

terest which connect St. Johns with the neighboring Parishes, and especially with those of which we are desirous to form the County of St. Johns.

We do not think fit to quote here the axiom, *that there is no trade without intercourse*, and as no one will suppose that the population of St. Johns, although considerable for a Village, can have consumed, or used for its purposes, the quantity of commodities sold there in the course of last year, it will be concluded, that the traders of St. Johns must necessarily have had a great number of customers from without its limits; and naturally it is from the surrounding country that those customers come.

There are in St. Johns fifty-one stores licensed by the Corporation to retail merchandize and commodities of all kinds, as in our large Cities, the difference consisting only in the quantity; and in the course of the last year these fifty-one stores have sold, as it has been established by parties who have honestly inquired into the matter, merchandize to an amount exceeding four hundred thousand dollars, or £100,000, irrespectively of the produce of any sales effected by two stone-ware manufactories of sufficient importance, and irrespectively, also, of the baking trade and the hotels.

To this may be added a business in sawed lumber to the amount of from 60 to 80 thousand dollars, done at the Steam Mill of Messrs. Pierce and Cook, who buy wood and send it planed and tongued to the United States markets. There are also at St. Johns two extensive Tanneries where every variety of leather of good quality is manufactured. There are stores of every description, and even a Foundry and Printing-office. The wonders of the electric telegraph are here displayed, there being two offices in regular operation.

In order to create the state of affairs above described, a description by no means exaggerated, it is absolutely necessary that there should exist between St. Johns and the surrounding Districts, a very active and uninterrupted connexion, and as a natural result, a genuine identity of interests.