

surrogate office, county high school, county model school for the training of teachers, three common schools, seven churches, belonging to different denominations, commodious public halls, a Mechanics' Institute, with a good library; handsome private residences, a number of fine brick stores and hotels, several large mills and manufactories of various kinds, such as roller flour mills, iron works, boiler works, etc. The High School, Orient Hall, and the Methodist Church are particularly handsome edifices. There are many tasteful private residences in the outskirts of the town. There are also two extensive printing offices in the town of Welland, that of Mr. J. J. Sidey, who is editor and proprietor of the "Tribune," a weekly newspaper, Liberal in politics; and that of Messrs. Sawle & Snartt, who publish the "Telegraph" (Conservative), and "Der Deutscher Telegraph," and the "Enterprise." Both of these offices do an extensive business. There is an efficient fire department, and the river and canal are spanned by massive iron swing bridges. The canal is carried over the river by a new massive stone aqueduct, large enough to carry the commerce of the entire west.

As a centre of trade, Welland offers many advantages, and is unsurpassed by very few towns or cities in Canada, situated as it is upon the greatest ship canal in America, with unlimited and unexcelled water power for manufacturing purposes; having two great systems of railways passing through it—the Grand Trunk of Canada and the Canada Southern,—every facility is offered the travelling public and shippers, for quick transit at low rates. It is surrounded with rich agricultural lands and large fruit farms, which produce largely, and find a ready market. The largest fruit nursery in Canada is situated within a few miles, and has Welland for its post-office.

The County Agricultural Society hold their meetings here, and have a large fair ground, with ample buildings upon it.

Welland, thus well situated, with liberal inducements offered to manufacturers, will no doubt become a large commercial town, and probably within a few years become one of the principal manufacturing cities of Canada.

