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SUPPLEMENT.

SACKVILLE, N. B., AND ITS Representative Business Men.

We purpose in this Supplement giving our readers some idea of the importance of the town of Sackville, not only on account of its advantages as a place of residence, but on account of its industrial and commercial enterprise. There is more money invested in industrial enterprises in Sackville than in any other town of its size in the Maritime Provinces. To appreciate and understand the volume of trade and manufacture carried on here, a perusal of the following columns is necessary, and will repay the reader by the knowledge attained of this thriving and industrious town.

Nearly one hundred thousand dollars were expended in building operations last year, and a like amount will probably be put in circulation this coming season for the erection of substantial and elegant buildings. Among the buildings to be erected this season, that we know of, we may mention Fawcett's Foundry, the Owen's Art Museum, Geo. E. Ford's store, Enterprise Foundry Company's warehouse, Prof. Hunton's dwelling house. W. C. Milner, Howard Kay and Wm. Megeny also intend building, besides a number of others whose plans are not yet completed.

This fact alone may give our readers some slight idea of the present rate of growth of this energetic town.

Sackville is the most centrally located town in the Maritime Provinces, being situated about midway between Halifax, N. S. and St. John, N. B., and is connected with Prince Edward Island by the N. B. & P. E. I. Railway to Cape Tormentine, and thence across a narrow strait only nine miles wide to Cape Traverse, by boat, from which point the P. E. I. Railway will carry you to any part of the Island. It is situated at the head of the tidal waters of the Bay of Fundy, and is a port of entry, large shipments of lumber and farm products being made to the West Indies and United States, and kiln wood is exported to the Maine lime kilns. There is a regular packet to Boston, and one to St. John. It is also in the centre of a highly productive agricultural region, the surface, soil and climate being very favorable to farming pursuits. Standing in almost any part of Sackville you can look out over the famous Tantramar Marsh, the source of no little of the wealth of the farmers of Sackville and its vicinity.

Sackville ranks sixth on the St. John and Halifax Division of the I. C. R., being close behind Amherst, which, until the establishment of the car works in that town, it exceeded, in freight and passenger receipts. The rank in which the different towns come

is as follows: St. John, Halifax, Moncton, Truro, Amherst and Sackville.

The facilities for business have been greatly advanced by the establishment of branches of the Merchant's Bank of Halifax and the Halifax Banking Company. The mail, telegraph and express services are very good. The Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. have offices conveniently situated for the transaction of business. Two express companies, the Dominion and the Canadian, do a large and increasing business, and are represented by the managers of the telegraph offices.

The local stores and warehouses would do credit, in many cases, to a town of much greater population. A building known as the Music Hall Block contains six large stores and offices, and one of the finest concert halls in the country. The stores are high studied, are lighted with great plate glass window panes, are heavily stocked, and, when brilliantly illuminated by electricity, have decidedly more of a city than country town appearance. The Halifax Banking Company, the Canadian Express Co. and the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. have their offices in this building.

The offices, store and warehouses of Josiah Wood, Esq., M. P. for this county, is a fine building of freestone, and adds very much to the appearance of the street. Powell's brick block, on the corner of Main and Bridge streets, is a three-story building, and contains on the first floor the Merchant's Bank of Halifax and W. Turner's shoe store. The law offices of Messrs. Powell & Bennett occupy the whole of the second floor and the Masonic Hall occupies the third story. The Brunswick House and Chignecto Hall, on another hill, have a fine appearance, the former being a very large hotel.

There is a band stand between the Music Hall and Wood's store, where the Sackville Cornet Band favors the good citizens with sweet music on summer evenings.

Large lumbering operations are carried on in the immediate vicinity, and have proved highly remunerative to the operators. The output, principally deals, are shipped over the N. B. & P. E. I. Railway to Baie Verte, whence they are shipped to the English markets. A very large amount of capital is invested in industrial enterprises, the principal of which are, two foundries, two tanneries, two shoe factories, one larkin factory, two harness factories, one of which is the largest in the provinces, two wood-working factories, three carriage shops, two tin shops, and a well-equipped printing office.

