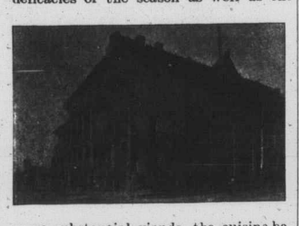
THE QUEEN'S HOTEL

In the Queen's Hotel the people of Mount Forest find a source of pride. It is a large, handsome brick building standing on the corner of Main and Queen streets and as it presents a most imposing appearance it gives to the main thoroughfare of the town a businesslike aspect. It is three stories in height, is surrounded by balconies and offers inducements to those desiring comfortable quarters which cannot but commend it to the attention of the travelling public. It has a frontage of 100 feet on Queen street, extending 60 feet along Main street and is one of the finest appearing hotel buildings in the town. The house contains 60 bedrooms and suites with elegant parlors, spacious corridors, and large offices, all of which are furnished in a most tasteful and comfortable manner, and kept scrupulously clean. Four large sample rooms are for the use of the commercial travellers who patronize this house almost exclusively. The dining room is large and well arranged and is one of the chief attractions. It is capable of comfortably seating sixty guests, while the management is excellent. The menu provided is sumptuous, containing all the delicacies of the season as well as the



more substantial viands, the cuisine being in charge of the most accomplished cooks to be obtained, while the attendance cannot be surpassed. The bar is stocked with a choice assortment of wines, liquors and cigars, while the well conducted billiard parlor is one of the largest in the town and is one of its favorite resorts. Many employes are required in the different departments of the hotel all of whom are attentive and watchful.

The house was opened by the present proprietor on the 19th of June, 1895, coming direct from Durham where he conducted the Middaugh House and he is already doing a large and prosperous business, getting the lion's share of the trade.

The proprietor, Mr. D. J. Kenny, is the typical host whom travellers delight to meet when entering a strange place and produces a favorable impression which improves on closer acquaintance. He gives a close supervision to every detail in the management of his hotel and looks after the comfort of his guests in such a way as to insure satisfaction. Mr. Kenny is one of the most widely known and esteemed citizens in this community. His success as a hotel manager is seen in the fact that the Queen's under his management has become by far the most popular hotel in the town, both with the travelling public and the residents. His career has always borne evidence of the strict integrity and sterling personal worth. He well deserves the esteem and respect in which he is held by everyone either in social or business circles. For these reasons we refer you to the Queen's.

A. J. LESLIE.

One of the leading and most successful enterprises in the town is that of Mr. A. J. Leslie whose extensive mill is located at the north end of Main street and is known as the North End Planing Mills. This business was established in 1888 by A. J. Leslie and

William Davidson, who are ranked among the successful business men of the town. After a partnership of four years Mr. Davidson retired and Mr. Leslie has since conducted the business himself. The main structure is a frame building two stories in height, 46x60 feet in dimensions and fitted with a full set of all machinery required for turning out everything in the building line. The whole establishment is operated by steam power, the boiler house and kiln occupying a brick building adjoining 36x50 feet in size. Employment is here given to ten skilled workmen and every facility is at hand for executing the largest orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. Mr. Leslie is a contractor and builder as well as a manufacturer of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, brackets and all kinds of woodwork for buildings. He uses only the best and most thoroughly seasoned lumber and with the exceptional facilities at his command is enabled to compete both in quality and price with any house in the trade. Resawing, dressing and moulding

ducted on the soundest principles of mercantile honor and integrity and its reputation for liberal dealing is beyond the requirements of praise.

J. B. DOYLE.

This is one of the finest livery, boarding and sale stables to be found in the county and was opened about one year ago by Mr. Jas. B. Doyle and contains every modern improvement. The building is of brick 35x60 feet in dimensions; the interior arrangement is perfect, no expense having been spared in equipping it with every convenience and facility. In the middle and rear is located the carriage repository while on each side are stalls affording accomodation for a large number of horses. The ventilation and sanitary arrangements are perfect and the welfare of the stock is carefully attended to by experienced grooms. Mr. Doyle has some of the most stylish equipages to be seen in Mount Forest and a stock of thoroughbred driving horses which can be hired for business or pleasure day or night on moderate terms. He is also getting a fine lot of sleighs and robes for the coming winter. Mr. Doyle takes horses to board and on sale and his facilities for the care of same are of a first-class character. He is an active competitor for legitimate business energetic honorable and fair in all dealings and is very popular throughout the town.

