

RECORD YEAR FOR BUILDING IN HAMILTON.

Year's Operations Aggregate Fully \$600,000.

Factory Buildings and Extensions Put Up to the Value of \$350,000—Many New Buildings, Including Factories, Stores and Dwellings, are to be Erected During the Coming Year, Which Promises Even to Surpass the Closing One.

The year that is closing will go down in the history of this city as one of the greatest building years that Hamilton has known. Building Inspector Anderson states that it is the best in the last ten years, and the aggregate value will be over \$600,000. This enormous amount, which is twice as much as the total for 1901, is made up principally of dwelling houses and factories. The inspector in his report refers to the fact that the buildings that have been erected are of the most approved kind, the factories being good, substantial, and well lighted and ventilated in every way. During the year he issued about 250 permits, 143 of them being dwelling houses valued at approximately \$175,000. There were 33 permits for factories and additions to factories, costing about \$350,000.

The following is a list of the principal buildings that have been and are being erected this year: S. M. Greening Wire Co., new office building, corner Queen and Napier streets; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$10,000. Ontario Lantern Co., addition to factory, Cannon street; E. Patterson, architect; P. McKay, contractor, cost \$2,000.

B. Greening Wire Co., addition to factory, Queen street; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$10,000. Block of six brick dwellings for Dr. Simpson, corner Spring and Jackson streets; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$7,500.

M. Brennen & Sons, addition to mill, King William street; S. M. Greening, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$3,000. Rosemary building, Fowler avenue; Stewart & Sons, architects; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$4,000.

Nurses' Home, Barton street; W. P. Witting, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$9,000. Howell Litho. Co., Vine street, new factory; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$10,000.

D. Moore & Co., warehouse, Catharine street; Chas. Mills, architect; Sam Howard, contractor, cost \$4,000. Hamilton Cotton Mills Co., Mary street, additions; Chas. Mills, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$13,000.

King Edward School, Mary street; Chas. Mills, architect; G. Webb and Wm. Reid, contractors, cost \$33,900. Otis Elevator Co., Victoria avenue north; W. A. Edwards, architect; Webb and Donaldson & Patterson, contractors, cost \$2,000.

Addition to St. George's Church, Sophia and Tom streets; A. W. Peene, architect; Wm. Lane and Sons, contractors, cost \$2,000. Deering Harvester Co., factory, Sherman avenue; G. Webb and W. Halliday, contractors, cost \$177,500.

Royal Distillery, new boiler houses; cost \$2,000; C. E. Mills, contractor. Jas. Crooks, residence, West avenue and Hunter street; Stewart & Sons, architects; W. Hancock and M. White, contractors, cost \$4,000.

T. H. Pratt Co., new store, James street; C. Mills, architect; R. and J. Pong, and C. E. Mills, contractors, cost \$20,000.

Armstrong Cartage Agency, new stables, Hannah street east; A. W. Peene, architect; Wm. Hancock, contractor, cost \$5,000.

Hamilton Whip Co., Mary street, new factory buildings; E. A. Patterson, architect; H. Gummo, contractor, cost \$5,000.

Hamilton Bridge Co., factory buildings, Barton and Caroline streets; cost \$15,000; contractors, themselves.

Cataract Power Co., addition to sub-station, Victoria avenue north; G. Webb, contractor, cost \$0,500. Sawyer-Massey Co., addition to shops, Wellington street; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$7,000.

M. Brennen & Sons, new mill, corner Ferguson avenue and King William street; A. W. Peene, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$9,000.

Parisian Laundry Co., Walnut street; A. W. Peene, architect; G. E. Webb, contractor, cost \$10,000.

Hamilton Bridge Co., office building, S. Hart street; C. Mills, architect; H. Gummo, contractor, cost \$4,000.

During the year T. Allen has erected \$18,500 worth of dwelling houses in different parts of the city.

Rich. Dodge, six brick dwellings on Catharine street north, \$8,000. A. L. Burke, four brick dwellings, Young and Walnut streets; T. Launder, contractor, cost \$4,800.

W. Main, six dwellings, Strachan street, \$6,000. A. H. Hope, residence, Hannah street; Donaldson & Patterson, contractors, cost \$3,500.

G. H. Milne, houses, Markland street and West avenue, dwellings, costing \$7,800. Mrs. Osborne, dwelling, corner Park and Hannah streets; F. J. Rastick & Son, architects; Jno. Hummel, contractor, cost \$3,500.

F. Slater, six brick dwellings, William street, costing \$8,300. J. G. Thompson, pair brick dwellings, Herkimer street; R. Tye, contractor, cost \$3,500.

Thomas Crooks, four dwellings; Chas. Mills, architect, cost \$6,000. In addition to the above Mr. Chas. Mills has asked for tenders for a new dwelling for Mr. H. Roberts, to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Another very large building that will be proceeded with immediately is Stanley Mills & Co's. mammoth de-

partment store. The cost of this will exceed \$50,000, and it will be ready for occupation next spring.

A large number of the above have been completed, but there are yet a number of them in progress. The work is being pushed on them as rapidly as possible. Fortunately there is no scarcity of building material of any kind, with the exception of lumber, and this is thought to be only temporary, and if the weather man is kind, operations will proceed as rapidly as possible.