One of the most important industries is that carried on at Wood Point, and consists of the two stone quarries of the Atlantic Brown Stone Quarry Co., operated by Messrs. Clark & Son, and the New York Freestone Quarrying Co., at present operated by Messrs. Ford, Wood & Robb, and employing in the neighborhood of 150 men.

The industrial and commercial enterprises of the town are treated of in detail in the columns following this sketch, and as it would be invidious to make mention of one more than another, a careful reading of the articles in question will better enable our readers to judge of the extensive business interests of the town. The town is supplied with the electric light and telephone by the Sackville Electric Light & Telephone Co., the service being excellent in every respect. Three hotels give accommodation to the traveller and tourist.

Sackville offers special inducements as a place of residence from an educational point of view, on account of the Mount Allison institutions of learning being established here, which have gained an enviable and thoroughly deserved reputation for efficiency. These institutions have greatly assisted to advance the best interests of the community since the inception of the Academy in 1843, and have materially added to the importance of the town by the extensive building operations carried on from time to time. In another column more detailed mention is made of resources, aims and prospects of the institutions.

There are many elegant private residences, nor are any of them neutralized by the proximity of shabby, neglected dwellings; on the contrary, neatness, taste and care are as conspicuous in the appearance of the smaller cottages as in that of the more pretentious residences; and a close and experienced observer could not make a visit to Sackville without being convinced that its population was intelligent, prosperous and contented. The handsome and elaborate buildings of Mt. Allison University are a particularly noticeable and picturesque feature, being visible for miles in every direction as they are situated on quite an eminence, as the name no doubt would suggest.

The climate is temperate and the situation of Sackville one of the most healthy, bracing and vigorous in the province. The townspeople are sociable as well as energetic and industrious, and there are various associations including the Masonic, Foresters, Royal Arcanum lodges and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The different religious denominations have large and commodious places of worship, the more prominent being the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopalian church edifices.

The famous Ship Railway, of which so much has been written, is an object of great interest to

the traveller, and a drive to it well repays the time and trouble, as it is only five miles distant, and the historic forts Cumberland and Lawrence may be visited at the same time. There are many other pleasant and picturesque drives in every direction; and in the course of a somewhat circuitous career, the writer does not know of a more desirable town to make a home in.

Sackville offers many advantageous openings to capitalists, manufacturers, farmers and merchants. It is growing rapidly, steadily and substantially, and by the time the century closes will probably have attained such development as to fully justify even the most sanguine predictions of those who fully appreciate the many advantages it now controls.

There is an excellent opening for one of the many great pulp mills now being established throughout the other provinces of the Dominion, and other mills and factories could be established here under favorable conditions, the townspeople being prepared to warmly welcome such enterprises, and to give them all reasonable aid.

Sackville Stove Foundry.

CHARLES FAWCETT, PROPRIETOR,
SACKVILLE, N. B.

This foundry has been running steadily and successfully since the commencement of the business thirty years ago, and has always competed successfully with the manufactures of Ontario and those nearer home, both as regards quality and price. Mr. Charles Fawcett is a native of Sackville, and is a comparatively young man. He is probably the best known man in mercantile circles in the maritime provinces, as he has travelled and visited every town in the maritime provinces in pursuit of business. Mr. Fawcett commenced business at the age of nineteen, with but a limited capital, as a tinsmith and dealer in stoves which he imported from the States. He commenced the manufacture of stoves about six years after, with no practical knowledge of the foundry business, but with attention to business, perseverance and industry, today stands in the front rank of successful men of the period. It would be difficult to find an originator of a business such as Mr. Fawcett's has grown to be, that has been in business as long as he has without some change in the concern. There are few if any foundries in existence today that are under the same original management that they were when he commenced business. He has always paid dollar for dollar, and never asked for any extensions or renewals, and always pays cash every Saturday night to his workmen. He pays in wages altogether in his different business enterprises some five hundred dollars weekly. It is such men as Mr. Fawcett that build up a town, and it is only fair and just and right that he should receive every encouragement from his fellow townspeople, in patronage of his manufactures, both of the foundry and also of his cornmeal and feed mill which he operates at Moncton. After several parties had unsuccessfully attempted to run this mill, Mr. Fawcett took hold of it, and, it is unnecessary to state, has made a complete success of it. There is a shingle mill in connection with the grist mill, and both are found to be a great benefit to the town of Moncton. The output of cornmeal and feed mill is sent to every town in the provinces, from Campbellton to New Glasgow. Employment is given in this mill to from ten to fifteen men, whose wages are paid every Saturday night.