Palmerston

Palmerston is an incorporated town, with a population of 2,000 or more, and is distant from Guelph about 40 miles. Palmerston is pre-eminently the railroad town of Wellington County. It is a distributing point on the W.G. & B. division of the Grand Trunk Railway, and is a very busy place. At train time the depot presents an appearance rarely seen in many places five times its size. The G.T.R. have repair shops located here and employ a great number of men. It is said that the wages paid to the railroad men of the town amount to between $10,000 and $15,000 per month. It contains 4 churches, 7 hotels, 22 stores, saw, flour, oatmeal and planing mills, 2 printing offices, 2 private banks and 1 telegraph office. Palmerston is growing rapidly and is one of the busiest places of its size in Canada.

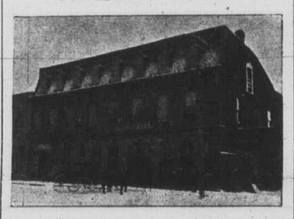
M. WOOLDRIDGE

A history of the industrial and commercial enterprises of Palmerston would be most incomplete without mentioning the planing mill of Mr. Wooldridge, who came to this country from England seventeen years ago. Seven years ago he built the planing mill which is the subject of this sketch. Two years later he added a saw mill. His buildings occupy a site of two acres. These mills are the chief centre of employment in Palmerston, no less than 35 skilled workmen being employed all the year round. Every facility is at hand for executing the largest orders in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. The mill is fully equipped with the newest machinery. Only the best and most thoroughly seasoned lumber is used which amounts to nearly two million feet yearly. This of course includes the custom work.

The affairs of the firm are conducted upon the soundest principles of mercantile honor and integrity, and its reputation for liberal dealing is established beyond the requirements of praise.

Mr. Wooldridge has done much for the town's best interest. He has been in the council for several years and is on the Managing Committee of the Knox Presbyterian church. Personally he is a most considerate and courteous gentleman and Palmerston may well be proud of him.

THE HESS HOTEL



Prominent in Palmerston is the Hess hotel. Mr. Hess, the genial host, had for many years been in the furniture and lumber business, and used to give employment to 300 hands. The Hess hotel is a large brick structure on the main street, measuring 80x45 feet. It is three stories high. All the rooms and offices, among which are 18 bedrooms, are furnished and equipped in the most elegant style. In fact we have it on good authority, and from the experience of numerous travellers, that Mr. Hess has two of the best bedroom suites in Canada. One suite, we may state, cost no less than $250. Mr. Hess is a gentleman of extensive experience and in this commodious house, though he has been here but one year, has given unmistakable proofs of being an accomplished host. Mr. Hess imports liquors from every country under the sun. He gets his gin from Rotterdam, and his port wine from France, while the native element is also not wanting. Mr. Hess was born in Hesse, Darmstadt, and his hospitality is of the real old Hollenden style. He thoroughly understands how to conduct his establishment in first class style, as will be apparent to everyone stopping at his house. Personally Mr. Hess is a jovial host, and a gentleman of known integrity. He personally superintends the management of the hotel, neglecting nothing which can add to the pleasure or comfort of his guests.

A. MOYER & CO.

Centrally situated in Palmerston, stands the flour mills of A. Moyer & Co., one of the largest mills in the county. The premises are large and commodious, the main building

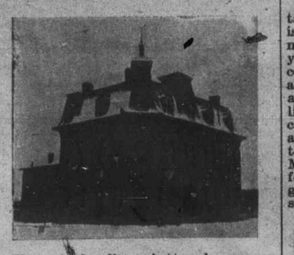
capacity of this mill is 90 barrels. In the manufacture of flour at this mill, the latest and best machinery and appliances are used under the personal supervision of Mr. Moyer. The flour made is all high grade, the best varieties of Ontario and Manitoba hard wheat being used. Their famous brands meet a ready demand all over the country. The company's fine manufacturing facilities enable them to meet competition, and invite it, in matter of prices, and as to the quality of their flour it is simply par excellence.

Mr. Moyer is a business man of unmistakeable business talents, and generously endowed with those characteristics which make success and prosperity. Mr. Moyer is one of the trustees of the Public School, and personally he is a most obliging and affable gentleman to meet with. He spares no pains to do all in his power for furthering the interests of Palmerston in every direction.

