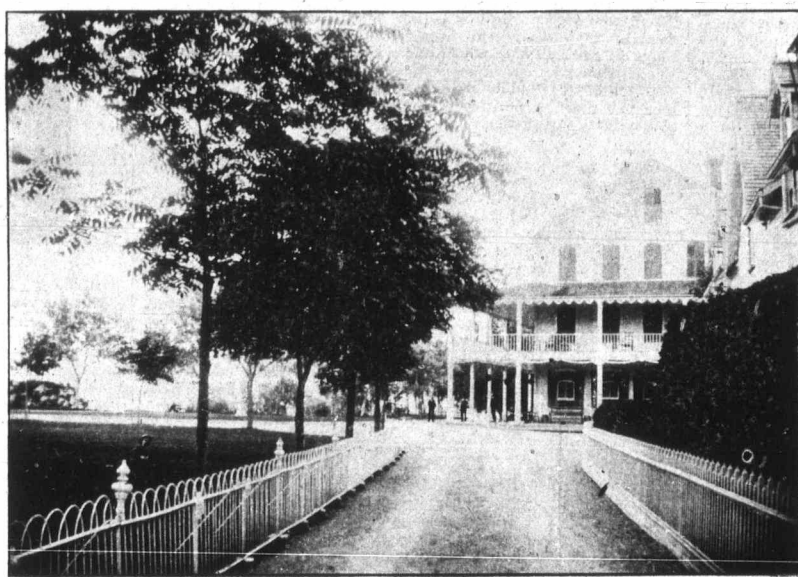


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## PORT STANLEY

PORT STANLEY is by far the most important port on the Canadian coast of Lake Erie. The position of the harbor is one indeed of provincial importance as being the outlet of a country second to none in the province in fertility of soil and general productiveness. Landing here in a commodious harbor, whose piers, by the bounty of Government, have no superior in the Dominion, one is at once in the village; its importance as to age is great, and its proximity to the summer resort very fortunate, as its merchants are always well-stocked and campers need fear no fatigue. Leaving the village we ascend the western heights either by the steam incline road or by way of easy flights of stairs, which, at distances of thirty or forty feet, offer resting places beneath the shade of shrubbery skirting the steep ascent. Once upon the heights the scene before the gaze becomes at once a refreshing sight. The photographer's camera has caught the landscape with professional exactitude and marvellous conformation, and given the picturesque surroundings their natural tone, which only need but a visit to these grounds to verify. These heights have long been known as the FRASER HEIGHTS, and they have never, since their inception as picnic grounds, revealed a more charming aspect. In the midst of all this entrancement stands the



THE HOTEL FRASER—THE TOURIST'S RESORT

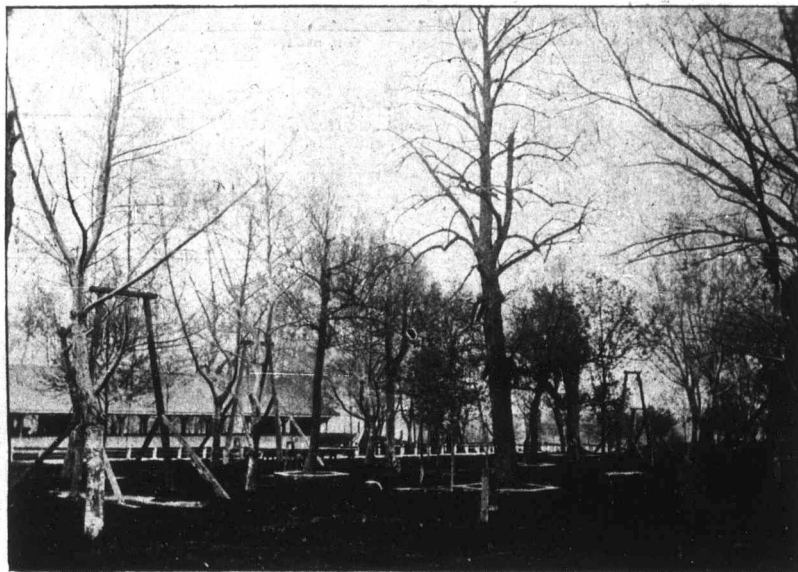
Port Stanley  
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Proprietor.



DINING HALL OF HOTEL FRASER



THE OLD PICNIC GROUNDS AND DANCE HALL, HOTEL FRASER

Hotel, St. Thomas—MR. THOMAS DONLEY—which hotel will be conducted in conjunction. The *cuisine* of both houses is in the hands of a chef whose equals are of the world's best, the patrons may rest assured of a *table d'hôte* ranking with the best hotels in America. Money has been freely expended by the new lessee, MR. DONLEY, in equipping the interior with every known modern accommodation, until the elegance and commodious fitness of every department is replete with comfort. While arranging the details of the interior, MR. DONLEY has not forgotten the various annexes of the hotel proper. Capacious dining halls, seating hundreds, extend from the east side of the house; beautiful ice cream parlors adjoin these, dancing halls, steam merry-go-rounds, soft, sweet, entrancing music from the Italian band, making a harmonious whole, dispelling the dull monotony of daily routine and transforming the stern reality of life into Fairyland. MR. DONLEY by his indomitable zeal has imbued the energy in those of his staff, and one and all unite with one acclaim for making the business an unparalleled success. The most inexpensive tourist resort in Canada. It will cost but a trifle more to pass the hot summer months at this beautiful, healthy home of luxury than it does for you to stay at home. No extortionate methods practiced in any of the annexed divisions of this resort. The largest and finest steam merry-go-round in America in operation upon the grounds, boating, fishing, bathing, music and every attraction furnished to amuse the guests.