Contractor Webb has about 25 bricklayers at work all the time at the Deering buildings, and it is the intention to work until Jack Frost makes it absolutely impossible. It is hoped that a splendid showing will be made there next spring. There are lots of brick, and Mr. Webb stated this morning that if nothing unforeseen happens the original buildings will be ready by May.

The Hamilton Bridge Co. is getting along all right with the foundations of its new buildings and will be ready for the corrugated iron roof in January.

The additions to the Hamilton Cotton Mills Co's. buildings are proceeding satisfactorily, and will be urged forward to an early completion.

The outside work on the King Edward School is nearly finished, and a considerable portion of the interior. Everything there is progressing well.

There is a good staff of bricklayers at the addition to the sub-station for the Cataract Power Co., Victoria avenue north, but Mr. George Mills, the contractor, says that it will be completed shortly if lumber arrives.

The brick work of the main building of the Brennen lumber mill is completed and ready for the roof, and the contractor, Mr. Geo. Mills, is about a month ahead of his job, due to favorable weather.

The stone foundations of the Parisian Laundry building were completed to-day, and Mr. Mills will make all haste with the brick work. The prospects for next year are very bright.

One prominent architect stated this morning that although the last year had been the busiest he had ever had, the coming year already showed more work than he had had all last year. Let the good work go on, and may 1903 do for 1902 what 1902 did for 1901.

General French's Reform.

To the Editor of the Times: The Spectator of Dec. 24th publishes the following from the London Mail: "Beginning with Jan. 1st, 1903, Sir John French will put into actual practice the administrative training of his army corps by divisional and brigade commanders. This will make a considerable difference to such regiments and corps as the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Army Service Corps, and other departmental troops, where administrative training of their corps has hitherto been in the hands of their own commanding officers. After Jan. 1st these officers will be responsible merely for the training of their corps. The administrative training of the corps will be in the hands of the commanders of the divisions, brigades, and divisions to which they belong."

The Sunday Sun writes: "We shall have, moreover, and nothing can be more important—a general officer responsible for the training of every man of his command. Take exempli gratia, the artillery arm. Instead of having the 4th, 7th and 8th Batteries at Aldershot, we shall have the 2nd (say) Brigade Division. The gunners will be trained not only to shoot, but also to take together as a tactical unit. Hitherto our brigade divisions of artillery have been too much haphazardly put together. They have had no all trained under the command of the same officer. The training of the corps, knowing their work and knowing each other. It is no slight gain, the application of the principle, Si vis pacem, para bellum."

The royal artillery drill books for years have recognized the brigade division as the tactical unit, the same as the battalion, and in each succeeding drill book it has been laid down that "the brigade division should never be broken up, except by order of the officer commanding the troops, and then only for some special and temporary purpose." But with the usual fatuousness of the War Office, hitherto the brigade divisions have been temporary organizations, a battery being sent away from the brigade division never to return and being replaced by any battery that chance threw that way, but now they have wakened to the fact that in peace they must practice as in war.

The Royal Artillery is a corps, and promotion is in the corps. Thus the captain of a battery stationed in England might be promoted to be major of a battery stationed in India. With the new tactical organization the unsuitability of this organization to the Canadian militia.

The captain of a battery in Hamilton could not well be promoted to be major of a battery in Halifax or Vancouver. Therefore, instead of making the Canadian artillery a corps like the Royal Artillery, it was suggested that the Canadian artillery should consist of batteries and regiments, just like the infantry, and as in the infantry with no connection or promotion between the regiments—a simple and uniform system.

This is the question that came up when Lt.-Col. Van Wagner was retired. In order to retire Lt.-Col. Van Wagner, Major-General Hutton pretended to believe that there was no field artillery regiment, and that Lt.-Col. Van Wagner was a commanding

officer, while everyone at all acquainted with our militia system knows that he was merely a major in an artillery regiment, the 2nd brigade division. Major-General Hutton attempted a similar trick on the Minister of Militia, see article by Senator Power, in Toronto Globe, July 21, 1900, who wrote, "How our General O. C. writing more than two years after the change, could speak of the Order-in-Council (Queen's Regulation) as being still in force is hard to understand. There seems no escape from the conclusion that the General knew of the change, but trusted that his knowledge was not shared by the Minister and others interested. That is a direct charge that General Hutton would bear false witness. But General Hutton was not alone. Ever since this time, the militia authorities have been foolishly trifling with this matter. Although they retired Lt.-Col. Van Wagner on the pretense that he was a commanding officer, his successor, Major Hendrie, has never been a commanding officer. He was never had the power and authority which Parliament conferred upon commanding officers. This pretense by the militia authorities of conferring authority which they have no power to confer is not only criminal, dangerous, and one which might lead to certain situations to disastrous results, but is in any case subversive of discipline. Their latest folly is to form a 'regimental list' of six lieutenant-colonels for employment as brigade division commanders when required. A 'regimental list' still continuing the pretense, the humbug, that the whole Canadian artillery is to be reorganized into a permanent corps. How they reconcile the permanent corps with the organization of the Royal Artillery, is incomprehensible like the Royal Artillery is a corps.

If the batteries of any brigade division are so badly officered as to have no one fitted to command it, they had better be disbanded at once. Think of going outside of an infantry regiment to a list, for a commanding officer. If they have an officer fit to command his regiment, he is promptly taken up by the smart set and meets with many absurd adventures.

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