J. McGEORGE

To say that Palmerston occupies an important place in the artistic world becomes a self evident truth when we enter the studio of Mr. McGeorge. In this studio Mr. McGeorge has on view some of the most perfect chef d'oevres of modern genius. Under his hands photography is sure to develop in Palmerston, and as he is young, energetic and enthusiastic, a great future is before him.

GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL



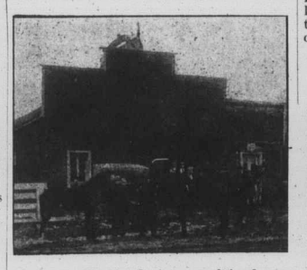
There is hardly a better known or more patronized hotel in the county than the Grand Central of Palmerston. Situated on the main street, it forms an imposing feature of the town, a large, well built structure of white brick. Mr. Upton has been in the hotel business for a number of years, and since coming to Palmerston he has become well known for a good host and a genial landlord. In this hotel the office and bar are fitted up with all the latest improvements, Mr. Upton carrying a valuable stock of ales, wines and other liquors, while his brands of cigars are hard to duplicate. His table is well furnished and leaves nothing to be desired. All the delicacies of the season are served up, and at his tables 80 persons can be seated. There are 25 good sized bedrooms and four sample rooms. Mr. Upton owns two stables. The one he uses for himself measures 40x60, and is entirely fitted up with box stalls on one side. Personally he is a most kindly gentleman, and a perfect caterer to the requirements of his customers.

T. WATERHOUSE

The woollen mills of Mr. Waterhouse have been identified with the history of Palmerston for the last decade, and are at the present time the most predominating factor in the industrial commerce and enterprise of the town. This mill, which is one of the finest buildings in the town, is 2 1-2 stories high, and the main part of the building measures 36x66. The engine room measures 30x40, while the office is 24x16. When in full blast this mill gives employment to 22 hands. The enormous custom work which Mr. Waterhouse does all over the country, makes his name a household word throughout the country side. But, of course, the principal output still goes east, Montreal being the chief shipping point. The machinery with which the mill is fitted up, is of the newest and most improved kind. All kinds of tweeds, flannels, blankets, unions, stocking yarn and hosiery are manufactured. Some idea of the enormous trade done by Mr. Waterhouse, will be conceived when we state that 75,000 yards of cloth are manufactured yearly. Besides being owner of the principal woollen mill of the county, Mr. Waterhouse is also president of the Cone Coupler Carriage Works.

R. J. BURNS

The above named gentleman is the leader in this line of business in Palmerston. This business has been established for no less than 18 years, Mr. Cesack was the founder, who sold out to Mr. Wells. He in his turn sold out the entire establishment to Mr. Burns, the present proprietor, in 1894. This stable, which is centrally situated,



measures 70x40. It is a model of perfection and neatness. His horses are stylish roadsters, while his buggies and carriages are the most fashionable in the market. In fact every appurtenance of this stable is first class and above reproach for excellence and satisfaction. In connection with this livery is a veterinary surgeon's office, so that the facilities of this establishment are of the most improved and modern style. Mr. Burns has also the control and management of the town weigh scales. Besides having a first-class livery establishment, Mr. Burns is personally a most kindly and obliging gentleman to meet, and has made friends with all his patrons and the public in general, who well appreciate his sterling qualities as a man, no less than his thorough knowledge of everything pertaining to horses.

QUEEN'S HOTEL

Away back in the early history of the town the Queen's hotel was a factotum of the place. Mr. J. Kearns is the present proprietor and to say that he has been a success in his undertaking we need only ask the commercial traveller and the professional public who patronize his house. The house itself is fitted up with every desirable improvement. In fact, it is one of the most modern hotels in the whole county of Wellington. The house is commodious and comfortable and brilliantly lighted, and the heating arrangements are par excellence. Sample rooms are provided for the commercial man, while the comfortable, well-furnished parlor and bedrooms are all that could be desired by the travelling public. But it is the table that is the leading feature of this house, if we can say that there is a leading feature, when every department is so admirable. No pains or expense is spared to laden the tables with the choicest viands to be had on the market, cooked in a manner which proves the cuisine to be under the management and care of a thorough artist, who allows nothing to leave the kitchen but what is deliciously palatable and appetising. The sedulous care evinced by Mr. Kearns and his efficient staff of helpers, who are always attentive and courteous, is well appreciated by all the guests. The hospitality dispensed in his house is of a kind which words cannot describe, but is immediately felt, and puts the stranger at once at his ease.

