

no commercial value whatsoever. It has been tried as a fertilizer, but with very questionable benefit; even as such, it will not bear the cost of freight alone.

Mr. Clark's his skill and application has now converted a crude, and, heretofore, a valueless element, into an article of export to foreign countries, and by this means affords employment to a number of working classes, and thereby benefits the country to a large degree, and as such has earned the gratitude of Canada at large.

## OTTAWA.

Our readers are well aware that the yearly assembly of Canadian Parliament sitting in Ottawa must of a necessity have been parent to good accommodations and first-class fare in the leading houses, and moreover the many interesting sights to the tourist from across the line 45 to be witnessed on the Ottawa river, together with an inspection of the seat of government of our future great nation, attracts and will continue to attract a steady stream of tourists during the summer season, whilst commercial and business men make of Ottawa the centre from whence they direct their operations in this quarter of the Dominion. It is therefore natural that all those creative causes should have been instrumental in building up some fine, substantial and well-ordered hotel here. The Union House, which is situated on the square opposite the new City Hall, known as City hall square, is, owing to the old standing of the proprietor, Mr. John Graham, and the reputation he has earned as a first-class caterer to the wants of the travelling public, in the way of hotel accommodation deserving of first mention. This gentleman is one of Ottawa's oldest residents, and has done much by his enterprise in the hotel line to secure to the city the reputation she enjoys in this respect. His first hotel was the Albion, which, previous to the erection by him of the Union House, was regarded as all that was needed in those days for the accommodation of the travelling public, but time with its wings of progress kept moving on in all directions, and the hotel men in Ottawa cannot be accused of having formed an exception to the onward march of progress, and some five years ago Mr. Graham decided, while still retaining the proprietorship of the Albion, to erect a new hotel which should combine in its architectural construction all the modern conveniences and hotel appliances which had been introduced into the leading hotels on this continent, besides increasing its room capacity to meet the growing demand of the day. With this object the Union was erected under his supervision, and his old experience as a hotel man enabled him to have introduced into this building all those minute conveniences which the hotels for the accommodation of commercial men require, and whilst the locality is close to the leading thoroughfare of the city, it is sufficiently withdrawn to secure that retirement and freedom from traffic so necessary to comfort, as well to the more comprehensive transaction of business. The building is of gothic architecture and three stories in height, and is surrounded on all sides by pleasant city views, whilst the City Hall, Post Office and some of the principal wholesale houses are within two minutes walk of the verandah. The bed-rooms are all commodious, well lighted and well ventilated, with gas throughout the building. Immediately branching from the office in one direction is the dining hall, which is probably the finest of any hotel in the city, while on the other side is the tonorial department, which is in its completeness and the efficiency of the help said to surpass not only local establishments of the kind, but that of many larger cities. A bar room supplied with all the finest brands of wines, champagnes, and choicest pure liquors and temperance beverages, is another feature of this floor, whilst for the convenience of commercial travellers there are also eight well-arranged and convenient, well-lighted sample rooms, this hotel being especially adapted for the accommodation of this class of business men, and to

whom special inducements are offered in the way of prices. There are some seventy-five rooms, with accommodation for about 150 guests, and attached to the house is a billiard hall in which there are six first-class tables, which are in operation during the busy season. This department was closed during our visit, but will shortly re-open. The staff of assistants are polite and understand their duties, whilst the fare is really first-class. All the market affords to be found here, and the cooking is on a par with the excellence of the diet. In conclusion we would say to those of our readers who wish to feel at home and be well treated, we recommend the Union House as a hotel in every respect worthy of patronage.

## GENERAL AND COMMISSION MERCHANT AND MANUFACTURERS' AGENT.

WINES, CHAMPAGNES, ENGLISH ALES, AND STOUT, CIGARS, &C.

