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Sketch of the Live Business Men of Listowel and their Store -The Hess Furniture Works-A Flourishing High School and Public Schools-Some Interesting Municipal Statistics-Mayor Bricker-The Cheese Fairs and Hog

export in cars, reached the high figure of 2400 cars. It anything more desired to show that this is eminently a grain section?

Prominent among the manufacturing industries are Hess Brothers' furniture factory; Brook's woolen mill; Hay's flour mill; Livingstone's flour mills employing 150 hands in the busy season; Towner's tannery Large's plaining mill; Garroch's cigar factory; and various other furniture and carriage manufactories, plaining mills, etc. The town is prepared to deal most liberally with prospective manufactures. They will be exempted and it will be their own fault if they don't succeed.

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The markets, especially the hog markets, are a representative scene of the activity that prevails on a busy day. In the latter feature, the market is probably unexcelled in the Province, hundreds of hogs being disposed of at these sales.

The people in this section are taking steps to secure a new county formation, which, if secured, will make Listowel the county town. This proposed change would also materially increase the size of Listowel, probably double it, immediately.

The town hall is a neat, substantial structure 40 x 70 feet. It is two stories in height, in the upper part of which are located the public hall and council chamber, while in the basement are the fire hall and lock-up. The newspapers are the Listowel Standard and Listowel Banner. The former is edited by A. St. George Hawkins and is the able exponent of the Conservative party. The Banner edited by William Climic was established in 1866 and is a vigorous organ in the interests of the Reform party.

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Listowel is not without its celebrities of historical fame or associations. There resides in town a nicce of the late Tom Carliale in the person of the wife of Rev. G. Tranklin, congregational minister; Mrs.

Listowel is well provided for in the matter of athletics. The race track and driving park is the most worthy of note. It is undoubtedly the finest track in Western Ontario and with the exception of Ottawa, Franklin, congregational minister; Mrs. NOTES OF INTEREST.

The churches are eight in number. First in order of style and proportions is Knox Presbytesian church, erected at a cost of \$20,000, a magnificeant edifice, of white

A branch of the river Maitland runs through the centre of the town, and can be utilized for various purposes. The scenery along the beams as it winds its tortuous way past noisy factories and silent fields, is delightfully picturesque and the beautifully verdant banks gently aloning to the water's edge, are most pleasing to the eye.

The stores and public buildings of Listowel lay claim to our attention from the evident regard there is evinced to put up good substantial buildings. Everywhere is noticed the bustle and activity that denotes a live town. The churches are creditable structures about which more will be said later on. The town is well laid out, the streets and roads are good and care is taken that they shall remain so.

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LISTOWEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOL \$12,000, J. A. anner, M. A., is head master, W. Itwin, first assistant and B. A. Farquharson second assistant. The high standing of this school owes much to Mr. Tanner's energetic and persistent devotion in its behalf. Since taking charge of the school three yearsago, a wonderful improvement has been made, the use on an additional room has been found necessary, and a third teacher employed. The attendance has also been brought up from 70 to 150 with an average attendance at present of a little above one hundred, Chemical and physical rooms have been fitted up, and a library costing \$150 furnished for the use of students, and containing only the works of standard authors. In short the equipment in every department of Listowel high school, now ranks first class, and the standing is much above the average. Of the four High schools of the country, Listowel H. S. ranks second in order of merit in the departmental examinations, the order being St. Mary's Lis-

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The Railway facilities includes the southern extension of the Wellington, Grey and Brues, and the Georgian Bay and Lake Eric road, running north from Strafford. It is felt that further railway facilities are needed, and it is altogether probable that the Canadian Pacific Railway will push their line from Guelph to Goderich at no late date, when Listowel would inevitably be included, as it is but four miles north of a direct line between these two places.

The system of waterworks is operated by power supplied by Hess Brothers. A Ronald steam fire engine has been in use for the last 14 years and is still as effective as ever. Fifteen-hundred feet of hose, and two reels, supplemented by an efficient fire company place the town in comparative immunity from danger from that source.

