

## RUDOLPH &amp; BEGG.

THE firm of Rudolph & Begg, brewers, have their establishment on the London and Port Stanley gravel road, a short distance southwest of the city. A beautiful view of it and of the surrounding country, than which there is no finer in western Ontario, can be obtained from the top of the court house. The brewery was established forty years ago by the late William Reiser, the present firm coming into possession some fifteen years since. The brewery is a combined frame and brick structure, consisting of three stories and a basement, the brick portion being 60 x 30 and the frame 84 x 60. The large ice-



MR. RUDOLPH

house in connection has a capacity of two thousand tons, and there are also large farm stables. The trade territory of the firm covers the whole of western Ontario, where their beer, lager, ale and porter is in high repute. Their trade mark "Star" is well known in every public house. The brewery has recently been remodelled and refitted throughout with all the latest appliances, and now ranks second to none, and is the only brewery in Elgin county. The cold storage system is used entirely, and is very complete. The capacity of the brewery, which gives employment to about fifteen hands, is from ten to twelve thousand barrels per year. All the bottles used are imported from Germany. Mr. Rudolph is a native of that country, while Mr. Begg is a Canadian of Scottish descent. Mr. Rudolph is almost constantly on the road, and is one of the best known and popular travellers in western Ontario. Both members of the firm are enterprising business men and possess the respect and confidence of all.

## ST. THOMAS MANUFACTURING CO.

THE St. Thomas Manufacturing Company turns out a complete line of woven wire bed springs, cots, cribs, couches, wool mattresses, washing machines, clothes reels, etc., and have been established in business a little over one year. They occupy a large two-story frame building, 80 x 45 feet, on Curtis street, and give employment to between eight and twelve hands. They do a trade which extends all over the Dominion, their goods having a very high reputation. In this connection it may be mentioned that they own the patents under which they manufacture, and so have control of the market in that particular line. The company is managed by R. C. Williams and R. W. Gates. The former has resided here for the past six years and the latter for two. They are both energetic and enterprising business men, and stand very high in the esteem of all with whom they have business relations.

## MURRAY &amp; DOWN.

THE firm of Murray & Down is one of the leaders in their line in the western district, as also one of the oldest, the business having been originally established by Mr. A. Murray twenty-five years ago. Mr. S. W. Down acquiring a partnership seven years ago. They are merchant tailors and gentlemen's furnishers, occupying the whole of the first and part of the second floors of the handsome large three-story brick building at No. 298 Talbot street, where they give employment to ten hands. They carry a very large stock of imported and domestic cloths, tweeds, waterproofs, etc., much of their goods being imported direct. They do a very large local trade, with considerable outside and some exporting. The quality of the goods carried by this firm is always of the best, and their workmanship can nowhere be excelled. As a result, they enjoy a very large amount of patronage from the gentlemen of St. Thomas and the surrounding district. The senior member of the firm has resided here for the past twenty-eight years, and the junior partner for only a short period less. They are both well known as enterprising and honorable business men, and as citizens they are held in the highest regard.

## WRIGHT MEDICINE CO.

VERY few of the business enterprises which are located here have done more to make the name of our pushing and picturesque city better known, both far and near, than the subject of this brief sketch, the Wright Medicine Company, whose office and laboratory are now located in the Corlis block, nearly opposite the M. C. R. depot. From a small beginning has the present industry grown. Faith in the unfailing merit and curative powers of their preparations, and a determination to establish a proprietary medicine business in this city, has resulted in the gratifying success of the present and cheerful outlook for the future of the undertaking. The amount of capital, labor and tireless energy involved in establishing a proprietary medicine business, is known only to those who have experienced it, and it is very creditable to the founder and manager, Mr. S. T. Wright, that he has succeeded where so many have failed. "Wright's Rheumatic Remedy" is the principal preparation, and is gaining a remarkable reputation and a continental record as a positive cure for all rheumatic diseases and kidney troubles. Other preparations of exceeding merit are also prepared, and have a wide sale, and the vast amount of advertising matter distributed, and which, like the remedies, goes from ocean to ocean, has made St. Thomas known as a flourishing business centre, as well as the headquarters of the Wright Medicine Company.



