

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.

The following is a list of the principal buildings that have been and are being erected this year:

B. Greening Wire Co., new office building, corner Queen and Napier streets; W. A. Edwards, architect; G. E. Mills, contractor, cost \$18,000.

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. Mills, contractor, cost \$9,000.

Block of six brick dwellings for Dr. Simpson, corner Spring and Jackson streets; G. E. Mills, contractor; cost \$7,500.

M. Brennan & Sons, addition to mill, King William street; S. McPherson, architect; G. Webb, contractor, cost \$3,000.

Rosemary building, Fowler avenue; Stewart & Sons, architects; G. E. Mills, contractor, cost \$4,000.

Nurses Home, Barton street; P. W. Wilson, architect; G. E. Mills, contractor, cost \$9,000.

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 in course of erection and work is being pushed on them as rapidly as possible.

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

There is a good staff of bricklayers at the addition to the sub-station for the Cataract Power Co., Victoria street; G. E. Mills, contractor.

The stone foundations of the Parliament 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.

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 administration of his army corps by divisional and brigade commanders."

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 example gratis, the artillery arm."

The royal artillery drill books for years have recognized the brigade division as the tactical unit, the same as the battalion, and 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."

officer, while everyone at all acquainted with our militia system knows that he was merely a hobby in an artillery regiment, and the 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 G. 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 trilling 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 has never had the power of appointing or dismissing any officer, nor has any which Parliament conferred upon commanding officers. This pretense of the militia authorities of appointing authority which they have no power to confer is not only criminal, dangerous, and one which might lead in certain situations to disastrous results, but is in any case subversive of discipline. Their latest folly is to form a "regimental list of six lieutenants" to be employed as brigade division commanders when required. A "regimental list" still continuing the pretense, the humbug, of the whole Canadian artillery, is to be the permanent corps. How they reconcile the permanent corps out 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 off 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" of a commanding officer. If they have an officer fit to command his regiment, he is the man for the appointment. Take for example Lieut.-Col. King, ex-Commander of the Second Brigade Division. The militia authorities have taken him from this regiment, leaving it without a commander, to put him on the "regimental list." If Lieut.-Colonel King is ever employed as a brigade division commander, the alleged object in placing him on "the regimental list," his proper place, his most useful place, with his old regiment. He knows the officers and they know him. Further an immense advantage, Lieut.-Colonel King knows every mile of the Niagara frontier and district, which, if there ever should be a war, will be of the greatest value to the Second Brigade Division. Will any one pretend that he would be more useful with a strange command in Quebec or a Quebec man here? If he is to be employed in this district why make his command uncertain? Why should he not be in a position to keep in touch with all the advantages of General French's (Grosbeck's) reform? In the army there is some reason for the system of organization of the Royal Artillery. There are many stations, and perhaps some are better suited for one battery only, and a battery leaves a station or brigade division never to rejoin. In Canada the militia is, and must be, territorial, which offers the very great advantage of training the same bodies together, in peace which would fight together in case of war. The three batteries which are situated next each other, may well be next each other to-morrow, next year, next decade.

One of the bitter complaints against the British officers of the late war was their disinclination to accept the full responsibility of their positions, and want of initiative. How can an officer of the Royal Artillery except the responsibility of a commanding officer, when the militia authorities in defiance of all law, regulations and reason, may hold that he is not a commanding officer? How can you expect a man to accept the responsibility, any initiative? Yours, Artillery.

If a man makes a specialty of painting towns red he cannot hope to remain in the pink of condition.

English Comedy at the Grand. To-night at Grand. "Search Lights of a Great City." The presentation of "Caste," the English comedy at the Grand, to-morrow, matinee and night, should furnish excellent amusement for the holiday. Some idea of the importance of this revival of Robertson's classical comedy may be gathered from the fact that Robert V. Ferguson, whose fame as Eccles, the drunken old father, who has a number of sentimental regard for the rights of the working man, extends over two continents, will be seen in this part. The Countess de Castelvoglio, a protegee of Ellen Terry, will play the part of the Marquis.

"Smart Set" on Saturday. Theatregoers who missed seeing "The Smart Set" last week will be doubly pleased to hear of their return to the Grand next Saturday matinee and night. For a colored organization, "The Smart Set" is no doubt the best ever seen here, and the performance is much better than is usually seen at popular prices. The sale of seats opens to-morrow morning.

Sweet Clover. "Sweet Clover," that beautiful pastoral drama that delighted its audience here last season, returns to the Grand next Tuesday evening with a new scenic setting and an even better company than was seen here before. The general tone of the play is elevating, and the morale with which it is interspersed, especially those pertaining to "society," as urban residents understand it, must certainly furnish food for reflection upon the members of the so-called swirl.

Star Theatre. Don't forget the special New Year's matinee on Thursday afternoon. Juggling, Thorns, the Cleopatra, Ritchie and Jackson, and Douglas, Cook and Grant and others. Prices as usual.

A Wonderful Tonic and Strengthening. Sold a druggist to-day. "Do not doubt about it. The tonic that gives best results is the biggest seller, and that is Ferrozone. It enriches and purifies the blood, restores strength and energy to the feeble, and is a scientific reconstructer that was always popular. In Chlorosis, Anaemia, Nervousness, Languor, Brain Fog, Indigestion and Dyspepsia, its action is prompt, and satisfactory cures always follow. Yes, I recommend Ferrozone to my customers because I believe it is the best tonic and strengthening medicine that money can buy." Large boxes cost 30c.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC The New Year. (By Margaret E. Sangster.) The clock struck twelve in the old church tower, And the old year slipped away, To be lost in the crowd of phantom years.

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NEURALGIA. If a person has neuralgia in their system this is the season when it will be felt. It is an ailment that may spring from a variety of sources. Anemia or any depressed state of the bodily functions are frequent causes. The exhaustion resulting from rheumatism also makes it easy for neuralgia to get a foothold.

January Sale Making Ladies' Dress Skirts at Half Prices. In order to keep our large staff of hands employed in our separate skirt making department during the usually dull month of January, we will make Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts to measure at these January sale prices, and in our well known good styles, commencing Friday, Jan. 2nd.

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STANLEY MILLS & CO. This Store Will be Open To-night New Year's Eve Until 10 o'Clock Drop in and see us. To-morrow we will be closed all day.

AT THE CLOSE of another year we wish to thank our customers and friends for their patronage during the past year, and solicit a continuance of the same during the coming year.

If, during the early part of 1903, circumstances arise that will make it necessary for us to curtail our business and work along at a disadvantage in a smaller store, we ask all to bear with the inconvenience, and we promise the time will be as short as possible until we are again housed in our present King street stand.

Wishing All A Happy and Prosperous New Year STANLEY MILLS & CO

A. R. KERR & CO. Wish their many friends and customers a Bright and Prosperous New Year and extend their sincere thanks for the past year's patronage, also beg to announce that they will close their store at six o'clock on Saturdays.

SCOTT'S 25 KING STREET EAST. Sale of Fancy Work. Having had the most successful season in our history in the Fancy Work Department, we have decided to clear out the balance of our made-up goods at Just One Half the Marked Price.

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