

the Lawlor (Grand Trunk Ry.) the Janes and the Canadian Pacific Railway buildings occupy the four corners.

The financial institutions, the banks, insurance companies, the loan companies, are conspicuous on account of their magnificent office buildings which form a striking architectural feature of the city streets, and they are prominent in the country on account of the magnitude of their transactions. Toronto is the financial capital of Canada. In it are located the headquarters of the great monetary organizations of the Dominion,—institutions the volume of whose transactions, it is stated, exceeds that of their Canadian contemporaries in any one city.

The live stock trade has been especially prosperous and is now a very large business, engaged in by a class of men who have made for themselves a name for integrity and enterprise and success in an extremely onerous calling.

As far back as 1803 Lieut.-Gov. Hunter established the first public market in Toronto. Since that time Toronto's markets have had repeated enlargements and at the present time a market scheme, providing for additional accommodation on a modern plan, is in the hands of the architects, the people having voted \$150,000 for the purpose at the last municipal election. Toronto is surrounded by a most fertile country, the products of which, by team and railway and by the radial railways at present promoted, find an easy way to its market, and the new market, when erected, will prove of great advantage and benefit to the general business of the city.

This business prosperity is to no small degree assisted by the admirable facilities for transportation the city commands by land and water, the latter soon to be further improved. The city is indeed a great railway centre, and if projected lines to the north and north-west should be carried to completion, connecting the Hudson Bay with the city direct, and adding to the lines already touching the Georgian Bay, the increase in trade can only result in an enormous advance on the prosperity now happily enjoyed.

The future holds a bright prospect. The record of the past is one of steady progress under difficulties which have vanished; the present is one of opportunities which are not being neglected, so there can be no doubt that public spirit and enterprise will always stand as a bulwark behind the common weal.



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