Petroleum gas is supplied throughout the fown. The gas works were established here, probably before that of any other town of its size in Canada, having been in running operation for the last 8 years. The gas is manufactured in town, and there is talk of establishing an electric light plant at a future date.

MUNICIPAL STATISTICS.

The town is assessed at a total figure of 900,000. The population is estimated at 3,500. The council is composed of the following gentlemen: S. Bricker, Mayor; Thomas E. Hay, Reeve; Peter Lillico, Deputy-reeve; Dr. J. A. Burgess, Town clerk; J. B. Dinkel, Treasurer; William Dixon, William E. Benning. William Peton, S. M. Smith, R. T. Kemp, A. W. Festherstone, William McKeever, John Bamford, J. C. Hay and John A. Hacking, Councillors.

The Board of Urade has a membership of about 60 influential business men. The President is B. F. Brook, and Secretary J. L. F. ling. The Board was incorporated in the board.

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pennant last year and sustain their claim to be a first-class team.

Last but not least in the matter of popular amusements, comes the town band. Without this musical organization Listowel would be incomplete. The fame of this band has spread abroad. Like every town, where there are Germans, there is good music. The band has successfully competed in western tournaments on several occasions. The council have for years past taken a deep interest in this organization and give an annual grant towards its support. The town is justly proud of its musical triumphs. The organization numbers 20 men, under the efficient leadership of Fred S. Howe. Each man is attired in a handsome suit, costing \$40. The band in its present condition has existed for about 5 years, but dates back much further. In connection with the band, there is a first-class orchestra con-

werry Friday night in the band stand.

A Mechanics Institute at present not as well patronized as it might be, is situated in Listowel, as well as numerous Orders and Benefit societies, among which are the Masons, Oddfellows, A.O. U. W., Select Knights, two courts of Canadian Order of Foresters, R.T. of T., Knights of Maccabees, and Orange lodges, all in a very flourishing condition, the Foresters alone numbering 200.

manufactories and business houses.

HESS EROTHERS FURNITURE PACTORY.

This establishment, of continental fame, is situated in a central locality and dates back for twenty-three years. The factactory includes 4 buildings, one hundred and forty hands are employed and about \$200,000 worth of furniture manufactured every year. All kinds of bedroom suites, parlor suites, sideboards, extension tables, etc., are turned out, and of as good workmanship as can be had in the Dominion. The furniture manufactured by this firm finds a ready sale all over the Dominion, they having supplied the largest hotels in Canada including Banff and Vancouver summer resorts. By means of the splendid system of waterworks owned by this firm, they have been instrumental in saving much valuable property in the towa, from destruction by fire.

Mr. Bricker was born in Berlin, and at the age of three was taken by his father to reside in Port Elgin. He went to Toronto to complete his studies. He removed to Listewel ten years ago and started in business as hardware mershant. He was elected four years ago to the Town council in which he displayed a keen, practical grasp of public affairs and it was not surprising that Mr. Bricker should be tendered the office which he new, so ably fills. It has leaked out that Mr. B. prominently mentioned as the next nomines for the local dered the office which he new, so ably fills. It has leaked out that Mr. B. prominently mentioned as the next nominee for the local house, and success to Mr. George Hess.

The hardware establishment under the firm name of Bricker Brothers, situated on Wallace street was established in 1879 by Mr. Samuel Bricker, who has since been continuously engaged in this business with his brother Mr. Moses Bricker, with pronounced success. A wholesale trade conducted in Paris plasters, water-lime, coal oil, building paper, tar felt, for sheeting houses, etc. They handle all manner of shelf and heavy hardware, silverware, stoves and tinware, hardware, silverware, stoves and tinware, paints and oils, house furnishings. They also deal in linoleums, oil cloths, cornice poles, seeds, etc., and plumbing and gas fitting are given special attention to. The main store is 20 x 75 and contains three flats including the basement. Eight hands are constantly employed.

