ATTRACTIVE GODERICH

A VISIT TO THE CHARMING WESTERN ONTARIO TOWN.

Its Beautiful Situation---Picturesque Scenery---Many Attractions---A Favorite Resort---Its Early History, Development and Prospects---Business Houses---What Retards a Promising Town.

IT WOULD NOT BE INVIDIOUS to say that Goderich in many respects is the most attractive town in Western Ontario. Its commanding site, 150 feet or more above the level of the lake, and the great variety of picturesque scenery invest it with a charm possessed by few towns. Every way you turn a picture is revealed that appeals to the artistic eye. Up the Maitland the prospect is extremely romantic, and along the shore on either side of the town bolder landscapes present themselves. The town itself is unique among Canadian towns, and seem at night, when the stores and streets are in a blaze of light from the electric and other lights, with the glitter and variety of hues reflected from the windows, is more like a fabled picture of Oriental splendor than that of a matter-of-fact Canadian town.

The plan of the town has been so often described that it seems superfluous to say much about it. It has been aptly likened to a spider's web, but that impression is only given when the plan is seen on paper. In the centre is the "square," but properly speaking it is an octagon, 600 feet in diameter, round which are the principal hotels and business houses. The "hub" is the Court House, a large two-story building with cupola and clock, whose four fronts face the four points of the compass. Round the Court House is a well-kept park with abundance of shrubs and trees. Round this park is a low iron fence, and between the fence and the business places is a spacious street 100 feet wide. Four streets point respectively north, south, east and west; and between these are four more, all radiating from that central point. Further back streets run out from these, and others again intersect them, giving the general plan the spider's web appearance. The buildings round the square are at least two and three stories high, and many of them of advanced architectural design. On some of the streets, more particularly those in the vicinity of the lake, there are numerous private residences, handsome in appearance, surrounded with orchards, and possessing all the requisites to make life enjoyable. The public park along the bluff at the lake shore has the double attraction of shade trees and spring water, and the Council have been considerate of the comfort of all who resort to it by supplying it with seats, band stand and pavilion, and are now erecting a fountain in addition to the other attractions.

AS A SUMMER RESORT

it has many and varied attractions. Its high elevation and healthy breezes invite the bloom of health to the cheek, and its vast resources for pleasure-seekers should make it one of the most popular of summer resorts. The hotel accommodation is first-class, the wards are unequalled, and the drives through the surrounding country, pass the well-keeps farms and inviting orchards, will delight any lover of picturesque scenery, as well as the more practical, who have an eye only to the rich agricultural resources of a country. The Maitland River gives opportunity for boating and fishing, and the more adventurous can find variety for both on the broad bosom of the lake. Pure spring water is everywhere abundant, one remarkable spring alone in the neighborhood being sufficient to supply the whole town, and there are countless charming spots for pic-nicing. It is a place highly favored by nature, and when its attractions are better known is destined to become one of the most popular watering places in the land.

EARLY HISTORY.

The early history of Goderich dates back about 60 years, but mention is made of the locality as far back as the time of Champlain. It is stated that this famous explorer visited the mouth of the Maitland River in 1618, while on his way to Detroit, his route being along the Ottawa to Georgian Bay, down Lake Huron, through the River and Lake St. Clair and Detroit River to Detroit. Two hundred and ten years after a Frenchman named Frank Deschamp established a trading post at the mouth of what afterwards got the name of the Maitland, in honor of the Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada. Mr. Galt, superintendent of the affairs of the Canada Co., by whom the entire Huron tract was owned, determined to plant a settlement at the mouth of the Maitland. The town was named Goderich in honor of a prominent director of the company, and laid out in its present spider's web fashion according to a plan prepared at the company's office in York. Straggling settlers came in, a steamer built by the company appeared on the waters and plied along the lake ports of Erie and Ontario. By 1833 the settlement gave promise of rapid development, and the whole tract was quickly settled. In 1832 the first Methodist preacher arrived, and, shortly after, the first R.C. priest. In 1833 a postoffice was established. The first couple married were W. F. Gooding and Miss Goode, which interesting event took place in 1829, but as there was no resident minister they had to go to Detroit. It is a curious historical fact that three brothers married the three sisters. The first child born was John Gibson, and he received a grant of 100 acres of land from the company. Such is a brief outline of the early history compiled from historical sources. The place prospered, population increased, and in 1850 it was incorporated by special act as a town. Passing over the intervening years we now present the

ASSESSED VALUE AND POPULATION

extracted from the assessment roll of 1888:

Real property $983,260, personal property $078.00, taxable income $52,850, total assessment $1,103,910, population 4011.

A HANDICAP.

