

FORTUNE'S TIDE SETS THIS WAY

London Manufacturers and Merchants Enjoying Unprecedented Prosperity.

Statistics Presented at the Board of Trade's Annual Meeting Show Progress All Along the Line.

Board Endeavoring to Secure a Technical School for London to Train Mechanics—Officers Elected.

The businessmen of London have every reason to feel gratified at the progress the Forest City is making, as evidenced by the voluminous report of valuable statistics submitted by Secretary J. A. Nelles, at the annual meeting of the board of trade, held last night.

The record of the factories of London for two years was as follows:

Output	1897.	1898.
Wages paid	\$7,235,701	\$8,726,170
Employees	1,204,542	1,221,536
Expenditure in plant	\$3,016	\$126,988
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The increase for 1898 was:		
28 per cent in output, 28 per cent in wages, 25 per cent in number of employees, 122 per cent in amounts expended on building and 62 per cent amount expended in plant.		

The inland revenue returns showed that excise duties collected in London in 1898 amounted to \$367,795 16, of which \$32,520 96 was on spirits, \$57,136 30 on malt, \$26,243 54 on tobacco, \$153,791 22 on cigars, \$32,047 53 on raw leaf, \$11,631 42 in petroleum inspection fees and \$4,274 14 on other articles. The goods manufactured and subject to excise were 25,571,555 cigars, 12,245,522 gallons of petroleum, 4,405,373 pounds of malt, 1,587,532 gallons of beer. There are in this district 17 cigar factories, 13 bonding warehouses, 3 malsters and 6 brewers.

The postoffice returns show that in the delivery department 441,666 postcards were handled, 340,181 city letters, 1,273,326 other letters—a total of 1,637,989, together with \$74,505 newspapers. The mailing department shows that in 1898 there were 3,194,866 letters, 654,160 postcards, 1,288,352 newspapers, 33,565 parcels; foreign matter, 412, representing a value of \$101,913 88. The approximation for 1899, according to enumeration taken in March, gives a very great increase, as follows: Letters, 3,335,500 postcards 665,494, 1,740,960 newspapers, 40,612 parcels, 728 foreign matter, representing \$106,427 76. During the year 1898 the value of stamps sold was \$120,276 63. In 1897 the amount received at the savings bank department was \$104,008, and in 1898 it was \$115,364. The number of money orders issued in 1898 were 7,476, with a value of \$72,964 98. The amount paid in orders was \$439,822 02. The total amount of cash handled was \$812,217 88.

Among the customs returns is a statement showing the imports entered and duties collected at London for four years. In 1897, imports representing \$2,683,241 were entered, and on these \$511,474 duty was collected. The amount collected in 1898 was \$617,153, on imports valued at \$3,479,913. The exports for the two years were:

Forest products	1897.	1898.
Animals and produce	\$16,848	\$22,891
Agricultural products	611,199	915,923
Manufactured goods	282,370	315,849
Miscellaneous	41,207	106,863
Totals	\$967,574	\$1,351,427

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

President A. B. Greer's report, which took the form of an address, was a very brilliant effort, and dealt in detail with all important matters that have come before the board within the past year. He said in part:

"The question of procuring industries for London was discussed by the board and referred to the council to prepare a list of the industries with which London is not supplied. The council was also empowered to be on the lookout for any possible chance of securing the same for this city. My intercourse with the members of the board has confirmed the opinion that all are thoroughly alive to the development and progress of the city, no matter the form it assumes, and when occasion requires it will spend both time and money in advancing the well-being of its inhabitants individually and collectively. It may not be deemed out of place on my part to answer a question not infrequently asked of me during my term of office, viz.: 'Who comprise the Board of Trade?' and also 'Of what use it is from a business standpoint?' The membership roll includes nearly all the leading manufacturers, merchants and business men of the city, whose sole object in associating together is the benefit of London as a trade center. The statistics presented by the secretary will attest the importance of such a body, showing, as they unmistakably do, the vast interests under the control and guidance of the members of the board. Not a few men occupying public positions, who ought to know better, look upon the Board of Trade much as a 'fad,' where a number of men meet together and exchange opinions, more in a spirit of mutual admiration than in the consideration of affairs affecting the business interests and commercial welfare of the city. Some of them seem quite anxious at times, however, especially when any knotty question requiring practical application and solution comes before them, to have the assistance of leading members of the board, and even go so far as to name certain officers thereof on their committees without asking the permission of or even consulting the members. It need hardly be added that such unwarrantable assumption of authority met with the rebuff at the hands of the board which it so richly deserved. While both officers and members will be only too glad to render every assistance in their power to advance and further the legitimate business interests of London, they desire it to be distinctly understood that there is a proper medium through which communications will be received, and it deemed prudent, considered and acted upon, free from any sinister influences or reasons other than the welfare of the business community, whom they so largely represent from the most unselfish motives. Had it not been for the almost contemptuous manner in which the question was put to me it might have been passed over in silence. But I felt it due to those who, by their presence and means sustain such an institution, that an answer should be made without any reservation as to whom it offended, or whose feelings might be hurt by reference thereto."

