

INDUSTRIAL BRANTFORD

Progress and prosperity—the essentials of leading municipalities of this or any other age—are rapidly becoming synonymous with the name of Brantford. The Telephone City is steadily creeping toward the front rank of Canadian municipalities and is developing briskly on a comprehensive scale that augurs well for the future. Industrially, commercially and agriculturally, this district is unsurpassed and is steadily achieving its proper level among the leading municipalities of the Dominion.

Brantford's Industrial Prominence.

In the sphere of industry, Brantford occupies a justly prominent position, achieved through the progress and prosperity that has continuously during the past ten years or more been associated with the name—Brantford. The enterprise and business aggressiveness of manufacturers and citizens alike has gained for the city an honored place among the preferred municipalities of the Dominion.

What advancement has been chronicled in the annals of the city during the past two years, if present indications are true, will be repeated during the coming decade, and while the development of the community is not dependent solely upon local conditions, outside influences, if they may be termed are equally propitious for a continuation of our present prosperity.

It has been said that "while progress is largely a matter of experiment, the uncertain element may be lessened by thorough and intelligent investigation and anticipation." The citizens, business and professional men of Brantford are imbued with the spirit of enterprise and the products turned out of the many and varied factories here, and thrown upon the markets of the world have established an enviable distinction wherever they have been in common use.

Through the excellence of its manufactured products, and its connection thereby with all sections of the North American continent, and in fact with all quarters of the globe, among the larger cities of the Dominion, Brantford has succeeded to the front rank. Manufacturers contemplating the founding of a branch establishment or prospective manufacturers seeking a desirable location for a factory, receive many tempting propositions. Before any of these offers are definitely accepted, the manufacturer generally tests the problem out along certain well defined lines.

There is first the local situation to be determined. How will it affect his production? Then there is the secondary consideration—what facilities are available for marketing his production?

In both these respects, Brantford holds forth exceptional advantages. Suitable and convenient factory sites are easily obtainable at reasonable values. Within the limits of the municipality there are many locations admirably adapted for such a purpose. The labor problem is dependable and industrial unrest is practically unknown. During the past few years there have been but few strikes of any importance, and while, as might be expected in a manufacturing city of this size, minor misunderstandings have been inevitable they have usually been amicably and speedily arranged. Nearly

five thousand sons of Brantford and Brant County have answered their country's call, and upon their return will be a decided asset to the community.

Brantford's transportation facilities are unequalled. Five railway lines affording splendid connections, are easily available, and interconnecting privileges between these roads are obtainable when so desired. The main and branch lines of the Grand Trunk Railway System pass through the city. The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway, connecting with the C. M. R., and the C. P. R., is another steam road. Three electric lines, the Lake Erie & Northern, the Brantford and Hamilton, and the Brantford and Paris roads constitute the balance of the railway attractions to manufacturers. The L. E. & N. Ry. gives a two hour service to Port Dover, Brantford's port on the Great Lakes, passing through the prosperous county of Norfolk, and Simcoe, and gives an equally good service with the richest district of the northern section of Western Ontario. The B. & H. operates between Brantford and Hamilton and the fruit belt of the Niagara Peninsula. The Brantford and Paris electric line connects the city of Brantford with the town of Paris, seven miles distant.

The manufacturer, viewing Brantford as a possibility for a factory location, will also wish to be satisfied as to the health of the district, the stability of our civic administration and the quality of our public utilities. Beyond doubt, Brantford is situated in a locality, that from every viewpoint, tends toward the healthiness of its citizens. Epidemics of disease are practically unknown, and the proportion of ordinary sickness is unusually low as compared with other cities of a like size. This will be borne out by the annual reports of the city and township health officers for the past ten years. The finances of the city are conducted on a safe and sane basis and along business principles, and in this respect Brantford is unsurpassed. The public utilities are practically all controlled by the municipality. The light and power for private residences and factories is supplied by the Brantford Hydro Electric Commission. The water and street railway systems are governed and administered on the commission system, and the corporation has stock and representation on the board of directors of the Gas Company.

Few places there are, in Ontario or in the Dominion that can outdistance or surpass Brantford as a business center, and this is rapidly being recognized, not only by the citizens of this city, but by residents of nearby counties and in other sections of the Province. The stores are large, commodious, well built structures, handsomely outfitted, stocked on a large scale and progressively managed. There is absolutely no need nor advantage for the purchaser to seek beyond his own domain, for his needs are all at hand where they may be procured at reasonable prices. Goods displayed on the shelves of Brantford's merchants are reliable and comprise a variety that includes practically every recognized article on the market. The retailers are mostly men of

standing in the community, and for a long radius outside. In many cases they are inspired by an inherited pride to maintain the efficiency and reputation of their establishments.

