

distillery, importing some 30,000 or 40,000 bushels of corn annually; also a paper mill, capable, with a full supply of water, of turning out from 250 to 300 tons of paper a year. The woollen factory, also on this canal, is turning out 3,000 yards of cloth per week.

Brantford is the head of the navigation of the river, and is thirty miles from the deep water at Cayuga. The improvement of this navigation was commenced here in 1840, and gave the first impetus to this now flourishing town, and would again add much to its prosperity by its revival. Commercially, few towns possess greater advantages than this, it being in the centre of one of the finest agricultural districts in the Province, and possessing a most extensive water power, with capabilities of becoming one of the first manufacturing towns in Ontario. It was in former years one of the largest grain markets in the Western Province, and nothing would again establish its reputation as a market so much as by the improvement of the navigation, thus enabling produce, &c., to be shipped direct to any markets in the Province, and to compete with Hamilton or Toronto. For want of these shipping facilities, thousands of bushels of grain are annually diverted from this channel.

The following are some of its leading manufactures:

Four large flour mills, with a capacity of grinding 120,000 bbls. per annum.

Two foundries and engine works, employing some 200 hands.

Two tanneries.

Stoneware works, importing 300 tons of clay per year from New Jersey.

Planing mills, cabinet works, brewery and many other small factories, with a large number of extensive grain storehouses situated on the canal, offering every facility to grain merchants to ship by this route.

Total grain of all kinds purchased during the past year was 260,000 bushels—140,000 bushels of barley, the balance being made up of wheat, peas and oats.

A large amount of other products are shipped from this market, such as 13,000 bushels potatoes, 1,700 barrels apples, and 400,000 staves. Also a large number of cattle, sheep and hogs, showing that