If the town has not prospered in recent years according to expectation it is attributed to the malign influence of the G. T. Railway, and a bitter feeling exists. Of late years the G. T. R. has used its influence to direct traffic to Sarnia and Wiarton, and The Signal a few years ago explained the reason and no denial, we believe, has ever been attempted. It appears that when the G. T. R. leased the line for 99 years from the B. & L. H. R. it was stipulated that 100 per cent. of the profits made up to a certain amount should be the portion of the G. T. R. and the overplus earnings over that fixed amount should be divided—60 per cent. to the G. T. R. and 40 per cent. to the original shareholders. To counteract this depressing influence efforts are being made to secure a competing line, and the prospects are that the C. P. R. will build a branch from Wingham, 30 miles distant, to Goderich. The town holds a charter for this proposed extension. Another projected line, for which a charter was also issued, is an extension of the Guelph Junction Railway from Guelph to Goderich.

MUNICIPAL.

The municipal officers for the current year are as follows: John Butler, Mayor; Wm. Proudfoot, Reeve; Abram Smith, Deputy-Reeve; Councillors, J. W. Smith, C. A. Humber, Robert Thompson, Philip Holt, John H. Colborne, F. J. Pridham, M. Nicholson, Hugh Dunlop, Alex. Morton, J. A. Reed, T. C. Naftel, D. Cantelon; W. Campbell is clerk; W. L. Horton treasurer, and John Yule chief of police. The town hall is a two-story brick building with tower and bell, and accommodates the council, the municipal officers, the fire department and the armory for the Huron Regiment of Infantry, of which this is headquarters. The fire department, independent of the waterworks, consists of a Silsby steam fire engine and the necessary appliances, with a brigade of 10 men and officers. In the town hall are also located the Mechanics' Institute and Free Reading Room. The library contains 2500 volumes, with 150 members, and towards its support the town gives free rooms and an annual grant of $100. The only stipulation is that the reading room be free to all.

COUNTY BUILDINGS AND OFFICIALS.

The county buildings consist of the jail and the court house, the latter a large and substantial brick building with tower and clock, situated in the centre of the park around which the town is built. The present county officials are the following: Isaac F. Thoma, Judge; B. L. Doyle, junior judge; S. Malcolmson, master in chancery; Ira Lewis, clerk of the peace and county attorney; Robt. Gibbons, sheriff; Jas. Hays, warden; D. McDonald, clerk of the Crown; Peter Adamson, county clerk; Wm. Holmes, county treasurer; James Dickson, registrar; Wm. Dickson, jailer; John E. Thoms and D. M. Malloch school inspectors.

CHURCHES.

Goderich is well supplied with churches, mostly all of a high order of architecture. Knox Church (Presbyterian) is of red brick with spire, and gallery all round over the auditorium, and has a seating capacity of 1200. Dr. Ure and Rev. J. Anderson are the pastors.

The English Church people have a complete establishment. The church is white brick, gothic design, nave and transept, with spire, and accommodates about 700. There is also a school room and tasteful rectory, all white brick. Rev. W. A. Young, B.D., is the rector.

The North-street Methodist Church is white brick, seated for 800. Rev. Geo. E. Richardson, president of the Guelph conference, is pastor.

Victoria-street Methodist Church is a white brick, gothic, with spire, basement and gallery and seats 500. Rev. Mr. Foster is pastor.

St. Peter's (Roman Catholic) is a frame building, and contiguous to it is a handsome red and white brick convent, with Separate School attached. A white brick presbytery is on the same grounds. Father West is priest.

In addition to these there is a Gaelic Church, of which the Rev. Mr. McGillivray is pastor, a meeting place for the Plymouth Brethren and a Salvation Army barracks.

SCHOOLS.

The educational institutions show a wise and enlightened policy on the part of the town. The High School is a splendid building, 2 stories with mansard roof, and has a capacity for 500 pupils. 5 teachers are employed, and the results show painstaking and efficient teaching. The principal is H. J. Strong, B.A. The receipts for last year were $4372.61 and the disbursements $4055.90. The average attendance was 126. The average this year so far is 156. These passed the examinations last year—for the senior matriculation for the university 2, first-class certificate 1, second 5, third 6, Law society (standing 1st) 1, medical council 8.

The Public Schools consist of a central school, red brick, two stories and of imposing appearance, in which are 6 teachers, and 3 ward schools with 2 teachers in each. Robert Park is Head master. There are over 700 children attending the Public Schools.

INDUSTRIES.

The last report of the Committee on Manufacturers to the Goderich Board of Trade would indicate that in no line had there been any falling off in production, and that in most there had been a perceptible increase. With the facilities of water and rail shipments, cheap labor and easy access to markets of raw material, a large local market, an unlimited field in the Northwest, and an excellent point to ship to the foreign markets, the surprise is that these natural advantages have not been seen and that manufactures are not more largely represented.

The most important industry is the manufacture of flour. The Ogilvie & Hutchison mill uses the roller process and has a capacity of 900 bbls. a day. In addition to the excellent wheat grown in the neighborhood, this firm imports largely from other ports. There is another mill of smaller capacity devoted chiefly to local grinding.

