

THE AVONDALE HOTEL

CORNER SIMCOE AND WELLINGTON STREETS TORONTO

This popular hotel, although within one block of the Union Station where trains from all points concentrate and near the Steamboat wharves, is entirely free from the turmoil of the adjacent crowded thoroughfare. It is a fine brick edifice three stories high, with Ladies' entrance on both streets, and shaded by wide spreading chestnut trees.

The interior is handsomely furnished and contains besides the spacious and well equipped Drawing Rooms, Dining Halls, Reading Rooms, Office and sample rooms, comfortable accommodation for about one hundred guests.

Mr. Walter H. Minns the former popular proprietor of the "Avondale" has lately sold out to Mr. W. R. Kindree who although only four months in possession has already gained golden opinions for his courtesy and able management, from the boarders and regular guests and will undoubtedly keep up and extend the reputation and popularity of this favorite hotel.

The table and other accommodation is excellent, and the rates are only from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day; we append a brief biography of the enterprising new proprietor of the "Avondale"

Mr. W. R. Kindree

Was born in Halton Co., on the homestead of his father, Trafalgar Township, who owns a well cultivated farm of 200 acres, equipped with all the most modern machinery, and stocked with choice breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, &c., which is under the supervision of his elder brother, Marcus, who is a thoroughly educated agriculturist.

Mr. W. R. Kindree was primarily educated at the public schools, and subsequently at the British American Business College, Toronto, where he graduated with honors, taking the gold medal for penmanship, and received his diploma in 1887; immediately after which he accepted the position of bookkeeper in a leading wholesale grocery establishment in Toronto, which he continued to fill for five years, when he resigned to accept an engagement as traveller for John Bott, of Walkerville, the well known Brewer of pure malt stout, in whose service he gained high encomiums for his business ability, and reluctantly allowed him to resign, when he decided to purchase the "Avondale".

THE EMPRESS HOTEL.

R. DISSETTE, PROPRIETOR.

CORNER OF YONGE AND GOULD STREETS, NEAR THE NORMAL SCHOOL, TORONTO.

This is a handsome brick building three storeys high with frontage of 200 ft. on Gould and 60 ft. on Yonge—the ladies entrance being on the former

THE INTERIOR

is fitted up with several elegantly furnished parlors one of which commands an excellent view of Yonge Street, one of Toronto's business thoroughfares.

THE SPACIOUS DINING HALL

is one of the best lighted and ventilated in Toronto. The house is heated throughout by hot air, lighted both with gas and electricity and is fitted up with all the most modern conveniences.

That the table is always supplied with everything the market affords and that the hotel is first class in every particular, is clearly evidenced by the fact that it is the favorite resort of teachers and students of the Normal School, who appreciate all the comforts and quiet of a luxurious home with the freedom of a hotel.—The street railway cars run direct past the door to the Union Station and all parts of the city, Mr. Dissette the gentlemanly proprietor and all his staff are extremely attentive to the guests and spare no pains in making them comfortable and at home.

MACFARLANE'S HOTEL,

93 JARVIS STREET, TORONTO.

This is one of the oldest established and best kept \$1.00 per day hotels in Toronto. The proprietor, Mr. Malcolm Macfarlane, has been consecutively longer than any other in the business in this City.

He is known far and near, not only as a model hotel-keeper, but also as a highly respected citizen.

The Macfarlane Hotel, besides commanding a large amount of the better class of farmers custom, also has many guests from a distance, who appreciate a quiet, orderly house. Our esteemed friend Mr. W. H. Irwin, publisher of the Hamilton Directory, annually makes it his home during the summer vacation.



THE EMPRESS HOTEL,
COR. WINCHESTER AND PARLIAMENT STREETS,
TORONTO.

JOHN AYRE, PROPRIETOR.

The corner of Winchester and Parliament streets has long been familiar to the Canadian public as a hotel site, and since 1888 has been unanimously recognized as the location of the most comfortable, best kept and moderate priced house in the city, viz, the Lake View Hotel, conducted under the proprietorship of Mr. John Ayre. For upwards of thirty years previously the site had been occupied as a hotel by different proprietors, and is one of Toronto's celebrated landmarks. The present modern structure is remarkably handsome and substantial, the main building on the corner being four stories, six in height and surmounted by a picturesque tower and observatory. From here can be had a magnificent view of the city, the Island, Lake Ontario, etc. The main building is 60 feet by 80 feet, with a wing on each side also of brick, two storeys in height and 40 feet by 60 feet in dimensions respectively. The Lake View has seventy-five rooms, many arranged en suite for families, and all most comfortably fitted up and furnished. The house is specially planned to secure the best arrangement, lofty ceilings, plenty of light and ventilation, while there is steam heat and all modern improvements, including best of sanitary appliances. The house has been furnished in the most elegant manner by Mr. Ayre, who is a recognized leading authority upon the difficult art of modern hotel-keeping. The ladies parlors are large and luxurious, while the great dining hall readily seats one hundred guests. The reading and smoking rooms have cushioned and upholstered seats and lounges, and the comfort of the guests is made a special consideration. There are electric bells in all rooms, patent fire escapes on each floor, in this respect the house is one of the safest in Ontario. The en-suite bath-rooms on each floor, with hot and cold water. From careful personal examination we can most emphatically recommend the "Lake View" to the travelling public, for although the accommodation is in every particular first-class, from the menu of the dining hall to the newly furnished sleeping apartments, the rates are only from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Mr. Ayre is an experienced hotel man, and a liberal caterer. The "Lake View" is directly central to the business section of the city, to the depots and steamboat wharves, and to the principal churches and places of amusement. Cars run to all parts of the city, while the Sherbourne street belt-line cars, transferring at Carlton street to Winchester street cars, convey passengers from the Union Depot right to the door. The house has the support and patronage of the best classes of the travelling public, and its fast filling registers indicate how well pleased are Mr. Ayre's patrons and how popular he is—a genial, attentive and liberal host.