TRADE MARK

## J. W. KINDREE

MR. J. W. KINDREE, who occupies the ground floor of the handsome large three-story brick building at No. 240 Talbot street, deals very largely in pianos, organs, sewing machines, etc., and during the eight years that he has been established he has built up a trade that extends throughout the whole of the country. He handles the Heintzman pianos, the Berlin and Thomas organs, and the New Raymond sewing machines. There is no need to speak at length of the merits of any of these, as all are household words throughout Canada. Mr. Kindree employs a large staff of salesmen and travelling outfits in addition to the assistants he has in his home office. Mr. Kindree takes an active interest in public affairs, and last year was elected alderman for No. 1 ward, a position which he has filled with the utmost ability, with satisfaction to his constituents.

## J. WOOSTER

MR. J. WOOSTER, whose place of business is generally known as the "Blue Line Shoe Store," carries on his trade at No. 599 Talbot street, where he is a dealer in boots, shoes, trunks, valises, etc., his premises comprising the whole of the ground floor and basement of the fine large three-story brick building, 90 x 20 feet, at the number stated above. He has been established in business for the past fifteen years, and has built up a very large trade, being noted for his square dealing. Mr. Wooster is a native of Buckinghamshire, England, but has lived in Canada many years.

## J. H. SECORD

MR. J. H. SECORD carries on business at 589 Talbot street as a dealer in choice staple and fancy groceries, occupying the whole of the ground floor of the fine large three-story brick building, 60 x 20 feet, at the number given above. Mr. Secord has been established in business for the past twenty years, and has built up for himself the reputation of being one of the best business men in the city, and for years past he has done a large trade in his line. Mr. Secord is a Canadian by birth, and well known to all.

## ST. THOMAS BUSINESS COLLEGE

SEVEN years ago, Mr. W. A. Phillips, resigned his position in an Eastern business college, and established the St. Thomas business college. At the outset the college received liberal patronage, and as time progressed the founders of the school received great encouragement. In 1892, owing to rapid increase in attendance, the proprietor was compelled to seek new quarters in the centre of the city, built upon plans furnished by the principal, with all the accessories of light, heat, air, comfort and



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convenience added. The new building, of which an illustration is given, is known as "The Insurance Block," and stands on the south side of Talbot street. It is the finest two-story building in the city. The high ceiling is one of the features of the various rooms of the institution, which, with a plentiful supply of light and ventilation, makes the school one of the healthiest in the province. The staff of the Business College consists of W. A. Phillips, principal of penmanship, shorthand and typewriting departments; Wm. Chambers, C. A., principal of commercial departments (honorary graduate); Miss Sarah McAllister, teacher of shorthand, typewriting, arithmetic, etc.; W. L. Wickett, B. A., teacher of commercial law and business papers; James A. Harvey, lecturer on commercial law, etc.

*W. A. Phillips*

## J. H. PRICE

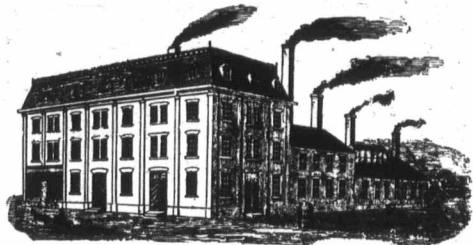
MR. J. H. PRICE occupies the whole of the ground floor of the fine large three-story brick building, 100 x 20 feet, at No. 256 Talbot street. He keeps in stock a very large supply of staple and fancy general groceries, provisions, etc., making a specialty of fine teas and Price's baking powder, in which lines he has achieved a great reputation for giving extra good values. Mr. Price has been established in business for the past fourteen years, and thoroughly understands his trade. He counts among his customers many of the best people of St. Thomas. He is courteous and urbane in his manner, and his goods always recommend themselves.

## H. L. PULLEN

MR. H. L. PULLEN carries on business at Nos. 775 and 769 Talbot street, occupying the whole of the ground floor and basement of a large two-story brick building, 50 x 42 feet. He deals in choice staple and fancy family groceries, provisions, dry goods, etc., and does a very large business, carrying a large stock that is being constantly renewed. He has been established in business for the past sixteen years, and has built up a reputation far and near for his fair dealing and uprightness. He is an Englishman by birth, but has lived in Canada for many years. Mr. Pullen is a highly popular citizen, having many friends among all classes.