After commenting on the business of the year and the way in which the members attended the meetings, President Greer continued: "It is in periods of depression, which every country experiences, that business men are put to their wit's end to devise means and measures to foster and insure prosperity, and they very naturally seek the co-operation of their business associates to that end, through the medium of boards of trade and chambers of commerce." As one means of advancing the mercantile interests of London, Mr. Greer suggested that the wholesale merchants and manufacturers of the board consider the advisability, as soon as convenient, of organizing a series of excursions during the fall months, of Western Ontario merchants to London, and of Cleveland's wholesale merchants and manufacturers to London. He suggested that the dealers in different sections of the State of Ohio. They accepted the offer made by the railroads of a fare and one-third for the round trip, and advertised excursions at a fair and one-fifth for the round trip. The difference was made good by the wholesale merchants and manufacturers of the chamber of commerce, and the success which attended them exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the organizers. He was confident that the adoption of such a scheme would result beneficially to the class mentioned.

He recommended that the council of the board be requested to lay before the Ontario Government the many advantages possessed by London for the establishing of a polytechnic or practical school of science. The most notable of these schools are in Germany, and this is claimed to be the reason that German mechanics are so expert. As a manufacturing center we can well afford to take such a matter up, and earn for London a reputation for training mechanics as we have done for many of our manufacturers. Bradford has, through its board of trade, taken this question up, and will, I doubt not, press it vigorously upon the powers that be. London has paramount claims, and should not neglect this matter upon those who have the location of such an institution in their hands.

It is pleasing to know that London manufacturers will be represented at the Paris Exposition in 1900, and would urge all who have been called upon by the commissioner, Mr. Jardine, to make a creditable display of their goods at that world's fair. Information in regard to space, etc., be secured by correspondence with the minister of agriculture at Ottawa.

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A resolution was passed approving the action of the Corn Exchange Association of the Montreal Board of Trade in bringing before the government the increase in ocean marine insurance rates on vessels coming to Canadian ports, by reason of which the British insurance companies will not consider any reduction in rates until the increased safety of navigation by the St. Lawrence route is assured by the government improving the light-buoys and fog-signals thereon.

A letter from the Halifax Board of Trade, asking the wholesale drygoods section to co-operate with them in discouraging the injurious practice of discounting goods so far ahead, was filed. A communication from the Ottawa board with reference to the establishment of a technical school was referred to Mr. Beattie, in order that he may attend the coming convention, to be held at Ottawa, in the interest of technical schools.

A matter of importance to grainmen was brought up by Mr. W. J. Saunby respecting wheat inspection. He said a new set of regulations had been proposed, by which wheat inspection at Fort William is to be done away with, and the inspection made at Winnipeg and Emerson; also to do away with the establishment of standards from year to year, and have the inspection conducted according to the wheat inspection act. This, it is claimed, would involve difficulty between them and the banks.

A committee consisting of Messrs. W. J. Saunby, C. B. Hunt, A. B. Greer and Secretary Nelles were appointed to draw up a resolution to be presented to the government.

Among those present were: J. Mattinson, T. R. Parker, W. J. Saunby, Thomas Bryan, A. H. Beddome, W. J. Reid, A. St. L. Macintosh, John Bowman, P. W. D. Brodick, R. Inglis, D. W. Blackwell, J. I. A. Hunt, A. M. Smart, W. S. Barkwell, L. H. Scandrett and J. H. Ginge.



