

The reputation of the fruit gathered from this section is so high that large shipments are exported annually to Glasgow and Liverpool.

The commercial situation of Oakville on a general survey is not unlike what may be observed in other progressive communities. The main business thoroughfare, Colborne street, is occupied with the same diverse businesses as elsewhere, though here such interests are conveniently centered making it especially advantageous for both buyers and sellers. The general character of the business element is one of solidity, an appearance of all being well to do, which is the case. An excellent proof of the financial standing of the local business men is the fact that, notwithstanding the heavy failure of two private banking concerns of the town, not long ago, and both happening close upon one another, there has not occurred a single business disaster.

An interesting fact worth noting in connection with Oakville business men is that not quite a few of them can claim to have been continuously tradesmen for a period close on to fifty years, while others have succeeded businesses, which were established so far back as the year 1835.

The principal industries of Oakville at this time are the following:

MARLATT & ARMSTRONG, Tanners
OAKVILLE BASKET CO., Basket and Fruit Packages
W. T. CARSON & SONS, Builders' Supplies
WM. WHITAKER & SONS, Carriage and Wagon Works
COLIVER & CLARK, Apple Evaporators
T. H. ASHBURY & SONS, Flour and Gr. at Mill
McDERMOTT & CO., Cooperage Works
OAKVILLE ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER PLANT



Packing Apples for Market.

In these diversified industries quite an army of men, boys and girls are employed throughout the year.

So far as these particular industries are concerned, it is a common remark that never before in their history have they been so busy, a fact which speaks volumes for the enterprise and push of those so engaged.

What is sure to bring Oakville into greater prominence and in time make it a very desirable point for manufactur-