FOR RATES AND FURTHER PARTICULARS WRITE  
THOS. DONLEY, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

## GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL.

MR. THOMAS DONLEY, proprietor of the Grand Central, has one of the leading hotels of Ontario, and indeed it would be hard to find its superior in the Dominion. It is a fine, four-story brick building, containing one hundred chambers, fourteen sample rooms, a spacious dining room capable of seating



GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, ST. THOMAS

one hundred guests, large, elegantly furnished parlors, with commodious offices, reading room, etc. The house possesses an elevator,



SUNBATHING, HOTEL FRASER

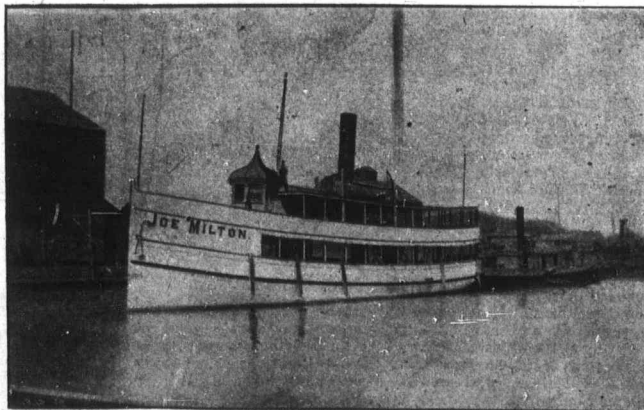
and is fitted throughout with all modern conveniences, being lighted by electricity, generated on the premises, from a plant belonging to Mr. Donley. The table is supplied with all the substantial and delicacies of the season, exquisitely cooked and elegantly served, while the forty employees of the hotel make it a point to do all they can to ensure the comfort of the guests. The rate is but two dollars per day, which is very low indeed when all the attractions of the Grand Central are taken into account. Mr. Donley is a Canadian and came to St. Thomas four years ago, when he became the proprietor of the Grand Central. He is a natural-born hotel keeper, having a special aptitude for looking after the comfort and welfare of his guests, besides being highly esteemed.

## DUNCOMBE OPERA HOUSE.

THE Duncombe Opera House is a recent addition to the many fine structures of which St. Thomas boasts, and the proprietor and manager, Mr. T. H. Duncombe, is to be congratulated on having furnished us with such an elegant "Temple of Thespis." It is a fine three-story brick building, 145 x 66 feet, conveniently located on Talbot street. It has a seating capacity of 1000. The house is on the Whitney circuit, the largest in the United States, for booking purposes, and so is enabled to play attractions that could not otherwise be seen in our city. For instance, "Wang," the great comic opera is on to-night, December 15.

## RETAIL BUSINESSES

In addition to the many wholesale and retail establishments mentioned in detail in these pages, St. Thomas boasts of others which are most important. Mr. J. Mickleborough is the proprietor of a mammoth dry goods establishment comprising two large stores and filled with a stock which is unequalled in the west in variety and completeness. Messrs. Griffin & Wright also have two large stores devoted to the dry goods business, and are worthily counted among our leading merchants. Mr. H. G. Broderick and Messrs. J. B. Hill & Co. also have large dry goods trades. In merchant tailoring establishments the city is unusually rich, among the leading firms may be mentioned H. McPherson, W. F. Boughner, Broderick & Son, Murray & Down L. H. Tarrant, W. Boulton, S. Fraine and Mason Bros. Doing business in boots and shoes are, Messrs. S. B. Pocock, Meehan & Regan, F. Sutherland, D. Ferguson, Cronk & Tallman, J. Hirsh, and J. Wooster. In groceries the list is almost too long for enumeration, but among those engaged in the business may be mentioned, G. G. Steele, T. S. Edwards, Hutchinson & Land, A. M. Hutchinson, A. Lindsay, W. E. Ross, Waddell Bros., J. H. Price, Egan Bros., J. Entler, D. D. Black, E. McCormick, W. Precious, J. H. Secord, E. M. Oill, James Munn, W. A. Miner. The hardware business is well represented by the Stacey Manufacturing Co., J. Acheson, Risdon & Livesey, G. W. Smiley, Smith Hardware Co. Among the leading jewellers are, W. R. Jackson, H. C. Flach, C. H. Hepinstall, J. E. Nelson, F. C. Jost, and T. A. Simons. The book stores kept by Messrs. R. McLachlin, W. H. March, W. Cornforth, and W. Watson are the best. The first class drug stores are kept by Messrs. F. P. Reynolds, G. W. Campbell, W. O. Foster, W. J. James, J. P. Kidd, Geo. R. McColl, R. J. Old and E. C. Harvey. In fact, in all lines St. Thomas is well supplied.



EXCURSION STEAMER PLYING IN CONNECTION WITH HOTEL FRASER