

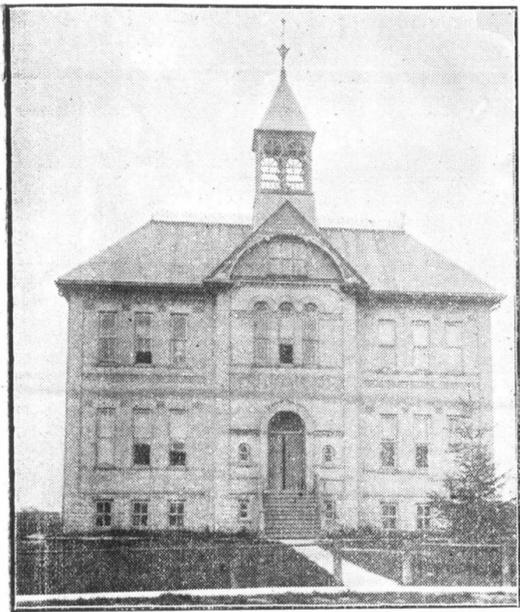
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WATFORD HIGH SCHOOL—Erected 1892  
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FACTORY OF THE HASTINGS WAGON AND SLEIGH CO. LIMITED.

The Hastings' wagons and sleighs have long enjoyed a reputation for durability, finish, and most important of all, ease of draft, but it was not until a few months ago that plans were perfected to manufacture them on a more extensive scale. Mr. T. B. Taylor, the energetic President of the Watford Board of Trade, saw the possibilities of the business, and interested local capitalists in forming a stock company for their production in sufficient quantities to supply the rapidly increasing demand.

The factory is now equipped with the latest improved machinery and labor saving devices, and a large staff of hands is kept busily engaged in filling the numerous orders received.

The West is taking almost the

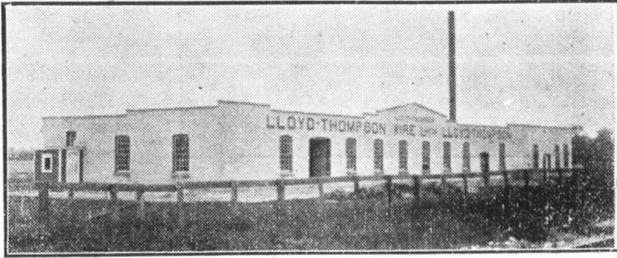
entire output, averaging a car load a week, and New Ontario offers a market for all the sleighs that the factory can produce.

The works are a decided acquisition to the town, and there is no question of their continued success. We understand the Co. are considering increasing their capital stock, and a limited number of shares can be secured. To those looking for a safe and profitable investment the proposition offers many inducements.

The Officers of the Co. are J. Cowan, K. C., President; C. A. Class, Vice-President; T. B. Taylor, Secretary and Manager; and I. J. Hastings, Mechanical Superintendent; all men of business capacity, and high standing in the community.



RESIDENCE OF MR. THOS. DODDS  
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FACTORY OF THE LLOYD-THOMPSON WIRE, LIMITED  
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When the ratemakers of Watford, in February 1906, voted a loan of \$15,000 to secure the above industry for the town, there were many misgivings among the pessimistic that the enterprise would not prove a success. Subsequent developments demonstrated that their fears, as usual, were entirely unfounded, and to-day the factory is regarded as the best investment the town ever made, and none would favor cancelling the contract.

The Co. started up in March, 1906, in temporary quarters near the G. T. R. depot, and were greatly handicapped for want of space. In June following the plant was installed in the new factory building, 50x150.

The requirements of the business

expanded so rapidly that another addition, 40x50, had to be erected, and before many months further room will have to be provided.

The wire weaving plant is the largest and best in Canada, many of the machines having been designed and patented by Mr. C. S. Lloyd, the Mechanical Superintendent.

The goods manufactured consist of mattresses, mats, signs, etc., and they have a reputation for finish and durability unexcelled on the continent. The present capacity of the factory is 150 mattresses daily, and 28 hands are employed.

The Co. purpose erecting their own wire drawing plant, which will add greatly to their facility for turning out goods. The demand

for the output is practically unlimited, and difficulty is experienced in keeping up with the rush of orders.

The executive staff has recently been removed from Toronto, where a salesroom is still maintained, to Watford.

Mr. Thompson, the Business Manager, is a gentleman of large business experience and superior executive ability, and Mr. Lloyd has a thorough and practical knowledge of every detail of the mechanical department.

This comparatively young industry has a very promising future before it, and merits the high degree of success it has already attained.

### MINUTES OF WATFORD'S FIRST COUNCIL.

FIRST MEETING HELD JANUARY 17th, 1874.

The first meeting of the Council of the Village of Watford, was held in Britannia Hall, on Monday morning, January 17th, 1874, in accordance with statutes.

Present—John McLean, Esq., Reeve; and Councillors James Bole, Rich. Dixie, Jonathan Pattenden and James Merry.

The members having subscribed the usual declaration of office and qualification took their seats.

Moved by Mr. Bole, seconded by Mr. Merry, that Thomas Fuller be Clerk pro tem.—Carried.

Merry—Pattenden, that Samuel Howden, Sr., be appointed Clerk for the present year.—Carried.

COMMITTEES.  
Finance—Merry, Bole and Pattenden.  
Fire and Water—Merry, Dixie and Bole.  
Relief—Bole, Pattenden and Dixie.  
Council adjourned until 2 p.m.



RESIDENCE OF MR. E. D. SWIFT

would at next meeting introduce a by-law to define the amount to be paid for hotel and shop licences in the municipality.

Bole—Dixie, that the Clerk prepare a by-law to be submitted at next meeting to confirm the appointment of Clerk and Treasurer, and also to appoint certain officers.

Reeve—Merry, that a seal for the corporation be procured having inscribed on it the words, "The Corporation of the Village of Watford," encircling a beaver.

On motion of Pattenden and Bole the Council adjourned to the first Tuesday in February, at 6 p.m.  
S. HOWDEN, Clerk.



D. G. PARKER, Reeve of Watford.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, members all present, the Reeve in the chair.

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED

Auditors—H. O. Baker, J. Fuller.  
Pathmasters—John Fuller, Samuel Anderson, Robert Kells.  
Solicitor—T. B. Pardee.  
Pondkeeper—S. Laughlin.  
Treasurer—T. Fuller.  
Assessor—H. Lane.  
Collector—J. Lovell.  
Fence Viewers—H. Kerr, D. Ross and J. Lawrence.  
License Inspector—S. Anderson, at a salary of \$15.

McLean—Merry, that all parties intending to apply for license are requested to do so at next meeting of Council.—Carried.

Mr. Pattenden gave notice that he



WATFORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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