JOHN CAMPBELL
late of the firm of Towner and Campbell, of
the tannery, and now retired, one of the
most jovial and whole-souled gentleman
that one can come across, is at present engaged loaning money and living on his
interest. Mr. Campbell is the towns humorist and story teller and no party or social
circle is complete without him.
WILLIAM FISHER,

grocery, flour and provision dealer has been established eleven years. He is well known as a reputable merchant and has an exten-sive patronage. Besides the above named lines Mr. Fisher deals in crockery and glass-

J. A. Puttam, late of the Albion hotel, Stratford, has a first-class hotel at the station. He has been there for eight months. The hotel is admirably adapted for travelers and commercial men generally. Though somewhat small this house is kept in as good style as any in the Province. An addition is being built which will provide for further needed accomodation.

B. F. BROOK,

President of the Board of Trade and proprietor of the Listowel woolen mills, is situated opposite the Queen's hotel. He has been established 15 years, and deals largely in lines for farmers trade, also does a big custom retail business. Tweeds, flannels, blankets, yarns and a general line in woolen goods constitute the stock in trade. The mill is a handsome white brick 48 inch complete tweed mill, fully equipped.

COL. D. D. CAMPBELL, J P. late of the Perth Militis, is a Scotchman. He has been engaged in the grain and milling business in town for many years, but is now retired. He is one of Listowels first settlers and most prominent citizens, and has ever been foremost in all schemes tending to promote the growth and activity of the town. He started the first store in Listowel. To the exertions of Col. Campbell largely, must the credit be given for the erection of the handsome Presbyterian church. There is not an enterprise brought forward for the advancement of the town, but what the Colonel is among the first te but what the Celonel is among the first give a helping hand.

banker, has been established in Listowel ten years, with a branch office at Arthur, managed by his sen Richard. He has most important connections and is conducting the very best class of business. Besides filling the affice of Deputy-racys We Tablica field.

always works in the right direction.

J. L. Daeling,

Barrister, solicitor, notary and conveyancer has offices over Scott's bank. He is solicitor for all the banks in town, including the above mentioned, the Bank of Hamilton and Lillico's banking house. Mr Darling is one of the leading lawyers of the town and a very popular gentleman, being conspicuous for his efforts in building up the athletic organizations that exists in town.

He has been established in this section for 12 years, and is general agent for the Hamilton nurseries. He fully enjoys the confidence of the farming community and all others who have favored him with orders. He is one of the most active men in the council.

TRED S. HOWE

besides being leader of the town band is alse tonsorial artist and stands at the head of his business. His shop is in the centre of the town and is completely fitted up in the most modern style.

George Zillian proprietor, is situated on Wallace and Inkerman streets. It has a wide reputation and holds im portant offices.

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HENRY GODDARD,

the leading jsweller, of Goldsmith Hall, is attusted two doors east of the Post-office, in the business portion of the town. The premises are easily located from their attractive appearance, and sign of the big clock. Valuables are stored in a fire and burglar proof vault for safe keeping. Mr. Gunther is a practical jeweller and carries a heavy and complete stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, etc., as fine a collection as can be found anywhere. Diamond rings are a specialty. By means of a very large regulator, ne supplies the town with correct railway time.

BANK OF HAMILTON,

O. S. Clarke, manager, has been established

the, leading firm of barristers, have been practising 5 years. They are town solicitors. Mr. Morphy is captain of No. 5 Co. 28th Batt. Perth. Volunteers, who go into camp on the 18th of June at London or Windsor. He is a prominent conservative. Mr. McIntosh is a young man of ability and energy.

hand.

A. MOYEE AND CO.,
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do a large merchant milling business, also
deal extensively in wheat and flour.
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rapidly pushed their way to the front in
this business. They handle Manitoba
wheat and enjoy a large retail custom trade.
The mill is a flower-roller, with a capacity
of 100 barrels a day.

JONATHAN BUSCHEET,
the enterprising contractor and builder is
also engaged in the manufacture of sashes
and doors. The building a two story brick
structure, is fitted up with the latest improved machinery, supplied by Goldie and
McCulloch of Galt. Mr. Buschert is
a thorough, practical man, and can satisfy the
most exacting.