We give below a brief biography, by Mr. Ayre, as an object lesson to the young men of Canada, pointing out as it does how earnest, honest and persistent effort is sure to succeed.

John Ayre was born at Crediton, Devonshire, Eng., 1815. When seven years old his parents removed to Birmingham, where he finished his schooling and was apprenticed to learn the art of decorative painting, making graining in wood his special study. On the completion of his time he removed to Rochdale, Lancashire, here he worked at his trade for Mr. Wm. Best, the principal ornamental painter of that place, during which time he was entrusted among others with the work of graining Hon. John Bright's residence, which he finished to the entire satisfaction of the great Liberal statesman. Subsequently he lived in London, Huddersfield and Liverpool, working for the trade as a grainer. In the latter city he won the only diploma granted at the Workingmen's Exhibition for graining in imitation of wood against over one hundred skilled competitors. In 1871 he came to Canada and spent a season at Muskoka, on his return settling in Toronto. He was engaged and worked for a short time for Mr. McCausland as grainer. In 1873 he commenced independently and on his own account, working for the trade, and rapidly secured a large connection and a constant demand for his services as an artistic grainer in wood, in which it is but stating a fact he has no superior in America. In 1876 he purchased the "Lake View" property containing to run the hotel in the old buildings until 1887, when he removed them and commenced the erection of his present palatial house, which was completed in 1888, and is now one of the most notable ornaments to the eastern portion of the city. In private life Mr. Ayre is known as a kind husband, an indulgent parent and a warm friend. He was married in Liverpool, 1865, to Miss Beavers, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, Eng. by whom he had ten children, only five of whom are, however, now living. His two eldest sons, John and Charles, after a thorough education and both taking diplomas at the Commercial College, are efficiently assisting their father in the management of the "Lake View."

Mr. Ayre, as a citizen, takes a deep interest in benevolent and patriotic societies and many sports. He is a member of Orient Blue Lodge and Chapter A. F. and A. M. G. R. C.

Treasurer of Manchester Lodge, S. of E., and also of Winchester Lodge, C. O. O. F. A charter member and P. M. of Macabees, A member of Crystal Lodge, A. O. U. W.; of Queen City Lodge, No

857, L. O. L. and the Order of Select Knights; Beaver Council, Royal Arcanum, etc.; also of the Caledonia Curling Club, the Toronto Gun Club and the Toronto Kennel Club. His setters and cocker spaniels are among the best bred dogs in Canada, and were very highly commended at the Toronto Industrial Exhibit of 1890.

As a private individual as well as a model hotel proprietor Mr. Ayre is universally esteemed, not only by his fellow citizens, but by all the travelling public who have been fortunate enough to have once been guests of the genial, whole-souled land lord of the "Lake View" Hotel.

THE VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

T. O'CONNELL, PROP.

This is a new hotel, opened only lately by one of Toronto's best known hotelkeepers; it is situated on Victoria, between King and Adelaide Streets, and occupies the large stone building known as Millicamp's Block, the interior of which has been remodeled and painted throughout. The Victoria is fitted up with elegant new furniture, thoroughly heated by steam and brilliantly lighted by electricity.

The Dining Hall

is well lighted and extremely neat in all its appointments.

THE SPACIOUS BAR

28 ft. by 25 ft. is without a doubt the most artistically fitted up in Ontario, resplendent with mirrors the full length and reaching nearly to the ceiling, while the walls and panelled ceiling are all frescoed and painted by hand, in delicate, beautifully blended tints, and the galaxy of cut glass, makes the effect most pleasing, and stamps the "tout assemble" as most unique.

In rear of the bar and reached also by a side entrance, are two comfortable rooms and a small parlor, each with separate entrances and electric bells—a passage leads to the well kept lavatory in rear.

Mr. O'Connell has secured the services of Mr. E. B. Ryan, as manager, formerly of the firm of Mitchell & Ryan, 99 King Street West, and lately of the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, whose ability and courtesy is so well known,

Boots For Lame and Deformed Feet

FRED IVEY.

OF 169 BAY STREET, - TORONTO.

Is the sign that meets the eye of the stranger in Toronto, Mr. Ivey was born in Owen Sound Grey Co. 1862 where the family still reside.

WM. IVEY

His father is a native of Cornwall—came to Canada in 1854 settling in Toronto, removed to Owen Sound, subsequently removed to Jarvis (1871) where for many years he carried on the leading merchant-tailoring business of the village but has now retired. His son Fred, after school days was apprentice to the shoe making trade, on the completion of which he opened a shop in Hagarville, but desirous to improve his knowledge of making a perfect fitting boot for any shaped foot he sold out and came to Toronto where he placed himself under instruction of the most experienced maker who had already a reputation in that line. At the end of 12 months for several years he worked for some of the best shops in Toronto, during all of which time he was adding to his knowledge of the speciality which has been his study of perfectly fitting the lame and deformed.

Since opening a store for himself at 169 bay street he has rapidly become known as most reliable in this respect, as well as for sporting boots of every kind and is pronounced by professional runners as the maker of the best spiked shoe in Canada. We strongly advise those of our readers who are lame, to make a point of calling on him and leaving their orders.

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