The straightforward and modern business methods employed, the attractive manner in which goods are displayed, the courteous service given and the truthfulness of their newspaper advertising, are other factors that enter largely into the pre-eminence that has been attained by Brantford's business men.

What has been said of the retailers is equally applicable to the wholesalers and their houses of business. Their travellers, alert, capable and experienced, with a full and complete knowledge of their goods, have carried the name of Brantford from coast to coast, and have with unequalled success, boasted the name of this fair and prosperous city. Brant's producers have always been largely numbered among the winners of the awards for the high standing of their products.

When the election call for men was first sounded by the Empire and by the Dominion, from every hillside, valley and glen, the response was hearty and to-day when the necessity for greater production of foodstuffs is acute, and the feeding of the armies and people of the Allies depends greatly upon Canada, Brant County has again rallied to the need of the nation.

The City of Brantford—Its Early History.

Brantford derives its name from the celebrated Mohawk Chief, and British ally, Joseph Brant—Chief of the Six Nations Indians. Brant's Indian name was Thayendanegea, signifying two sticks tied together, an emblem of double strength and unity. He was born on the banks of the Ohio in 1742, and died at Wellington Square, now known as Burlington, on November 24th, 1807. He was buried in the graveyard adjacent to the Mohawk Episcopal Church, the oldest Protestant Church in Upper Canada, that is now one of the famous landmarks of the city. The church is situated on the Mohawk Road, some distance outside the southern limit of the city, and was erected by funds collected by the chieftain himself while in England.

The name Brantford was originally two words, Brant's Ford, named from a ford on the Grand River, frequently used by the Chief of the Six Nations. The site of the city was surrendered to the Crown by the Six Nations Indians on the 19th day of April, 1820, and in the same year was surveyed and laid out by the late Lewis Burwell, Provincial Land Surveyor. The sale of lots to the original settlers took place in 1821, and the community made rapid strides toward wealth and importance. In July, 1847, the first meeting of the town council was held on September 29th, William Muirhead was the first Mayor.

Twenty-seven years later Brantford was incorporated a city, Dr. J. W. Digby being the first chief magistrate. It was just seventy years ago that Brantford was incorporated a town, and from that time to this, progress has been steady and prosperity sure.

There are many notable features in the city, stands the Brant Monument, tribute to Chief Joseph Brant, from whom the city derives its name. The monument is a work of art, durable and impressive. It is of granite, and is surmounted by a statue of the noted Indian warrior.

In Jubilee Park there stands another memorial, recalling Brantford's contribution of men in the South African war, where three local boys gave of their life blood for the Empire.

Brantford and the War—A Brief Resume.

Brantford's record in the past, the heroism of her early settlers, who heaved homes out of the wilderness; her assistance to Canada and the Empire in wars of other years, has been more than equalled in this present crisis, when men, money and munitions have been contributed to the cause with an uninterrupted flow and on a scale of unprecedented magnitude.

From the City of Brantford, the Town of Paris and the County of Brant, approximately five thousand men have gone. And of this number, nearly three hundred have laid down their greatest possession—their life. During the great battle on the Western front the local casualty list has steadily increased, indicating that where the battle is fiercest and fiercest, there will be found the Brantford and Brant County men.

The ladies have not been in the rear, and nobly have they who remained at home placed their shoulders to the wheel. Knitting needles have been busy, and every woman's patriotic organization in the city and county has banded together into the Patriotic League with the purpose of sending comforts and cheer to the lads in the trenches.

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AUSTRIAN WARSHIP SUNK.

London, Dec. 15.—The Austrian battleship, Wien, was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night, according to a Vienna official statement received in the Canadian Press to London. Most of the crew was saved.

The battleship Wien displaced 5,512 tons, and was laid down in 1903. She had a complement of 441 men. Her largest guns were four 9.4 inch and six 5.9 inch, and she had four torpedo tubes above the water.

SECOND RELIEF SHIP.

Halifax, Dec. 15.—The relief ship Norland, the second vessel sent from Boston with supplies and clothing for the destitute here, arrived to-day.



There isn't a person in this city who wouldn't be better off if he joined the Christmas Savings Club not only for the money he would make so easily but for the weekly thrift habit he would acquire

The Merchants Bank

Cor. George and Dalhousie Sts.

G. C. LAWRENCE, Mgr.

The Honor Roll of Paris

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As a tribute of respect to the deceased soldier of his family, the blinds of the stores were drawn and business suspended during the funeral hour. The large number of floral tributes from the late comrades and friends bore evidence of the high esteem in which deceased was held.

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