HENEY GODDAED,

In this firm have the reputation of handling the finest goods in town and Burt Brothers and Co. have been engaged in business in Listowel since 1876.

JOHN RIGGS,

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proprietor of the 777 store has been established for 14 years in a general dry goods, tailoring, millinery, dress making and grocery business. He is centrally located and carries on business in commodious premises. A specialty is made in ordered work of all kinds, in millinery and dress making. Ten hands are employed in the latter branch and as many more in the tailoring depart-

M. Sullivas, proprietor, has but recently come under the management of the above named, yet has made giant strides and in now one of the finest hotels to be seen it town. It is fitted up in new and im rove style and has first-class stabling accome dation. A good table is one of the feature of the house. The purest well water it town is supplied, many residents making us of it in preference to their own.

JACOB LARGE

is owner of a large planing mill and sas and door factory. Mr. Large is another of the old resifients, having been in this business for about 17 years. Twelve hands are constantly employed, and sometimes 24. About \$40,000 worth of business was transacted last year. A great deal of the materiatured out is shipped to Manitoba an other distant points. Amongst other super ior classes of work, Mr. Large is contractor for Billico's new hotel.

MEDICAL.

MEDICAL. ed practitioner having started in 1875. His residence and office are situated very conresidence and office are situated very conveniently on Main street. He has an extensive town and country practice.

L. W. Thompson, M. B., though but three years established, is rapidly working into a good practice. He enjoys the advantage of a central situation and comfortable offices.

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his whole time to business.

JAMES MEDILL

is proprietor of a wholesale liquor establish ment on Main street. The very best brands of wines and liquors are kept constantly of hand and a large town and country trade is done. Mr. Medill has a bonded warehouse and buys and sells in bond. Though bulately established the business has already increased at a surprising sate and is still received in the cocupies, could scarcely found. He has acted in that capacity the town of Listowel for the past ten ye which fact speaks for itself.

tailoring is made a specialty.

JAMES ARMSTRONG,
grocer, and one of the pioneers of Listowel cas recall the period 26 years ago. He carries the very best and most complete line in the grocery business, and buys farmers produce He also keeps crockery, and glassware. A cheese refrigerator adjoins the store where cheese, butter, etc., is stored. The pre mises are probably the finest for store purposes in town, and are fitted up in a manner to compare favorably with any city grocery. A large hall above is magnificently fitted up for the A.O.U.W. Brussels carpet covers the floor, with elegant, plush covered furniture to match. A raised dais surrounds the room and handsome desks are situated at either of two corners for the use of secretaries. Equally handsome fittings make this one of the finest lodge rooms in the Province.

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GRAND CENTRAL HOTZL,

situated on the corner of Main and Mill streets is under the management of Archibald McIntosh. The hotel is fitted up in magnificent style, and contains 52 rooms, besides sample rooms and as good stabling accommodation as can be had in the country. An excellent menu is always provided. Billiard room and barber shop in connection.

most exacting.

IN HENRY GODDAED,
besides being a successful carriage manufacturer has a wide reputation as one of the best locultry raisers in the country. He takes much interest in, and devotes consider able time to this pleasant occupation. He is a member of the Public School Board, and a good churchman.

SIMON SQUIRS,
has been established for seven years in the waggon and carriage manufacturing line. He makes very neat and durable rig, and also does repairing.

H. F. BUCK
does a large retail furniture business, and makes a specialty of ordered work. He is also in the undertaking business, and makes a specialty of ordered work. He is also in the undertaking business, and makes a specialty of ordered work. He is also in the undertaking business, and can, with the help of a doctor, give a man a most elegant lay out. Book case, picture framing, etc. are turned out in first class style by skilled workmen under the personal and interesting. A native of Germany by birth,

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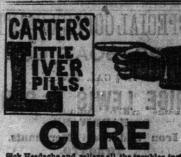
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