

The City of Guelph.

THE City of Guelph, situate about fifty miles west of Toronto, on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, has long been known as one of the most enterprising places in Canada. Founded in 1827; an incorporated Village in 1851; incorporated as a Town in 1856, and elevated to the dignity of a City in 1879, goes to show the rapid progress which has been made. It is the County Town of the County of Wellington and draws its trade from this and adjoining counties, being the largest business centre between Toronto, Hamilton and London and the great northern lakes, while the products of its numerous factories take first rank in the markets of the world. A railway has been built connecting with the entire system of the Canadian Pacific, so that now there is no portion of the Dominion having railway facilities which is not accessible to and from Guelph. Few places are so beautifully situated or have such thorough provision made for the comfort and enjoyment of its inhabitants. In the centre of one of the most fertile sections of Ontario, the Royal City (as it is familiarly known) with its hills and its valleys, having the waters of the river Speed meandering through them; its small parks here and there; its avenues and beautiful residential sites; its cleanliness and healthfulness; its pure water and excellent lighting; its police and fire protection with many other advantages make it one of the most desirable places to live in. A large Park and buildings are provided where all kinds of athletic sports and games can be indulged in, and to which excursion parties can resort and find all necessary accommodation. The Ontario Agricultural College is within easy distance of the City Hall and is well worth a visit.

The population of Guelph is now nearly 11,000 persons who possess religious and educational advantages of the highest character. Not infrequently do visitors remark that the churches, schools and other public buildings would do credit to places double the size of Guelph.

Unlimited quantities of building material are at hand, and land for building purposes can be obtained at moderate prices, while the system of waterworks and fire protection appliances afford the best possible security against loss to property and secure the most favorable rates of insurance. Milling is carried on very extensively, and manufactures of pianos, organs, sewing machines, carpets, wool goods, carriage goods, lawn mowers, and novelties, furniture, agricultural implements, stoves and other foundry productions, are pushing trade to the four corners of the earth. Perhaps nowhere is more enterprise manifested by the retail trade than in Guelph, evidence of which can be seen in the large number of magnificent stores all stocked with leading lines of goods, and in some instances a healthy wholesale trade is gradually being developed. The travelling public can always be sure of first-class accommodation, as the hotels are well fitted and furnished and are conducted in a quiet and orderly manner.

But amid all this the true spirit of philanthropy is abroad and provision is made for the sick and destitute, there being two hospitals, both of which are among the best institutions of this kind in the Province.