The foundry was burned on Christmas eve of last year. The buildings burned were the moulding shop, 175x33; milling and dressing rooms, 43x33; fitting and finishing shop, 30x60; grinding and polishing shop, 24x30; carpenter shop, 30x60; nickel plating rooms, 30x60; boiler and engine room, 12x25, and the coal sheds. Everything in these buildings, machinery, shafting, belting, nickel plant, and 200 stoves, besides a great number of patterns and a lot of lumber, coal, etc., was destroyed. This fire entailed a loss of \$50,000, but Mr. Fawcett, with his characteristic energy, has had plans made and the stone for the foundations hauled during the winter, and as soon as the frost is out of the ground the erection of a new and larger foundry will commence.

The cessation of business due to the fire has been felt by the whole community, and the merchants are awaiting the commencement of operations and the return of the cash era, as obtained before the fire, when wages were paid and the purchasing power of a large number of mechanics was put in circulation.

Mr. Fawcett has built up a small village in the immediate vicinity of the foundry, which affords homes to numbers of his workmen. He also employs a number of men on his different farms, as he is a very enterprising and successful farmer, as well as business man and manufacturer. He has several farms. About fifty acres on the home farm are seeded down and cultivated, besides a one hundred acre farm about half a mile distant, together with several adjoining pieces, are cultivated, and make a profitable return. He cuts about 250 tons of hay, and has fatted 70 head of cattle a season until fattening stock became unprofitable. Thoroughbred stock such as Polled Angus and Durham were raised. Since he has given up cattle raising he has turned his attention to rearing horses, and has about twenty in his stables, including drivers, team horses, mares and colts.

The new foundry that has been commenced will be much superior to that destroyed, and it is intended to be the best shop in the Dominion. The foundations throughout will be stone laid in mortar. The moulding shop, 55x192, with a truss roof, no pillars to obstruct being necessary, will be a well lighted and ventilated building, with 32 floors for the moulders, with room to add as many more when required. The fitting shop, a two-story building the same size as the moulding shop, and to which it is connected by the milling and polishing room, 35x50, will be fitted up with the newest and most improved machinery. A 60-horse-power Robb-Armstrong automatic engine, said to be the best manufactured at the present time, has been purchased from the Robb Engineering Company of Amherst, N. S., will be the motive power of the best equipped shop in the Dominion. The latest patterns of new cooking, parlor and hall stoves have been secured at a very large outlay. A large number of men will be employed, and it is expected that the new foundry will commence operations on the 1st of July.

The new premises, and also the office and warehouses and the private residence of Mr. Fawcett, will be lighted by electric light from a dynamo which will be on his premises and under his own control. A complete nickel plating plant will be put in, thus affording every facility for turning out the most finely finished goods in the stove line.

The productions of Fawcett's Foundry are so widely and favorably known throughout the provinces, and in Quebec and Montreal itself, that it is unnecessary to enlarge very much on the excellence of the work done. Suffice it to say, with the large and varied line of stoves and furnaces on hand, the trade of the different portions of the provinces and Quebec can all be supplied. By taking advantage of cheap markets and paying spot cash for large purchases, and obtaining every cash discount, and by the situation of the place along side of the vast iron and coal deposits of Nova Scotia, competition is defied, and he can successfully compete for trade in any part of the Dominion, as he can manufacture as cheap if not cheaper than any other manufacturer.

The line of stoves is so varied and great that nearly every manufacturer in the provinces and also in Quebec and Montreal find something that they re-