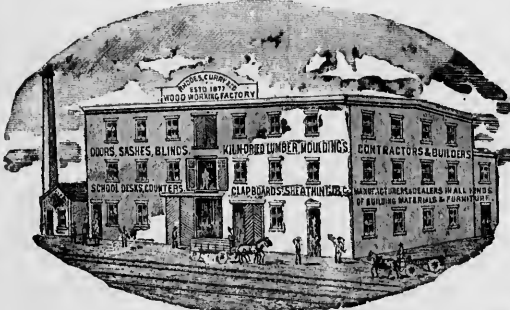


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work ornamentation desired, but its development marks an era in the civilization of the nineteenth century, that, in its way, has had as marked an effect in the progress of the people as has steam locomotion or the electric telegraph. Amongst those establishments which have so materially added to the fame of Amherst, as an important manufacturing centre, is the widely known house of Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., who control a large business as contractors and builders, and who are also proprietors of the Amherst Wood-working Factory. This business was established by the present firm in 1877, on another location in this town, but on being burnt out they removed to their present site; again did misfortune overtake them in the shape of fire, but nothing daunted they speedily re-built, and are now in the enjoyment of a large trade and connection. The premises occupied are located opposite the depot, and consist of a substantial three-storey building, 40 x 130 feet in dimensions, to which an additional wing has recently been added, while they have also other warerooms and several tenement houses for the use of their employees. Their lumber

operations are carried on by this firm. Among other contracts may be mentioned the City Hall, Halifax, the Court House and a brick block of six stores in Amherst. Estimates are willingly furnished, contracts entered into, and all work is finished in a neat and reliable manner, special hands being employed for this purpose, the number naturally varying according to the nature of the contracts. Having fitted up a department with special machinery, Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. are prepared to fill orders for church altars, desks, chairs, seats, etc.; also, wood mantels, sideboards, tables, school desks, office fixings of all kinds in walnut, cherry, ash, etc., the firm having in their employ a first-class carver and designer, and all work is guaranteed of the best possible execution. The individual members of this firm are Mr. N. A. Rhodes, who superintends the building department; Mr. Nathaniel Curry, who looks after the factory and is general business manager; and Mr. Mark Curry, who takes charge of the lumber yard. All these gentlemen are natives of Nova Scotia, and are thoroughly practical and experienced men of business; their trade extends all through the Maritime Provinces, though it is chiefly confined to Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.



J. Frank Layton, Groceries and Provisions, Corner Victoria and Laplanche Streets.—There is no branch of trade which has a greater importance or a keener significance for all classes than that of groceries, for under this heading we comprise so many of the actual necessities of our daily subsistence, to say nothing of the many delicacies. Amongst those who have the more recently embarked in this business in Amherst is Mr. J. Frank Layton, who, in 1887, opened up a grocery establishment on Victoria Street. He occupies a spacious store, 30x40 ft.

yards are on either side of the railway track, thus affording them every facility for loading or unloading. The factory is equipped with the most improved modern machinery and appliances, while steady employment is given in that department to an average of from 160 to 120 hands. The products of this factory consist of doors, sashes, blinds, window and door frames, stair rails, posts and balusters,—brackets and mouldings of all descriptions—kiln-dried walnut, ash, birch, pine and spruce lumber; also, flooring and sheathing, shingles, laths and pickets, while bricks, cement, lime, plaster and hair are always in stock. Planing, sawing and turning are done at short notice, while all orders are promptly attended to and shipped free of charge. All kinds of building

size, with outside wareroom, and carries in stock a general and well-selected assortment of family supplies in the line of choice staple and fancy groceries, embracing general provisions, canned goods of all kinds, sugars, spices, molasses, pork, bacon, cheese, butter, eggs, foreign and domestic fruits in season, and general confectionery. Mr. Layton handles the best brands of family flour, and takes butter and eggs in exchange for groceries, if required. He employs three assistants and has built up a most flattering trade, which time will steadily develop; he obtains his supplies from Montreal and St. John, and handles the very best goods procurable. Mr. Layton is a native of Nova Scotia, and will be found a pleasant man with whom to establish trade relations.

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