

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

A Descriptive Sketch of its Wonderful Growth, Showing the Great Opportunities Existing for the Safe and Legitimate Investment of Capital and the Advantages Offered for the Establishment and Development of All Branches of Commerce and Industry.

THE day of sentiment and history has passed and the world is looking for "facts" as they pertain to positive things and point to the "right place" to invest money and energy. The history of Hamilton is a repetition of struggles with pioneer hardships and triumph through bravery and persistent "hammering, hammering on." Somehow Hamilton has managed to keep in the forefront in all that is successful and progressive and has ever allowed her name to suffer reproach. It has been an incorporated town since 1847, a center of industry, and one of the substantial commercial points in the Dominion. Geographically it has the advantage over almost any point in the Dominion. It is located on the bank of Burlington Bay, with canal outlet to Lake Ontario, and the finest natural harbor on the lake. This canal fronts the greatest boats on the lakes, and is spanned by the largest single span swing bridge in the world. The bridge is almost 400 feet long and weighs over one hundred thousand tons. It is operated perfectly—an example of how things are done in Hamilton.

A few years ago when it was suggested that electric power might be generated at DeCaw Falls and transmitted to Hamilton, 35 miles away, it was hooted at as a wild fancy. Men of expansive ideas and advanced thought, backed by undaunted will, persisted in the discussion until capital enough to make the trial was secured. To-day all the light and railway power and most of the factories are operated by electric current from this source. The success of this undertaking has

placed Hamilton on a pinnacle as the "Electric City of Canada." A recent undertaking has proved as successful in bringing natural gas from Oneulph.

The citizens of Hamilton laugh at difficulties and make stepping stones of obstacles. When an idea is conceived it is not discussed with fear and quaking, but if it is suggestive of advancement it is nourished into a healthy plan and put into practical use. This spirit has



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made Hamilton the commercial and creative center of the Dominion and the most vigorous city in Canada. Factories are coming from all points of the compass, from the States and Dominion, bringing multitudes of people with them. Over a hundred different industries are represented already, including some of the largest in the world of their kind. "Variety is the spice of life," says some one; truly it is the life of trade. These concerns combine talent and energy from north, south, east and west, representing energy, chivalry and hospitality, shrewd business instinct, daring and courage. Nothing succeeds like success. Hamilton has won the laurels in every commercial contest and is not ashamed to hold her banners and say "follow." The survey of the city, the character of architecture, the uniformity of city improvements and all that city building means shows a broad minded and solid citizenship. Anything that is well managed in Hamilton prospers. There is more American capital invested in Hamilton in the production of world necessities than in all the cities of the province combined. This is the central market for the finest fruit growing country in

Canada. Tourists visit the great fruit gardens about Hamilton as one of the wonders of the world. Raw material for many products are abundant. The world over Hamilton products are famous for uniform excellence. Cheap fuel and power, railway and water transportation, ideal climates and industrial peace place Hamilton beyond compare for manufacturers of any description. These are cold facts that look the world square in the face and influence men of decision.

Schools, churches, and all that goes to make up a well rounded city are in harmony with commercial development and meet the needs of humanity fully. Educational advantages equal to any in the land are sufficient for any demand. Social distinction is based on personal merit, and fraternal orders embody the highest sentiments of brotherhood.

The "Hamilton Spirit" is evident even to a stranger. Municipal government watches closely all that is done and allows no interest to develop at the expense of another. One feature of mighty strides in the right direction is the installment of Sewage Disposal Works, the only ones in operation in the Dominion. These receive the flow from 71 miles of sewer pipes and separate the liquids from solids, treating each chemically and leaving the final flow into the lake as clean as filtered water. This is one of the most commendable acts of the city. The works cost over \$100,000. Hamilton does nothing by halves. What is done is well done. The water supply is managed with the same skill and satisfaction, health and sanitary conditions rigidly enforced.

Hamilton is the center of the most perfect electric railway system in operation. Lines are projected and will be in operation as soon as human endeavor can build them, which will connect the city with all points of consequence from Buffalo to Toronto and as far west. Parks and points of interest in and around Hamilton are numerous and furnish an entrancing and varied landscape effect as the blue hills of Switzerland. Nature seems to have lavished all that is beautiful in



Regatta at Burlington Beach.



First School in Hamilton.