The salt industry is next in importance, six different works being in operation, employing about 25 hands each, and with an aggregate capacity of 2000 bbls. per day. There are also 3 salt refineries, which produce excellent dairy and table salt, and Goderich brine being free from all impurities, its salt has the highest standing.

There are two planing mills, sash and door factories, both of which employ a considerable number of skilled mechanics and do a superior class of work.

One foundry, owned by Runciman Bros., employs about 35 hands, and in it is a variety of agricultural implements and steam engines are manufactured.

Three cooperages are kept busy making flour, apple and fish barrels, and on an average manufacture 175,000 barrels per annum.

One pork-packing establishment, large and well equipped, does a good business in packing and curing.

There are 5 carriage factories, 2 pump factories and 2 tanneries. A soap factory manufactures several well-known brands of soap, and does a good business.

Shipbuilding is an important industry and one capable of great extension. Every season three or four vessels are built, exclusive of a variety of small craft, and repairing is also extensively done.

Strange to say, notwithstanding the advantages of suitable clay, cheap fuel and a large local demand, there is no brickyard, and the hundreds of thousands of bricks used are all imported. There is a splendid opening in this line for a live man with a moderate capital, and who knows his business. In addition to the advantages supplied by nature the corporation are liberal in their treatment of those contemplating the establishment of any new industries, and as they are in a position to supply light and power, manufacturers meaning business should correspond.

PUBLIC WORKS.

In public improvements very few towns can present the same showing. In addition to the parks, pavilions, fountains and other provisions for recreation and enjoyment, there are works of a more substantial and practical kind. Among these are the waterworks. The system adopted is known as the "Holly system." The works are situated near the harbor, and consist of duplicate pumps, each capable of pumping half a million gallons a day, the power being supplied by a magnificent 60 horse power engine. The building is stone, solid and commodious, and boiler room and everything in connection are as nearly fire-proof as mechanical skill can make them. Up to the present time, $52,000 has been expended on these works, and this sum will be considerably augmented before all the mains and other projected additions are completed.

In the same building, and driven by the same power, are the electric light dynamos, Brush system, consisting of two, of 35 light capacity each. The citizens are charged 25 cents per night for each lamp, being about the average all over the country. A systematic debtor and creditor account is kept of everything connected with these public works, and it is expected they will be the source of considerable revenue to the town over and above the interest on the investment. When all completed, the town will have a bonded indebtedness of about $90,000, but, unlike some towns, there is something to show for it.

HOW SALT WAS DISCOVERED.

In 1866, after the discovery of oil at Petrolia and oil springs and oil fever raged all over the country, Goderich caught the infection. It was reasonable to suppose that the same formation might exist here and that oil could be found by penetrating the bowels of the earth. An enterprising citizen named Samuel Platt formed a company with a subscribed capital of $10,000. He bored down 700 feet without any promising results and the stockholders kicked and refused to pay any more calls on the stock. The whole country was interested in the experiment, and the County Council offered a bonus of $1000 if the company would continue the boring to 1000 feet. The prospect of finding oil and the desire to secure the bonus induced Mr. Platt to continue the boring, and at 960 feet he struck salt. He continued the boring 40 feet more through the salt bed and secured the bonus. Pumping was then commenced, and has continued with more or less vigor ever since. The supply is practically inexhaustible, and the brine is pronounced by experts to be the most concentrated and the purest known.

THE PRESS.

Goderich has two excellent newspapers. The Huron Signal, published by D. McGillicuddy, is probably the oldest established journal in the western section of Ontario, and has always held a distinguished place as a consistent Liberal journal. The Star, published by Jas. Mitchell, is the other journal and ably represents Conservative interests. The proprietors of both papers, while differing on some points, are loyal to the interests of the town and are ready to combine on a worthy object. Between them they are now preparing a pamphlet, 11x24 of about 30 pages under the title of Goderich Illustrated. The illustrations are now being prepared and the pamphlet will be issued early in March. An edition of 10,000 will be issued, and as it is a matter of general interest to the town the Council lends liberal assistance.

WEST RIDING COUNTY HURON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The headquarters of the West Riding of the County of Huron Agricultural Society are here. The annual show known as the North-western Exhibition is always one of the most successful county shows in the Province. The buildings are well designed and very commodious. In addition to the main buildings there is stabling for 150 horses, extensive cattle and sheep pens, poultry house and other conveniences. The grounds comprise 12 acres and there is a splendid half-mile track. "Let posterity take care of itself," is the sentiment of a mean and narrow spirit, but one in which the Town Councils of Goderich have never been in sympathy. Here again their liberality and breadth of view are exhibited. The town owns this property, which so far has cost about $8000. Its value will be constantly increasing, and while serving the purposes of the present citizens will be a rich heritage to future generations.

