

Although Chatham is essentially a commercial Town its manufacturing interests are also quite important, and include seven flouring and grist mills, four foundries and machine shops, four planing mills and sash factories, a large saw-mill, a woollen-mill, a boiler works, a plow, pump and stave factory, two breweries, a fanning-mill factory, agricultural implement manufactories, a soap factory, a tannery, about 10 carriage and wagon manufactories, several large brickyards, besides others of minor importance. There are also a grain elevator—70,000 bushels capacity,—two malhouscs, one of 100,000 and the other 20,000 bushels capacity, three newspapers, branches of three incorporated banks, besides several private banking firms and about 15 hotels of all grades.

Of Churches there are about a dozen, representing all the different denominations common to this part of the country, some of them being very costly and beautiful edifices. The Public Schools are, including the High School, six in number, and cost to build and equip about \$40,000. They are under the control of the High School Board and the Board of Public School Trustees, furnishing employment to 25 teachers, and have a total average attendance of about eleven hundred. "The Pines" Ursuline Academy is an incorporated institution in charge of the Religious of the Ursuline Institute, built in 1870 at a cost of over \$20,000, and has about 12 acres of ground handsomely laid out. The Catholic Separate School was built in 1874 and cost nearly \$10,000. Both of these institutions are well patronized and are highly successful. The Wilberforce Educational Institute—a school designed for the higher education of the colored race—is ably managed and in a flourishing condition.

Within the past few years Chatham has improved vastly, in appearance, and the Main or King street with its many handsome and costly brick business blocks now completed or in course of erection, presents quite a Metropolitan appearance. There are a number of elegant private residences, many of which have spacious grounds artistically adorned with flowers, shrubbery, etc. The town is lighted with gas, King street is paved with cedar blocks, and the streets generally are in good condition, but an adequate sup-