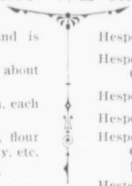


The late Chas. Karch started a foundry here about '58, and the business has been continued by his sons—Mr. H. W. Karch, the present proprietor, doing a large business in woolen mill machinery. The flour mill and saw and planing mill of Mr. W. A. Kribs, illustrations of which appear in this issue, were started by his father, Mr. Lewis Kribs, away back in the fifties, and they, too, are busy on large orders which the energy and enterprise of the owner keep crowding on to them.

We may at some later date issue a fuller history of Hespeler, her manufacturers and her prospects, but, for this time at least, we needs must be brief in order to leave room for the pictorial views of the present, which, we think, will be found fully as interesting as ancient history.



... WHAT WE HAVE...



Hespeler has, first of all, a population of 2,551, and is steadily growing.

Hespeler's net debt on January 1, 1900, was only about \$8,000, and the rate is 16½ mills on the dollar.

Hespeler has two of the largest woolen mills in Canada, each employing 500 hands.

Hespeler has a large machine shop, a large foundry, flour mill, saw and planing mill, cider and jelly factory, etc.

Hespeler has the best volunteer fire brigade in Canada.

Hespeler has an electric fire alarm system.

Hespeler owns and operates its own electric light plant.

Hespeler has a fine public school, employing eight teachers.

Hespeler has a public library, containing over 3,000 volumes.

Hespeler has granolithic pavements, macadamized roads, etc.

Hespeler has splendid railway facilities, the G.T.R. and C.P.R., both running into the town.

Hespeler has seven churches.

Hespeler is situated in the richest farming district in Ontario.

Hespeler has a branch of the Merchants Bank, C.P.R. and G.N.W. Telegraph Companies, Dominion and Canadian Express, Money Order Office, etc.

Hespeler has lots of room for more manufacturers, and the new town is prepared to deal quite liberally with any industry employing heads of families, and which may wish to take advantage of our low tax rate, our splendid railway facilities, etc.