

ing industries and homes for artisans, will be the introduction of cheap electric power, which, at no distant date is to be a reality. Already power cable towers have been constructed as far as Oakville by the Toronto and Niagara Power Company for conveying motive power to the chief centres of industry. For purely local purposes by the enterprise of Mr. A. B. Wass, manager of the Oakville Electric Light and Power Plant, arrangements have been concluded for the supply of sufficient power which will be available for all the present industries and for others about to locate, in the near future.

This important factor, cheap power and light, which Mr. Wass is combining to produce will be of immeasurable advantage to the town in every respect.

At the present time there is a system of incandescent lighting for both house and street purposes. For the latter there is a service of 1,500 lights including twenty-seven arc lights. As evidence of the low rate prevailing for house lighting only ten cents is charged per one thousand watts, the same being registered by metre.

The further development of the Light and Power Plant under Mr. Wass's management may be very soon looked forward to.

Another factor which will tend to develop Oakville and bring an increased population will be the new Electric Railway now within a distance of ten miles from the town on the West and fast approaching completion from the East. This through line, for both passengers and freight will also run a spur line right into the town. That this newer development will aid business and make available the many fine sites for homes and manufacturers is unquestioned.

As a residential spot there is no prettier and more enjoyable place than Oakville. It is really delightful. The enquiries for homes here have been many and frequent, house rent running from five to fifteen dollars per month. There are also many enquiries for fruit farms, all tending to show the popularity of this section as an abiding place.

There are several well-constructed public buildings in Oakville, notably the High School, which, during the past year has had an abnormal attendance of pupils, also a public and separate school.

Then, too, there is a very substantial Post Office building erected by Mr. W. S. Davis, an enthusiastic citizen of the town. Of churches there are four denominations, namely: Presbyterian, Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Methodist, and all of them thriving.

Of newspapers there are two, very bright and pushing Weeklies: The Star, and Raymond's Record.

Within the town, picturesquely situated are picnic grounds and other quiet spots much frequented by tourists and picnic parties who also avail themselves of the facilities for boating on the river nearby.

That Oakville is destined to reach much larger proportions is evident on all sides. For the business man and manufacturer, the attractions are many, good local administration, low taxation, cheap power and fuel and inexpensive living.

As a home for families, Oakville is unsurpassed. For transient visitors to Oakville, there are three hotels which afford all the necessary accommodation required, namely: The Oakville House, The Royal Exchange and the Murray House. The Oakville House, the proprietor of which is Mr. W. H. McDermott, is perhaps the oldest and best known. In this hotel, situated prominently in the business section, there are upwards of twenty comfortably furnished