

the large cities. The Episcopal Church will, when completed, cost about \$26,000, and there are others again which nearly approach it in extent and elegance. Nor is the educational element behind the religious—the school facilities and school edifices of Stratford being ever on the increase. The Public Schools consist of a High School, and one Central and four Ward Schools, mostly exceptionally fine buildings, and all thoroughly officered with an efficient corps of teachers, and liberally patronised. There are two Roman Catholic Separate Schools, in which the combined attendance is about 200, one a very large and handsome brick building, and the Convent of the Ladies of Loretto, organised over three years ago. There are twelve of the Sisters in charge, some of whom are teachers in the Separate Schools. The High School has been organised since 1853. The building is a handsome white brick, with red trimmings, of the modern style of architecture, with gables, turrets, and one main tower with truncated slate-covered roof, surmounted by wrought iron cresting. This beautiful building, the location of which adds to the general effect, has cost over \$30,000, and the appliances, conveniences and accommodation of all descriptions correspond with its general imposing appearance. It was erected in 1880-1.

The County Court House and Jail are delightfully situated on a rising piece of ground on the north bank of the Avon. The location was a present to the county by the late W. F. McCulloch, and the building was erected by one William Day, being completed in 1852. The Market Building is a commodious and handsome structure of white brick, centrally located on the public square. It is surmounted by a dome (inclosing a public bell), and contains the Town Hall, Police Court, Fire Hall, and various offices connected with the town government, besides several stores.

There are over twenty hotels in Stratford. The leading houses are the Windsor, Royal Exchange, Albion, Mansion, Commer-