W. A. CLARKE

The most popular and best patronized tailoring establishment in the town is that of Mr. W. A. Clarke. The business has been established over three years and has been uniformly a success. Mr. Clarke stands high as an artistic and fashionable merchant tailor and as the most popular man in his line in the town. His premises are centrally situated near the post office and are commodious and well adapted to the requirements of his business. Mr. Clarke carries a full stock of fine foreign and domestic piece goods in great variety and of the most desirable styles, and his suits for fit and finish

cannot be excelled in Western Ontario. Mr. Clarke has also a carefully selected assortment of English, Scotch and Canadian suitings

He is a practical and experienced cutter and attends personally to that department, guaranteeing perfect fits and most complete satisfaction. Mr. Clarke has also a stock embracing the finest quality of hats and caps in the latest and most fashionable styles. Mr. Clarke is a kindly and courteous gentleman, whose sterling integrity and liberal disposition have made for him hosts of friends and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

J. E. LEBEL

To be the leading jeweller of a town like Palmerston is no small thing, when it is stated that there are no fewer than three engaged in that line of profession. But no one will be surprised at this fact when we state that Mr. Lebel has had nearly a quarter of a century's experience in his business.

Mr. Lebel comes from the country of clockmakers, where the aristocracy and long line of kings were so lavish

in their expenditure on precious jewels and intricate clock-work. We need not add that we refer to France. Mr. Lebel can make a complete clock, and has one now on view, which he made in 1852. Besides his experience in the old country, Mr. Lebel has worked in Quebec. He has come to Palmerston to stay and the citizens certainly cannot afford to lose him. He carries a good stock of watches of all kinds and jewellery of every description. Personally Mr. Lebel is a universal favorite and it is owing to his wide knowledge and pushing business enterprise that Palmerston places him on record on the first pages of her history.

W. MOSHIER

The most enterprising man in the retail trade of the town is Mr. W. Moshier. Mr. Moshier has been in business for nine years and started out in the first place as a dealer in flour and feed. From a flour and feed store he developed into another line and now he is the leading grocer of Palmerston. Only the best and purest goods are sold, and always at the lowest market price. His store always carries a large stock, and all of the goods are of the very best material, an important consideration in these days, when shoddy goods are as frequently palmed off on an unsuspecting public. Transacting as he does the heavy provision trade of the town, Mr. Moshier sells more salt meat, feed and flour than any three men in the place. Mr. Moshier has been in business for nine years and by progressive enterprise, coupled with a thorough knowledge of the business, and the requirements of the public, he has built it up to its present prominent position. He is well-known as an honorable, liberal, and conscientious business man, and has achieved a well-merited success.

THOS. WHEATCROFT, Butcher

ALFRED KNOWLES

In a work purporting to be a history of the industries, enterprises and various professions of Palmerston, a high place must be given to the tonsorial profession. It is with much pleasure that we select for this purpose, the popular parlor of Mr. Alf. Knowles, at No. 27 William street. In 1879 Mr. Knowles bought out the business of Mr. Harvey Cooke, and since then he has extended and improved the business, so that now he occupies the first place in the town as a tonsorial artist. It is the simple truth to say that Mr. Knowles' abilities are far above the average. As a hair cutter he is unquestionably the best in the place. The tonsorial art has developed in the hands of Mr. Knowles in a wonderful maner. He has been secretary of the Public Library for 12 years. An Englishman by birth, he came to Canada in 1871, and has been identified with Palmerston for 22 years. Personally he is a most affable gentleman to meet with, consequently his parlors are the resort of all the fashionable community.

Arthur

The village of Arthur is nicely situated on the banks of the Conestogo river, has a population of about 1500 and is one of the most thriving villages in Western Ontario. It is 25 miles north of the city of Guelph on the Teeswater branch of the C.P.R.. Among its manufacturing establishments are numbered one flax, one woollen and two flour mills, two machine shops, one sash and door factory, one saw and shingle mill and one elevator with a capacity 75,000 bushels. It also contains four churches Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist, eighteen stores, four hotels, two private banks, one printing office, two telegraph offices and one express office. The churches are very fine buildings and would be creditable to any town. Its educational interests are well looked after, there being a High School, Public school, and Separate school, all of them having a staff of capable and efficient teachers. There is also a Mechanics Institute in the village with a library of 2225 volumes. The North Wellington Registry Office is also located here. The assessment valuation of its real estate and personal property amounts to $231,255.

