

TOWNS AND VILLAGES, COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

ST. CATHARINES.

THE Town of St. Catharines is situated in the township of Grantham, county of Lincoln, on the Welland Canal and Twelve-Mile Creek, four miles from Port Dalhousie, the point at which the Canal connects with Lake Ontario. The town lies beautifully on a tract of table land above the valley through which the canal is cut, and surrounded by a section of country unsurpassed in the province for fertility and cultivation. In point of commercial importance, it ranks at the head of the towns in Western Canada, being the chief point on the Welland Canal, which unites the great chain of western inland seas with Lake Ontario; thus giving an unbroken line of communication by water from Lake Superior to the Atlantic seaboard, and thence to every commercial metropolis in the world. It also derives great advantages from its railway communications,—the Welland Railway having its head office and works here, and the Great Western Railway having a first-class station within a mile of the town. The Welland Railway runs parallel with the Welland Canal, and during the season of navigation, has a line of propellers running from Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, and intermediate ports, connecting at Port Colborne with the railway, where all freights are transhipped, and forwarded to Port Dalhousie, the northern terminus of the road, and thence shipped again for the various ports along the shores of Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence river, and the Atlantic seaboard. The Company has an elevator at Port Colborne, and one at Port Dalhousie, each capable of containing a hundred thousand bushels of grain.

The Great Western Railway, going east, brings St. Catharines within