

THE CORPORATION

The town of Fort William was incorporated by a special Act of the Legislature of Ontario (55 Vic. C. 70), on the 14th day of April, 1892. By that Act the town is divided for municipal purposes into four wards. Each ward returns two aldermen to the city council ; the town, as a whole, elects the mayor. Mr. John McKellar, one of the pioneers of the district, has the proud honour of being the first mayor of the newest and healthiest city on the continent. Every by-law involving an increase of the bonded indebtedness of the town, must receive a majority vote of the ratepayers. Progress is not synonymous in the minds of Fort William business men with public debt, and the careful manner in which the town has been financed from its small beginnings to its present prosperity, will be cause of thankfulness to future generations of taxpayers. For the growth of the town has not been brought about by mortgaging the future to the present ; but the entire indebtedness of Fort William (of which part is chargeable to the county), is under \$60,000.

THREE YEARS' GROWTH

On the 31st day of December, 1892, Fort William had twenty miles of side-walked streets ; three miles of sewers ; two lines of railways ; four railway stations ; twenty-five miles of railway sidings ; three mammoth elevators ; one mile of docks ; an electric street railway ; the largest and best equipped civic