

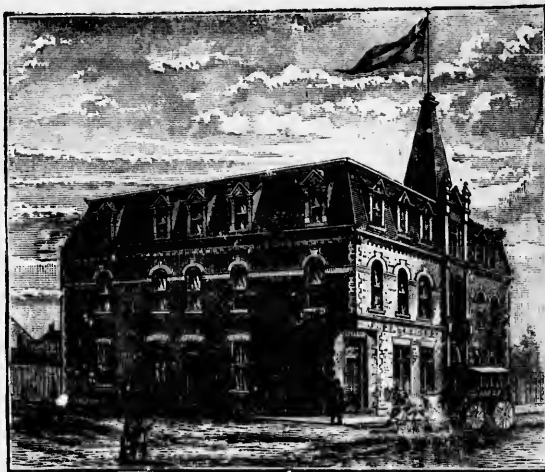
**HOOVER & JACKSON**, Real Estate and Insurance Brokers, 20 Dundas Street.—West Toronto Junction, by its rapid growth, affords a fine field for the active and hustling real estate broker. A prominent and most successful firm, devoting its energies to this line of business, is that of Messrs. Hoover & Jackson. It was in 1887 that this firm first started in business at the Junction, Mr. Hoover having previously been in this same line elsewhere, while Mr. Jackson had but a few months previously graduated at the Toronto University. They have a valuable list of properties, both town and suburban, from which to select, and, having made a special study of values in different localities, are prepared to advise intending purchasers of the most favoured points for profitable investments. They represent strong and well known insurance companies, both fire and life, and can place risks at low rates. In money loaning they are valuers for the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., and can place mortgages on approved security at current rates and without unnecessary delay. They are interested in the wood and lumber business, and their office is the headquarters for hard and soft coal and wood, also lumber, laths, shingles, etc., as also lime, cement, grain, hay and mill stuff, and general forwarding. These gentlemen have a printing and job office, and in addition to all kinds of job work, cards, letter and bill heads, statements, posters, etc., publish a daily and weekly newspaper, the *York Tribune*, which has a steadily increasing circulation and is liberally supported, presenting, as it does, a business-like and neat appearance.

**THE OCCIDENTAL HOTEL**, C. A. Kelly, proprietor, 40 and 42 Dundas and Fifteenth Streets.—The rapid and enormous growth of the Junction during the past few years has caused a demand for hotel accommodation of a kind suitable to the requirements of a busy trade centre, and to meet this demand Mr. C. A. Kelly, formerly of the "Wellington," Toronto, bought the Occidental at Nos. 40 and 42 Dundas Street East, and, having remodelled and refurnished it throughout, opened it to the public a little more than a year ago. The hotel consists of a substantial three-story brick structure, 57x62 feet in dimensions and of pleasing appearance. The bedrooms, of which there are twenty-eight, are light and well ventilated, while the ladies' parlours and gentlemen's sitting and smoking rooms are well appointed and handsomely furnished. The dining-room is cheerful and home-like and will seat fifty guests, and here is supplied, with a bountiful hand, the delicacies of the season, as well as the most substantial food, which the market affords. The cuisine is in charge of competent assistants, and the menu is served by courteous waiters. The bar is fully stocked with the best brand of wines, liquors, ales, etc., and choicest imported and domestic cigars. The house is heated throughout, during the winter season, by hot water and hot air, is lighted by gas and has baths and hot and cold water on each floor. Electric bells are in every room and a commodious safe is in the office. Mr. Kelly, the proprietor, is a careful, considerate host and an old hotel man. He is conversant with all details of the business, and is a pleasant social gentleman; while the hotel itself, located as it is near the railway station, and close to business and manufacturing centres, commends itself to the travelling public.

**H. T. LAW & CO.**, Financial and Real Estate Brokers, Conveyancers, etc., Office: Room 4, Peake's Block.—In a rapidly growing section like West Toronto Junction, the business of the financial and real estate broker is an important one, requiring judgment and ability. Few have had more experience in this line and none are better posted in regard to values than Messrs. H. T. Law & Co., of No. 4 Peake's Block, Dundas Street. These gentlemen are comparatively new comers to the Junction, Mr. Law, the senior partner, hailing from Meaford, where for

twenty years he had been engaged in the real estate business, locating here the present year. They have made a special study of values and locations, as also of causes which may effect prices, and are in a position to advise intending purchasers of the most favoured properties. They have a list of valuable real estate from which to select, and which they can recommend to intending investors, while those who have lots or lands to sell will do well to give them a call. In fire insurance they represent The Liverpool London and Globe, Queen's of England, Phoenix of Brooklyn and City of London, England; while in life insurance they are agents for the Canada Life and Standard Life, and for the London Guarantee and Accident Association. These companies' rates are as low as those of any first-class company, while all losses are promptly and satisfactorily adjusted. Messrs. Law & Co. buy and sell mortgages and manage estates, while a speciality is made of loaning money, which can be placed on approved real estate security and without unnecessary delay. A large business is done, which, as the Junction grows, steadily increases.

**CUSTOM PLANING MILL**, Van Horn Street near C. P. R. Station, John Grant, Proprietor.—The planing mill is the builders most valuable auxiliary and in its present elaborate completion is an institution of comparatively recent growth, having been developed some quarter of a century ago, since which time its effect on the building trade has been marked. The Custom Planing Mill of Mr. John Grant has been established a comparatively short time, but already does a healthy and increas-



ing trade. The mill has recently been enlarged to accommodate the increasing business, and is 50x100 feet in dimensions and substantially built. It is equipped with the latest improved machinery and appliances. The motive power is steam, and a large force of workmen are employed. The work done consists of matching, planing, band and jig sawing, sticking and general wood turning, the capacity of the rip saw being 10,000 feet of strips per hour, and that of the plane: 25,000 feet daily. The mill is protected against fire by a hose system, with which can be turned a uniform pressure of sixty pounds to the square inch. Mr. Grant also deals largely in lumber, buying in large quantities and furnishing it either dressed or rough, while all orders for mill work or lumber receive prompt attention. Mr. Grant has resided in Canada for the past twenty years, and is of English birth. He is active and pushing, and personally superintends the details of his establishment.