

was purchased and a suitable building erected. The hospital is fitted up with all modern improvements and conveniences adapted to the nursing of the sick, several hundred of whom are treated annually. In connection with the hospital is a training school for nurses which has proved an important auxiliary.

Several of the manufacturing industries are also of an extensive character, prominent among which may be mentioned the "St. Catharines Saw Works," a substantial stone building, employing from 50 to 75 hands; the knife works of the "Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Co.," employing from 70 to 80 hands, the axe and edge tool manufactory of the "Welland Vale Manufacturing Co.," employing 85 hands; the extensive flouring mills of James Norris, Esq., and S. Neelon, M.P.P. and others of lesser note, a fuller description of which will be found under the head of *Principal Manufactories*.

Several first-class hotels, notably the Welland House, Murray House, Russell House, International and Grand Central, with others of more humble pretensions, supply all the comforts of a home to the traveling public. Besides these there are also two of the largest hotels in the Province, viz., the Hotel Springbank and the Stephenson House, which were erected for the convenience of tourists and invalids who flock hither each summer to avail themselves of the waters of the mineral springs, the healing qualities of which are renowned throughout the continent.

The enterprise of ship building is one of considerable importance to St. Catharines, although the commercial depression of the last few years has to some extent affected this branch of industry. A very large number of lake vessels and steamers are owned here, and there is no doubt that with the completion of the new canal this important enterprise will be still more largely extended.

The city supports two ably managed daily papers, viz., the *News* and the *Journal*, both of which are liberally patronized.

In her railway facilities and water communication St. Catharines is rendered easy of access from all points. The Great Western Railway passes through the city from east to west, and is intersected by the Welland Railway, run-