

THOROLD BOARD OF TRADE.

At a meeting of the Thorold Board of Trade held in April, Mr. Crombie, the president, delivered his inaugural address, in which were some sensible things. For example, referring to the function of a board of trade and the duty of its members, he suggests that they ought to "discuss and suggest in a friendly manner matters which may be of benefit to the town and vicinity. . . . To build up and improve our town is our one great object. On this one important plank and footing we can all work together in harmony. No member should be impassive." Mr. Crombie is up to date; his address bristles with suggestions. He is a strong advocate of taking measures for the public health and safety by means of water supply and sewers; he would also like to see shade trees, a good fire department, better electric light arrangements, cleaner streets and better sidewalks. He hints at possible Canada factories of carborundum, aluminum, carbide and possibly acetylene. And he quotes the description of the Welland Canal, Power and Supply Company, by J. H. Keily, an engineer, in *The Canadian Engineer*, as the greatest water power scheme in the world. "This is at our doors. This is a plan to tap the Welland River five miles from its entrance into the Niagara River, at or near Chippewa, and the water is to be utilized near Thorold. He says there will be an available fall of 320 feet, with a possible horse-power of 300,000."

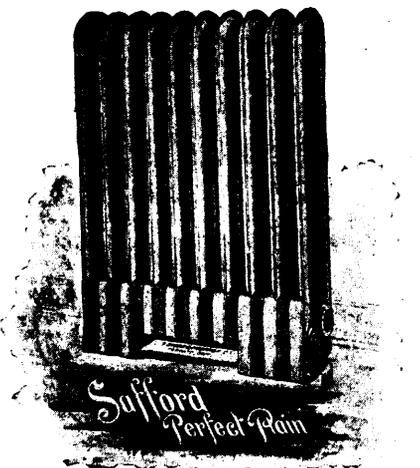
The following gentlemen were appointed as a committee on manufacturing: D. B. Crombie, T. E. Simson, James Battle, Geo. H. Williams, Wm. Williams, W. J. Macartney and L. McMann, with power to add to their number.

JOSIAH GREEN, druggist, has kept shop in Toronto for over twenty years. Fifteen years ago a branch store was opened at Cooksville. Later another store was started at Lambton Mills. About three years ago he claimed to be worth over \$12,000. But owing to severe competition, and not being able to watch his different stores closely, business and profits have gradually drifted away, and now he assigns with trade liabilities of about \$2,000. Besides these, he has some mortgage indebtedness.

MR. GEORGE F. STEPHENSON, grocer, East Toronto, has sold out his business and goes back to the lumber trade, probably this time at Tonawanda, N. Y. F. Marshall has purchased the stock.

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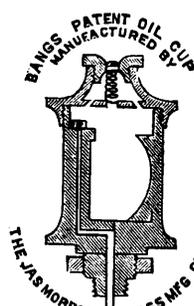
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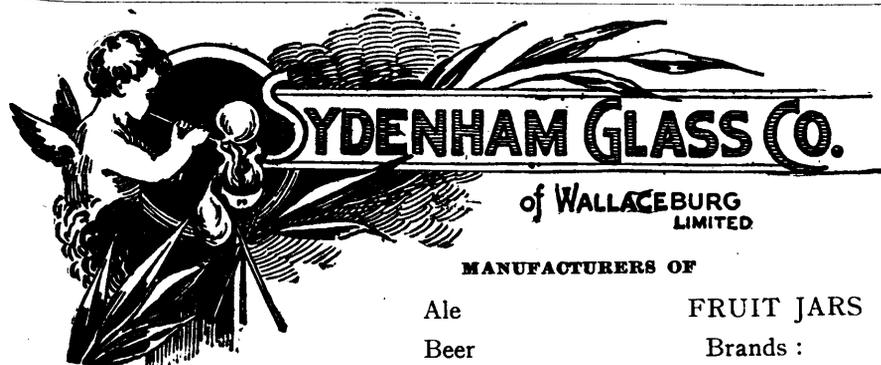
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