

Henderson, K.C., Chas. M. Thompson. Other directors during the life of the business have been F. Chalcraft, W. Watt, W. C. Boddy, J. A. Sanderson. The present executive of the business consists of Chas. M. Thompson, Managing Director; Jas. W. Milne, Superintendent; C. E. Disher, Assistant Treasurer.

KITCHEN OVERALL AND SHIRT COMPANY:—This business was started by C. E. Kitchen and L. W. Whittaker in 1906 when a small wholesale clothing business was commenced at 45 Dalhousie Street. Mr. J. F. Kitchen later purchased Mr. Whittaker's interest and shortly afterwards the plant was removed to the Cockshutt Building on Queen Street. After the business had been in operation for two years a joint stock company was formed with the following directors: S. G. Kitchen, J. H. Spence, T. L. Wood, J. F. and C. E. Kitchen. About a year after the new organization, manufacturing was commenced in a small way and later an overall equipment was purchased in London and moved to Brantford. The manufacture of overalls and work shirts then became the leading lines and in 1917 enlarged quarters became an absolute necessity. Accordingly the purchase took place of what was known as the "Buck Building" on West Street and the interior was entirely remodelled with the result of an entirely up to date establishment. In addition to their own lines of manufacture the firm have arrangements with three other factories whereby they take their entire output of aprons, gloves and shirts. The output eight years ago was slightly over \$40,000 and for 1920 was close to one million dollars. From twenty hands at first the number has grown to two hundred and fifty. Canadian demands keep the plant exceedingly busy, although considerable business is commencing to develop in other lands. The present Board of Directors consists of Jos. Ruddy, G. Pickles, Jos. Ham, T. E. Ryerson, J. F. Kitchen and C. E. Kitchen.

THE BRANDON SHOE CO.:—In 1907 Mr. A. Brandon, who had for thirty-years been associated with the shoe trade, went to Aylmer, Ontario, from the city of St. Louis, Missouri, and organized in the town of Aylmer, the Brandon Shoe Company, Limited.

Operations commenced in 1907, and continued with wonderful success until the fall of 1909, when an explosion in the Municipal Electric Plant, which was next door to The Brandon Shoe Company, completely destroyed both places by fire.

Several large cities in the Dominion requested that Mr. Brandon re-organize a shoe factory and offered many inducements, but Mr. Brandon finally decided on Brantford as the future home of Brandon Shoes. Local capital was interested and the property at 125 Pearl Street, where