

ing young village with the coming of Stuart E. Mackechnie and his two brothers, Capt. Wallace, the Heath family, and David Burn, all wealthy gentlemen who were induced to locate here principally through the influence of our good old friend Col. D'Arcy E. Boulton. S. E. Mackechnie and Capt. Wallace purchased what was then known as the Fisher Farm, which previous to that time had been worked by the father of our respected fellow townsman John Fisher, being lot 20, Broken Con. A., and extending from near the gaol to the shores of the lake.

On this lot S. E. Mackechnie built the Cobourg Woolen Mills, where it still stands, and Capt. Wallace built a large distillery, &c., on the opposite side of King street, close by the dam of the old pond, S. W. corner. From this distillery and brandy house large quantities of whiskey, spirits, brandy and gin were manufactured and exported, in addition to what was purchased by local dealers. The woolen mill manufactured what was then considered the best quality and most durable goods to be found in the country for many years. Wm. Weller, a Cobourg man, ably and efficiently performed the contract of carrying Her Majesty's mails with passenger stages to-and-fro between Montreal and Hamilton up to 1856, when the Grand Trunk Railway was completed and opened for traffic between those two points. Some idea of the extent of this work may be formed from the fact that stables and horses for relays had to be maintained over this whole distance at not more than ten miles apart. Hon. Ebenezer Perry built a commercial flouring mill, with an extensive pond to supply the running power. James Calcutt built up and operated a very large distilling and brewing business, and a steam flour mill in connection therewith. The Burnet brothers purchased what in old times was known as the "John Connell Farm," consisting of that portion of the Town bounded on the east by Ontario street, on the north by King street, on the west by the dividing line between lots 19 and 20, and on the south by the waters of Lake Ontario. This is now one of the most populous and beautiful parts of our town, having been divided and sub-divided into lots and built upon by the Burnets and sold to various par-