

BUILDINGS AND TOWN.

The following is a description of the school from "*Picturesque Canada*":

"The High School, perched on a noble elevation, and with its spire rising to an altitude of 120 feet, is especially worthy of note. It is built of white brick, with bands and enrichments of red. At a point on the opposite side of the lower bridge its massive bulk and graceful outlines appear to great advantage. The bluff on which it stands slopes abruptly upwards from the river to a height of about 50 feet. Masses of willows, maples and elms clothe its sides, whose soft foliage and various shades of green are in fine contrast to the rich cream color of the building and the sharp angles of its pinnacled roof. From the cupola the spectator looks on a splendid expanse of cultivated fields and pastures, with dark forests stretching to the horizon. At its foot is the stirring town, irregularly shaped, partly concealed among trees, clasping its five townships in a helpful bond, the silver stream of the river adding life and beauty to the picture."

The following is from "*The School*," a journal published by the Literary and Musical Society of Stratford High School.

"The Stratford High School building is the finest in the Province. It was erected in 1878 at a cost of \$30,000. It has eight forms, two laboratories, an excellent assembly hall, principal's and Board room.

Stratford is a town with a population of 9,000 beautifully situated in a rich agricultural and fruit bearing country on the river Avon. Its situation makes it a pleasant and healthy place to live in, being the highest town in the Province. Its elevation is 1,190 feet above the sea.

It has splendid railway facilities, the Grand Trunk, Buffalo and Lake Huron, and Port Dover passing through the town.

It has eleven churches,—three Methodist, two Presbyterian, two Episcopal, one Congregational, one Baptist, one Roman Catholic, one German Lutheran, and one Gospel hall. There are also a Mechanics' Institute, a gymnasium and a skating rink."