## BROWNELL &amp; KENNEDY

THE firm of Brownell & Kennedy are manufacturers of carriages, buggies, wagons, sleighs, etc., their extensive factory being situated on the corner of Talbot and Hincks streets, where they have been established six years. It is a large brick building, four stories in height, and covering a ground area of 140 x 50 feet, being commandingly situated, directly opposite the



BROWNELL &amp; KENNEDY'S FACTORY

post office. The firm gives employment to from twelve to fifteen hands the year round. The factory is fitted up with all the latest appliances in the way of machinery, and is run by electric power, and are agents for the London Electric Motor, which they are now preparing to furnish to other factories in the city. They are also engaged in the manufacture of bicycles, the Brownell machine standing very high in the market. They are now preparing to manufacture one hundred of these popular wheels. The firm is one of the most enterprising and progressive in the west, always ready to catch into new ideas and march with the times. They are doing much towards building up the city of St. Thomas as a manufacturing centre. Mr. Brownell is an American by birth, but has taken out his naturalization papers here. Mr. Kennedy is a native-born Canadian. Both gentlemen are in every sense thorough nineteenth-century business men. Mr. Kennedy is a civil engineer, which profession he has followed for the past twelve years.

## THE SOUTHERN LOAN AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

THE Southern Loan and Savings Company is a financial institution that has been established since 1870, and which for the past twenty-three years has been one of the financial mainstays of the country. Its offices are located on the ground floor of the handsome three-story brick building first door east of the Merchants Bank, the premises covering an area of 70 x 20 feet. The company has a paid up capital stock of four hundred thousand dollars, with a reserve fund of sixty-four thousand dollars, which equals sixteen per cent. of the capital stock. During the past year two semi-annual dividends at the rate of seven per cent. per annum have been paid, and it is noticeable that the deposits increased \$44,406.34, and the loans \$60,581.34, in which connection it is held as highly satisfactory that all of the deposits are held at a rate of interest which allow a fair margin of profit on reinvestment, and the increase of deposits has taken place without any exceptional terms being offered to depositors. The Board of Directors are among the most solid financial men of the district, consisting of Messrs. Henry Brown, president; Thomas Stacey, vice-president; S. Weldon, D. Ferguson, T. Fletcher, E. G. Schooley, W. Nickleborough, W. E. Ideard, Wm. Armstrong, Reuben Haight, T. Green, and I. Pfeffer, with Mr. J. W. Stewart as manager. Mr. Stewart filled the position of assistant manager for a number of years, when his proved ability procured for him the position of manager. That the choice was a wise one the success of the company under his management for the past six years shows. He is a gentleman young in years, but is perhaps one of the shrewdest financiers to be found in the city. He is of Canadian birth, but Scottish descent. Mr. Stewart has acted as secretary treasurer of the Board of Trade since its inception, and has always given his services where they would do the most good to promote the city's welfare.

## T. C. TRIGGER, L.D.S., D.D.S.

HAS his dental parlors and reception rooms in Duncombe's Opera House Block, and they are elaborately furnished. The operating room is supplied with all the adjuncts of the modern practitioner, Dr. Trigger being fully up to date in the adoption of all the latest scientific appliances known to the profession. He has been in practice for the past three years, and has a large number of clients who regard him as a man of special knowledge in his profession, while as a gentleman and private citizen he is held in the highest esteem.

## JOHN AXFORD

MR. JOHN AXFORD occupies the whole of the ground floor and basement of the large three-story brick building, 60 x 15 feet, at No. 194 Talbot street, where he carries on an extensive business as a dealer in fruits, confectionery, tobacco, cigars, etc. He has been in this line of trade for only about a year, yet he has succeeded in making himself very popular. He always keeps a fresh and choice stock of his various lines of goods on hand, and is known for the excellence of his wares. Mr. Axford is an Englishman by birth, and has made many friends in the city.

## W. B. JENNINGS.

MR. W. B. JENNINGS, manufacturer of furniture and house furnishings, occupies the whole of the fine large four-story building, 110 x 22 feet, situated on the corner of Talbot and Hincks streets. He established the business ten years ago, and has built up a trade which extends over the whole of Ontario, from Windsor to the Niagara Falls. He makes a specialty of fine art goods, in which line he has achieved a very high reputation. He has



FURNITURE STORE OF W. B. JENNINGS

always on hand a full supply of all the latest designs in plain, medium and fancy furniture. Mr. Jennings is an Englishman by birth, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising men who have made their home in St. Thomas.