

Ontario Tobacco Manufactory.

A. SHACK, 84 & 86 YORK STREET.

A few years ago tobacco manufacturing was a branch of trade almost unknown in this country. We relied entirely on the States for our supply of the "weed," and every pound of tobacco used in Canada came from across the lines. We are glad to say that this is the case no longer. The raw material is still furnished by the States, but is worked up here among ourselves and thus all the profits of the working are made in the country. One of the leading houses in this branch of manufacturers is that of Mr. A. Shack, of No. 84 and 86 York Street. Mr. Shack commenced operations in Toronto, about nine years ago, and at the present time occupies a prominent and even leading position. The establishment is an extensive one—occupying the greater portion of Capt. Strachan's block—and doing an immense trade. This building was until lately occupied by Messrs. J. E. Withers and Co., and bought out by Mr. Shack. The amount of tobacco worked up may be imagined when we state that ordinarily about eighty hands are employed, and occasionally, during the busy season even a greater number is at work. The leaf is purchased in the south and imported to Canada in the raw state, is worked up into all kinds of tobacco such as suit this market, and then sold to the dealers throughout the country. Mr. Shack supplies hundreds of merchants, in the west and north, through his connection with the largest grocers in Montreal and Toronto. The most remarkable feature of the trade, however, is that his predecessor did a large business with the far-off sister colony of Australia, thus proving that the manufactures of our country are becoming known and appreciated abroad, even at the very opposite quarter of the globe. The tobacco turned out by this house is well and favorably known, and the finest brands are remarkable for their purity and excellent flavor, it is pleasing to know that this is really the case, and that in our own country we can make tobacco quite as good as the best imported from across the lines, which has been the case with Mr. Shack for the last two years, having principally manufactured bright tobaccos. All home manufacturers should be encouraged and supported, as by so doing we build up trade in our midst and do away with the necessity of relying upon our neighbors for those articles which we can make at home. We trust that the encouragement, Mr. Shack, has so far received will be continued, and that he will receive the support his enterprise and energy entitle him to.

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