, five stories high, a wing 40x84 and another 40x60, besides an engine room 22x50. There is steam power and all kinds of blowers, sieves and riddles for sorting and cleaning, and 75 girls find employment hand-picking beans. The capacity is 4000 bushels per day.

A. W. Hepburn,

coal and commission merchant, has a coal and lumber yard and keeps on hand a stock of hard and soft coal, sash, doors, blinds and builders' supplies. He also owns the line of steamboats Empress of India from Toronto to Port Dalhousie, and Alexandria from Trenton to Montreal. He has also a dry dock down the bay.

Victoria Hotel,

Ostrander & Minaker, proprietors, is an old established and well known hotel, popular with the farmers and others, who find every comfort and accommodation at reasonable rates. The house is well furnished and the yard and stabling are good. It is on the whole an excellent $1 a day house.

W. H. Williamson

has been 9 years in the general insurance and loan business, and represents the Royal, Lancaster, Western, British American, City of London, City of Brooklyn, of London, and Norwich Union and Canada Life. His office is Central for the Bell Telephone Co.

T. Welsh

is a contractor and builder, and takes contracts for buildings complete. He has built a good many of the best houses in town, and is pushing and reliable.

H. M. Dunbury,

Main-street, is a wholesale dealer in wines and liquors, and keeps on hand all the best brands. His ales and porter are from the best known makers, and superior articles can always be relied on. He has a farm 8 miles out, and devotes a good deal of attention to raising thorough-bred horses.

C. E. Allison & Co.,

chemists and druggists, are owners of the block and have lately refitted and decorated the part occupied by themselves in elegant style. In addition to all the reliable drugs and medicines they keep school books, wall paper, silverware, etc. The firm is old established, with an established reputation for carefulness and accuracy in dispensing prescriptions.

Collier & Wallace

are located on Allan's corner and are a young firm who deal in groceries, provisions, flour fruit, &c. Their store is well stocked with a judiciously selected stock of groceries, including the best brands of teas and coffees, canned goods and all the articles that enter into our daily consumption. They are young men, energetic and determined to build up a business, if good stock, fair prices and courtesy to customers can do it. So far the business done has exceeded their expectations.

Fralick & Bro.,

Elizabeth-street, manufacture carriages of all kinds, light wagons, cutters, etc. The business was established in 1855, and the excellence of the work and the reliability of the firm soon brought them as much business as they could manage. The buildings are of a superior kind, and some of the most ingenious labor-saving machinery is in use. They have competent men and use the best material, and as carriage manufacturers have obtained a high and widespread reputation.

Noxon & Barker

are proprietors of a foundry 200x30, with wing 175x90, 2 stories. They manufacture cooking and box stoves, agricultural implements, plows, cultivators, sulky plows, springtooth harrows, straw cutters, etc. They employ 20 men and do all their work in such a way that their manufactures have a superior reputation for durability, good finish and excellence generally.

The New System Store,

Hare & Seeds, proprietors, was established 3 years ago and has drawn to it a large volume of trade. The lines are groceries of all kinds, provisions, including pork and meat of all kinds. They aim to have everything required for table use, and are doing a live business. They also keep a well selected stock of crockery and customers can get the latest patterns and designs.

P. H. Millard

has been in the baking business during the past two years, and keeps a choice stock of cakes and candies, fruit, fancy and wedding cake, fruit, canned goods, dried beef, bologna, and taffies and candies of his own make. Milk shake and all temperance drinks. Lunches with hot tea and coffee. All kinds of fancy baking to order.

W. S. Hollingsworth

does a large business in stoves and tinware, of which he keeps an extensive stock. Refrigerators, milk cans and everything generally found in a first-class tinshop will be found here. Coal oil is one of the articles to which special attention is paid, and for this he has a large demand.

Jamieson Bros.

are dealers in dry goods, staple and fancy, gents' furnishings, carpets and general house-furnishings. Everything here points to a large, live and prosperous business. The store is large, 3 stories high, and filled with a stock which either for quality or extent is seldom seen outside the cities. Drygoods of every kind are to be found here, and the aim is evidently to keep the best class of goods. A large business is done in tailoring to order, and also in carpets, the third flat of the store being filled with them. The firm import a great deal direct, and are in a position to meet any kind of competition. 15 years ago the business was established, and every year since it has increased until the present proportions have been reached.

C. E. Widdifield

is another of Picton's barristers, who has been practising here for three or four years.

C. E. Fraser.

Among the houses which contributed most to the reputation of Picton as a source of supply this takes a front rank. The premises consist of two stores, and the stock embraces dry goods, ready-made clothing, gents' furnishings, hats and caps, boots and shoes, and carpets and house furnishings. Tailoring and millinery are also carried on, and altogether 30 assistants are employed. As may be inferred the stock is very extensive, and runs from the cheapest prints to the finest silks and velvets, and embraces everything that legitimately pertains to the staple and fancy drygoods trade. Much of it is imported direct and bought in large quantities for cash, enabling him to give his customers the benefit of short profits. This establishment bears the reputation of furnishing superior goods, and precisely as they are guaranteed. A branch store at Deseronto also does a flourishing trade.

Goodman & Dingman

are dealers in furniture, and keep on hand a choice assortment embracing parlor, dining room and bedroom sets, sideboards, hatracks, and everything required to furnish a house. Those in search of furniture may rest assured of getting good value for their money and every satisfaction here.

J. F. Spencer

deals in staple and fancy groceries and by well directed effort has built up a good trade. The stock is of the best quality throughout, and being bought on the most favorable terms special advantages are offered to the customer. Reasonable quotations and superior goods are two of the leading features in this establishment.

A. C. Miller & Co. Canning Factory, Picton.

This is another of Picton's important industries, and made possible by the immense quantities of fruit raised in the county. The factory is extensive, and supplied with all the best machinery and facilities for carrying on the business. The system for making cans is most complete, and the novice will open his eyes in amazement to see the wholesale way in which they are manufactured. This company cans fruits of all kinds and vegetables, and puts up large quantities of peas and corn. Their trade mark is "Little Chief," and of little contents of the cans bearing this label they are satisfied to risk their reputation. During the busy season they employ 200 hands.

J. Richards,

tinsmith, has a large store and a comprehensive stock of goods, consisting of stoves, tinware, general hardware, paints, oils, and hosts of articles indispensable to a household. A variety of stoves of the best known manufactures are always kept, together with ranges and furnaces. Steam fitting, furnace work and every kind of tinsmith jobbing is attended to and done in the most workmanlike manner.

Alcorn & Young

are barristers, having their office in Main-street, near the Bank of Montreal.

Farrington & Hudgin

are merchant tailors and dealers in ready-made clothing, gents' furnishings, hats and caps. In the tailoring department 17 hands are employed, a satisfactory proof that their business is conducted in such a way as to attract to them a wide circle of customers. For good fits, elegant and fashionable styles, they have a high reputation. Particular attention is given to the making-up of boys' suits.

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