The commission interest, in furthering the sale of either general merchandise or any special line of goods, is in every business community one of the most active agencies employed for keeping in motion the various channels of distributing trade; and those who would prove for their own satisfaction the truth of this assertion, have only to investigate the history of those cities, who to-day are opulent and rulers in commerce, and they will find that commission men and jobbers have contributed an active share to the result, in introducing largely and bringing the manufacturer into direct relation with the dealer or middlemen. In Montreal and Toronto the advantages of the commission trade have been appreciated, and their assistance due to their efforts, ever on the alert, during the times of depression was incalculable. In Ottawa the representatives of this interest are somewhat limited; it is, therefore, with pleasure, that we give prominence to those on whom devolves the title. In wines and liquors the agency of Mr. H. B. D. Bruce deserves the first attention of buyers, both here and throughout all the towns both east and west of the city. This gentleman is known to a number of our readers as being the only agent for the now celebrated Carling's amber ales and porters, in which he does an extensive wholesale trade, supplying general dealers as well as hotels, restaurants, &c., &c.; and we think our opinion will be corroborated by all those acquainted with the quality of this ale, who profess to be judges, when we state that if excellence deserves success, this ale is destined to meet with still larger demand. At the late Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, Pa., this ale was awarded a diploma of merit and a gold medal in testimony of its superiority over the brews of the numerous different manufacturers represented. Buyers dealing direct and ordering through this agency, located at 32 O'Connor street here, will secure the same advantages as if they ordered direct from the brewery, besides saving time and being certain that all orders for large or small lots will be pushed through energetically or delivered from stock on hand. Mr. Bruce is agent in the Ottawa Valley for G. H. Mumm & Co.'s champagnes, Kingstons' wines, spirits, &c., and sparkling cider, Guinness's Dublin stout, in pints and quarts, Bass & Co.'s ales, pints and quarts, Caledonia spring and other mineral waters, and imports a full line of all the finest foreign cigars, including the genuine Havanas, which he offers to dealers at prices corresponding to the advantages which he commands, as representative of the manufacturers and of first hands. To those handling the above class of goods, we can safely recommend this agency, confident that the substantial reputation enjoyed by him in the past will be sufficient guarantee for fair and honorable dealing in the future.

## BUILDING MATERIAL.

### LIME AND CEMENT.

Canada has long been celebrated as the country possessing the most extensive chain of canals of any nation in the world. Compared to ours, the Erie Canal, of which the Americans are so proud and make so much boast, is a mere ditch, and there is much difficulty to keep the boats off the bottom during the dry summer months of open navigation. Large as our canals were deemed when first built, the increasing traffic has demanded their enlargement to the second time, and this enlargement approaches near completion; and, although a large amount of public money has been outlaid, we look on the expenditure as a wise one. Great care was exercised in the selection of the material used on this enlargement, and the quantity of water lime, cement and sand would stagger the unprofessional reader. But no cement or lime was found equal for the purpose to that manufactured by Mr. C. B. Wright of Hull, near Ottawa. In proof of the peculiar adaptability of this cement, and its superiority to the imported, for this class of work, we append some impartial verdicts elicited in its favor from those who have used it extensively.

Ottawa, 25th August, 1876.

C. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Hull, P. Q.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to your inquiries regarding my experience with your Hull Cement or Water Lime, I may state that I have used it in a variety of ways during the last eighteen years, and am convinced that it is equal to any that I have seen, either in Europe or America.

I may also state that I had a quantity of the celebrated Portland Cement imported, to be used at the Hull Steam Mills, but sold the most of it in Montreal, as I found yours better. I attributed its poor quality to age and exposure on the voyage from England.

It is much in favour of your Cement for use in Canada that it can always be had fresh ground, which cannot be the case with Portland Cement, or other kinds imported from a distance.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

JOHN MATHER,

Late Manager for Messrs. Gilmour & Co.

Ottawa, April 4, 1865.

Having had the Hull Cement, or Water Lime, manufactured by Mr. C. B. Wright extensively used under our supervision upon the new public buildings here, in the composition of concrete, in making floors, and the construction of masonry and brickwork, contiguous with water, we have uniformly found it to fully answer our expectations and purposes, and we can confidently recommend it for any such or similar works, or for malt-kiln floors, as equal to any manufactured on this continent.

WILLIAM HUTCHISON.

CHARLES BAILLARGE.

J. H. PATTISON.

GEO. B. PELHAM, Clerk of Works.

JONES, HAYCOCK & CLARKE.

JOSEPH LAROSE.

JOHN KELLY, Inspector of Works.

Ottawa, August 18, 1876.

C. B. WRIGHT, Hull.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to state, with reference to your Hull Cement, that I have the highest opinion of its qualities as an Hydraulic Cement.

Mr. Page, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and myself, while constructing the Pump House on the Ottawa River, for the public buildings, had occasion to use the Portland Cement, famous for its qualities. It did not, however, answer the purpose required. After repeated trials we were obliged to send for your Hull Cement, and its qualities were found to surpass the Portland Cement, as it stood the required test.

HORACE MERRILL,

(Late Sup't Public Works, Ottawa River.)

The above certificates speak for themselves, and prove that there is no necessity of our