The place is going ahead rapidly and were its real progress and facilities for business investments better known, men of money and capital would flock here to share in and keep up the general prosperity. Even in these times of occasional dulness and depression, Arthur can boast of one proof of continual success, namely, that every available house is occupied and the only way of supplying the great demand for houses is by having more built.

The farmers surrounding Arthur are a very prosperous class and pay well and promptly for what they buy and as a result mortgage sales are almost unknown. The merchants of this place probably do a larger country trade than any other place of its size in Ontario. Altogether, the people of Arthur have good reason to congratulate themselves on the substantial and rapid progress that their village is making.

ARTHUR WOOLEN MILLS

Situated on the left bank of the Conestoga river are the woollen mills of Mr. J. B. McCormack. The main building measures 38x66 feet. It has a solid stone foundation and is 3 1-2 stories high. Mr. McCormack deals extensively in yarns, sheetings, blankets, flannels, and tweeds, and can equal any market in the world for choice and durable goods. He started this business two years ago and is now doing a business of from four to five thousand dollars a year. He employs six hands, and the hum of the machinery is heard in full blast for over eight months in the year. The mill is open for business all the year round. He does an immense local trade, and having had fifteen years experience in the principal mills of Ontario, he is worthy of the confidence of all classes. A Scotchman by birth, reared within sight of St. Mungo's hoary towers, he possesses those qualities for which the citizens of Glasgow are so well known. Possessed of a quiet strength of character, he has made his presence felt in the community in which he lives.

ALEX. K. GILMOUR

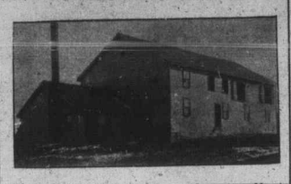
In giving a resume of the industrial growth and enterprise of the county, special mention must be made of the planing mill of Mr. Alex. K. Gilmour. It cannot be denied that outward accidents conduce much to fortune; but chiefly the mould of a man's fortune is in his own hands. Each man is the "workman of his own fortune," saith the poet, and these reflections are the result of a study of the history of the Arthur planing mills on the one hand, and on the other from an intimate acquaintance with the personality of Mr. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour commenced business in 1890, the firm being known as Gorsett & Gilmour. In the spring of 1894 Mr. Gilmour bought out Mr. Gorsett and has now the whole business under his own control. It should be stated these mills have been running for twenty-five years, but it has remained for Mr. Gilmour to build up and extend the business. The size of the mill is 36x50 with an engine house and drying room 16x50. In this section of the building chopping is done for the farmers, and the crusher has been in operation since last fall. Mr. Gilmour has about 6 hands employed all the year round and manufactures all kinds of sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, siding, flooring, pickets, &c.

The mill is fitted with all the latest improved machinery, and its superior facilities enable it to fill contracts without the slightest delay, and upon the closest margin.

The name of Mr. Gilmour has been associated with the milling business for so many years that it has become synonymous with honour, ability and high commercial standing. While in social circles it is none the less prominent. Personally, Mr. Gilmour is a gentleman of tact and ability and is thoroughly in touch with every factor that is for his town's advancement. Mr. Gilmour has a breadth of character and largeness of mind that enables him to sink his own individuality and personal prejudices for the sake of the public good. And embodying as he does in all his actions the principle of the greatest possible good for the greatest possible number he has endeared himself to the citizens of Arthur and the entire neighborhood.

WM. BRIGHT

In giving a historical review of the industries and enterprises of Wellington County, prominent mention must be made of the flax mills of Mr. William Bright. They give dignity and honor to the town of Arthur in which they are situated. A stranger entering the town is at once attracted by the prominent position which they occupy. Situated high up above the banks of the Conestoga river these flax mills command a view of the whole surrounding country and remind one of the site chosen by a mediaeval lord of the domain for his fortress and battlemented towers. On entering the grounds which consist of 4 1-2 acres of fine clean land, one is struck by the immense buildings so carefully arranged, of this mammoth manufactory. In the cities every-



thing is crowded into the smallest amount of space. The hands have scarcely enough elbow room to turn round. Here we have standing room enough for a large population and room for 20 more buildings if necessary.