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WESTERN ONTARIO

The resignation of Chief of Police Crawford, of Ingersoll, has been accepted.

While playing in the school ground at Larche a daughter of Robert McMillan had her collarbone broken.

The Sarnia town council has unanimously voted to grant the concessions asked by the wire factory to locate there.

The supply of milk in the Tilsonburg cheese factory is gradually reaching the summer mark. Their daily make of cheese now is 23.

Robert Meloché had his arm almost completely severed below the elbow while working in the Conklin sawmill near Kingsville.

Captain Wm. J. Taylor, of Chatham, died Wednesday morning of pneumonia. The captain was one of the best known mariners who sailed out of Chatham.

The division court in Toronto has decided that the Roman Catholic school at Amherstburg are not entitled to the sum of \$90, for which they sued the town council.

According to the assessor's returns, Sarnia's population increased 98 the past year, and the total population is 6,968. The total taxable property is \$2,125,000.

Mrs. Donald Cummings, of Dover township, died on Tuesday from old age. Deceased was born in Rothmurchus, Inverness-shire, Scotland, 35 years ago, and came here about 1837.

Miss Etta Wright, of Windsor, and W. W. Johnson, were married a few days ago. Miss Wright was betrothed to Joseph E. Weston, of Sarnia, who shot himself in the parlor of her mother's house.

The hog industry is one of the growing industries around Tilbury, and a new local point of shipment has recently been started in the village of Broxtonville. Messrs. Freeman and Baxter shipped a carload from that point the other day.

John McGregor, of Dawn, an inmate of the house of refuge for about two years past, but who had been at the Sarnia general hospital for a couple of months, suffering from dropsy, dropped dead at that institution on Tuesday, at the age of 65 years.

The Chatham fire brigade was called Wednesday to the Vaughn block, adjoining the Hotel Merrill. Fire had been discovered in an unoccupied room. The building was damaged to the extent of \$500, and Ed Taylor's tobacco store and billiard room were damaged to a less extent.

There is a wide breach between the police magistrate and the chief of police of Woodstock. In open court Wednesday morning Magistrate Field practically threatened to suspend Chief Will for complaining to the council that a case of bicycle riding on the sidewalk had been dismissed.

The store of Mr. McCollum, merchant tailor, Iona, was entered by burglars Wednesday night, and the following articles stolen: One suit black tweed, one suit blue serge, one coat black Venetian, one pair black pants, worsted, and one pair brown pants, tweed. The robbery is believed to be the work of tramps.

Rev. J. B. Moore, who was Baptist minister of the united charges of Tilsonburg and Culloden seventeen years ago, and who has since spent a good deal of time in evangelistic work, is now settled in the Brownsville branch of his old charge. He is living in the house which was occupied by his predecessor, Rev. Mr. Shaw.

Mrs. Van Deventer, formerly Mrs. Susie Ann Vine, is suing her husband, Stephen Van Deventer, of Penn Yan, N. Y., for \$20,000 and a house and lot worth \$6,000, in the village of Penn Yan, under an agreement made in Woodstock in 1892 prior to her marriage. She obtained judgment once, but a new trial was ordered. The defense is set up that the document is a forgery.

The alimony action of Edith Brown against her husband, Enoch Brown, of East Zorra, was heard before Justice Robertson at Woodstock. Defendant married the plaintiff in 1889, and during all the time she claims he has obtained judgment once, but a new trial was ordered. The defense is set up that the document is a forgery.

The deal between the Standard and the Ontario Natural Gas and Oil Companies is practically completed, said a Windsor man prominent in that line of business, and the Standard Company will take possession of the Ontario Company's plant on June 1. Dr. King, manager of the Ontario Company, goes to New York next week to arrange the final details. The plant of the Ontario Company was valued by an expert at the beginning of the negotiations at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000, but it is understood the actual consideration is about \$750,000. The Ontario Company supplies gas to the pipes crossing the river at Walkerville, and the Standard to the pipes crossing at Sandwich.

LIFE SAVED—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

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