

black birch, a large quantity of cedar posts and hemlock bark for tanneries. They handle 65 to 75 millions feet per year, and ship largely to England, to France largely of staves for the wine trade; staves to Australia and the Cape; also to San Francisco. They pay out in Chatham, to the country immediately tributary, \$600,000 to \$700,000, and altogether \$1,500,000 per year. It is quite a common thing for them to get an order for a million of packing cases for England. In this line of general cooperage and lumber, they are the largest concern in Canada or the United States.

THE STEVENS. CAMPBELL CO., LIMITED.

This Company operates the Kent Mills at Chatham, grinds 150,000 bushels corn and 700,000 bushels wheat per annum. The firm also handles 200,000 bushels oats; 50,000 bushels Canadian corn; 40,000 bushels beans; 20,000 bushels barley; 20,000 barrels salt and large quantity of millet, clover and timothy seed. All the barrels used by the firm for Flour, Meal and Beans, are made by machinery on their premises. One hundred hands are employed at their Chatham business, and another hundred at their other mills. Directorate: N. H. Stevens, President; John Campbell, Secretary Treasurer and General Manager; James Rutherford, 1st Vice-President; H. J. Stevens, 2nd; F. B. Stevens, Director.

THE PLANET BOOKMAKING HOUSE.

S. Stephenson, proprietor binds everything, from the tiniest memorandum book to the heaviest 1,000 page ledger. I don't know any firm in America which can make a better ledger, boasting the cardinal virtue of lying perfectly flat when opened, and thus invoking benediction instead of inward profanity from the solemn bank clerk. The spring back in that position forms an arch on which, owing to a special mode of attaching the pages, there is no strain. The paper and leather are imported direct for cash from England, Scotland and U. S. Ten hands are employed in the Bindery and Ruling rooms, under the experienced foremanship of a talented German, with the jaw-twisting name of Standewitz, formerly with Rich. Backus, of Detroit, and other noted Bindery owners. It would have been quite a curiosity and object lesson if the proprietor of this Chatham institution had drawn a map at the close of each successive year, showing the sphere of sales. The first map perhaps Chatham, then Kent, with the adjoining counties of Essex, Lambton and Elgin, then Oxford county, with those of Simcoe, Bruce, Brant and Lincoln, and lastly Toronto and Montreal. Anything which makes Chatham a centre tickles us, and the more so when it eats into the trade and takes some of the conceit out of Toronto.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Board of Trade, as now constituted, is neither the shouting ground for warring wind-bags, nor an arena of academic discussion. Rival quibblers do not pop up to right and left, puppet-like, to propose and oppose, reckless of rules of order. Practical business discussion of projects, measurably within reach, is the order of the day. Tied by the harmonious loup of this society, dyed-in-the-wool Tories and clear grits, pull together to drag the city chariot up the hill of progress, however fiercely they may fight outside the walls of the chamber, about Laurier and the N. P.