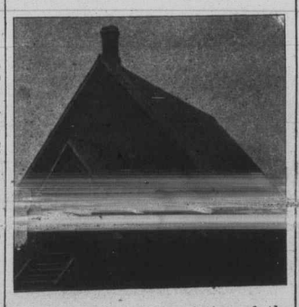
The mill itself is a fine frame building, 50x75, 2 1-2 stories high. The machinery used is of the latest and most improved pattern and is unsurpassed by any other mills in the county. Trade extends all over the country around. Seventy-five workmen and mechanics are given steady employment for 8 months of the year, while 25 are able to manage the business during the winter months. For storing the flax Mr. Bright has a massive barn 120x30 feet. This enormous structure measures 18 feet to the eaves, and no less than 30 feet to the peak. It has a capacity for holding 300 tons of flax. This in itself can hardly be taken in by the ordinary imagination; but this is not all. Mr. Bright at the present time has also ten enormous stacks. All this vast amount of flax is drawn into the mill by teams. This is threshed and manufactured into first class fibre, ready to go into linen, thread, etc, etc. The yearly output is about seven hundred tons, while the entire business yields an annual revenue of $15,000. All this business has been under the efficient supervision of Mr. John Bright since the year 1887.

A large storehouse has been lately erected, for storing dress flax and seed, measuring 24x48 feet. Seven horses are employed in drawing in the flax. Mr. Bright has lately bought a grain-crusher from Jolliette, Quebec, by which farmers can get their grain crushed any day of the week. He has interests all over the country. For not only is he clerk of the town of Listowel, but he is also auditor for the piano factory in that town. He has also a large interest in Wallaceburg. As a breeder of high class horses he is well known all over. Three of his young horses took first prize in Arthur, one out of Tenbrock and two out of Oliver Wilkes. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Bright came to Canada with two and a half dollars in his pocket. He worked for 25 years in Listowel, with J. & J. Livingstone, the flax kings of Canada. By thrift and industry he has attained his present position. He went right into business, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, until he had accomplished his ends. When he came to this country an emigrant from his native land, he was not the kind of man to put his hand to the plough and turn back. He came, counting the cost. He left friends, home and country. He has now got all these again. Personally, he is a most genial, kind and courteous man to meet with and leaves nothing undone for the advancement and welfare of the town. We cannot have too many men of his rare versatile qualities.

O. D. WHITE

This business was started by Mr. White, 14 years ago. The building of solid brick, measures 30x60 feet. In the back is located the carriage repository. Mr. White has handled horses from his infancy. He has a fine stock of well bred driving horses which can be hired for business or pleasure, night and day on moderate terms. It is Mr. White's care and pride to see that his horses look spick and span and the general appearance of his stable is one of neatness and comfort. Mr. White is well known all over Ontario as a dealer in horses and if he does not know a sound horse no one does. This is exemplified by the fact that Mr. White ships horses extensively to the old country, horses of every description from heavy draught animals down to saddle horses of blood strain. Mr. White is held in the highest estimation by all classes of citizens for his geniality of disposition and inflexible integrity.

GRACE CHURCH



In an historical description of the various features of the town of Arthur, Grace church occupies a prominent position in the way of progress and development. Six years ago when the Rev. Mr. Bennet first came to Arthur, there was a debt on the church of $800. At that time Arthur was simply a mission with a grant of $250 a year. Owing to Mr. Bennett's well directed efforts, the debt was cleared in the year 1892. This was accomplished in the space of three years by collections and free-will offerings mainly, and every Thanksgiving Day was set apart for a collection for that purpose. As the debt had been on the church for at least ten years the congregation and their pastor are to be warmly complimented on their success in this direction.

During all these years Arthur still remained a mission, receiving the annual grant until last Easter, when it became a self-supporting parish. Since the clearing off of the debt the inside of the church has been renovated and decorated. A chancel screen has been presented to the church by the Rev. Mr. Radcliff. The walls of the church have been painted a light terracotta and the ceiling and chancel a light green color. The effect produced by this combination is one of quiet repose and very restful to the eye.

Another result of Mr. Bennett's work, which might be said to be the most important result he has achieved was the opening at St. Paul's in Damascus in 1893. Before that time there was no church there or large building of any kind to worship in. This church has been paid off and consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Niagara on the 36th of October of the present year.

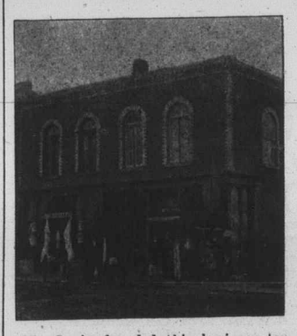
T. A. HUMPHRIES

The most prominent and conspicuous business solely devoted to tailoring is that of T. A. Humphries. It has always during the six months of its career been an emporium and centre for those who would be fashionably attired. In stock is carried woollens, Cashmeres, broadcloths, tweeds and worsteds in suitings and pant goods in every design of the latest styles. Mr. Humphries is an artist cutter himself and employing only good and skilled workmen is qualified to make them up into garments that in fit, finish and workmanship are perfect. Besides, the fact that a large and varied stock, strictly up to date, is carried, is added extremely low prices, which is probably one of the reasons of this house's phenominal success. Mr. Humphries is one of those affable gentlemen whom you meet with pleasure and part with regret, while his mercantile transactions are the synonym of commercial integrity and probity.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

The leading and representative hotel in Arthur is the Commercial, now conducted by Mr. J. E. Morrison, who took possession in July and immediately refitted, remodelled, and almost wholly refurnished it. The house is a handsome two storey brick structure of about 45 rooms, neatly furnished and kept scrupulously clean, while the dining room, which is a large and attractive affair, is laid with spotless linen and bright silverware, and the tables are ever ladened with all of the delicacies of the market and season cooked and served in a manner that would please the palate of the most fault-finding. The barroom in conjunction is supplied wih the most superior of viands in wines, whiskey and beer, in case or on tap. Also connected with this house is a most excellent stable for those who desire to have their horses taken care of by attentive hostlers. In fact, the Commercial is a strictly up to date hotel in every sense, even to large sample rooms for the commercial travellers who make this their headquarters in Arthur as they know a good thing when they see it, and the verdict of all travellers now is that the Commercial is a good thing. Mr. J. E. Morrison is not a stranger to the public. He has resided in this locality for almost forty years, and formerly conducted the Queen's hotel, selling out to retire, but his ambitious spirit would not be satisfied with a life of idleness so once more he became the merry boniface. Personally, a most genial and affable gentleman to meet he makes friends with all whom he comes in contact and makes each guest feel as though he were an especial protege of his. An active and thoroughly experienced hotel man, a wideawake citizen who never fails to keep pace with the improvements of the times and possessing all those attributes which bring him the goodwill of all with whom he has relations, business or social, he is endowed with all the characteristics which bring him success.

C. M. IRWIN



Mr. Irwin founded this business ten years ago, which now stands in the front rank in its line. The stock carried consists of a full line of heavy and shelf hardware and stoves. The stock carried is of the most superior excellence and the most popular prices prevail. Mr. Irwin has also a furniture and undertaking establishment, formerly owned by Mr R. T. Stephenson, who now manages the business for Mr. Irwin. When Mr. Stephenson started this business the population of Arthur was very small. He pushed his trade with that vim and energy which always insures success, and the business advanced in magnitude, until it now assumes very large proportions. Mr. Irwin is fortunate in having retained the services of Mr. Stephenson, who, besides being practically versed in all details of the business and taking personal charge of funerals, has occupied the position of school trustee and chairman for twenty-two years. The position Mr. Irwin has attained in both departments of business is such that he is respected and honored by all who know him.

C. H. HAMNER

The tendency of an occupation of this nature is to develop in the artist the most critical and analytical distinction of lights and shades, but only that native genius which belongs to the true artist can properly comprehend the true effect of each in its exact relation to the subject. Indeed, the practical business photographer can only secure the highest results from the possession of those higher qualities which comprehend the adaptation of science to art. "Vita brevis, ars longa est," as Cicero so pithily remarks, is true in the highest sense of photography. The old Roman applied it to the art of ancient Greece and Rome, which was sculpture and painting. So we can also apply it to photography.

These reflections are the result of a brief consideration of the superior skill exhibited in the work of Mr. C. Hamner. Mr. Hamner's facilities are such that all orders are executed in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, honorable and fair in all transactions, and is deservedly popular with all classes of citizens.