ELEVATORS.

There are two elevators at the harbor, one owned by the G.T.R., with a capacity of 100,000 bushels, the other by Ogilvies & Hutchison, with a capacity of 175,000 bushels.

RETURNS AND SHIPMENTS.

The last report of the Board of Trade shows that the total value of imports for the year 1887 was $77,791, on which were paid $768.65 duties. The value of exports was $146,084. The principal shipments and receipts by rail and water are classed thus: Timber 11,000,000 ft., salt 100,000 bbls., apples 40,000 bbls., horses 25 car loads, cattle 100 car loads, wheat 200,000 bush., corn 127,855 bush., oats 113,839 bush., coal 5330 tons.

The vessel tonnage was: Arrivals 59,162, departures 59,895.

THE MAITLAND CEMETERY.

While making every provision for the comfort and enjoyment of the living, reverence for the departed is shown by this beautiful necropolis. It is situated on elevated ground and everything about it betokens neatness and care.

PUBLIC HALLS.

For entertainments and public meetings the accommodation is provided by the following halls: the Town Hall with a good capacity, the Grand Opera House in Acheson's block, with 700 opera chairs, a good stage and excellent scenery, the Victoria Hall in Crabb's block, with about the same capacity, a good stage and ample scenery.

SOCIETIES.

Masonic—Maitland Lodge No. 33, A.F. & A.M., Huron Chapter No. 30, R.A.M., St. Elmo Preceptory No. 22, K.T.

I.O.O.F.—Huron Lodge No. 62, Huron Encampment No. 23.

A.O.U.W.—Maple Leaf Lodge No. 27.

C.O.F.—Court Goderich No. 32, Royal Templars, Royal Arcanum and Oranges. All appear to be flourishing and the Grand Lodge of British North America will meet here on May 22.

LIFE-SAVING STATION.

At the harbor is a Life Saving Station, with a crew of six men under Captain W. Babb. They have repeatedly done efficient service and saved many lives. In 1886 the American Government presented them with medals for rescuing the crew of the A. C. Maxwell.

ARTESIAN WELL.

Near the harbor is an artesian well, which throws water 22 feet above the surface at the rate of 200 gallons a minute. The water is pretty strongly impregnated with iron and sulphur and has valuable medicinal purposes. The utilitarian eye hates to see such valuable power going to waste.

THREADS NOT PICKED UP.

Goderich has 47 miles of streets.

It is the home of M. C. Cameron.

A. M. Ross is M.L.A. and Robert Porter M.P.

It is the wheelsmen's paradise.

The surrounding country is intersected with the best roads in the Dominion.

It has a good brass band, curling, skating and roller rinks.

The big mill has a driving wheel 22 feet in diameter and a belt 4 feet wide.

The corporation are putting four fountains in Court House-square and one in the Park.

The citizens have an Arbor day for planting trees. They make things pleasant for visitors.

Another pavilion is being built in the Park for the accommodation of excursionists.

In connection with the Ogilvies mill two salt wells are pumped and the exhaust steam is used to evaporate the brine.

There are two banks and a Savings and Loan Society.

Owing to the excellent natural and artificial drainage and the porous nature of the soil mud is almost entirely unknown, and the local newspapers are placed at a great disadvantage.

The postoffice is the distributing centre for 13 other postoffices.

THE MAYOR.

John Butler, the mayor of Goderich, is a Scotchman by birth, but has been doing business in the town since 1861. He is a thoroughly representative man, with excellent capacity, and discharges the duties of his important office with distinguished ability. He is

naturall shrewd, full of energy and enterprise and anything he undertakes is pushed to a end. In everything pertaining to the prosperity of the town he takes a deep interest and grudges neither time nor labor on any beneficial enterprise. He has been in the council 7 years and on the school board 4 years, and has proved himself a hard-working useful citizen.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

Francis Smeeth

has a large planing factory, two stories, with modern dry kiln attached. The factory is equipped with the best machinery and now but the best mechanical skill is employed. He keeps on hand a large stock of shingles lath, lumber and furnishings of all kinds, and manufactures on short notice everything usually manufactured in a planing mill. He does all kinds of building and contracting and has established a high reputation for the excellence of his workmanship.

R. S. Smith & Co.

The premises comprise two stories and basement 87 feet in length, fully utilized for the business purposes of the firm, and lighted with the electric light. The business done is comprehensive in its character and includes staple and fancy dry goods, carpets, lace, curtains, oilcloths, general house furnishings. There is also a dress and mantle making department, where the ladies will find the latest and most fashionable designs, and the very latest fabrics in dress goods to select from. The store is well appointed throughout, with a splendid range of fashionable goods.

In the Old Reliable

tailoring establishment of Hugh Dunlop will be found West of England broadcloths, doeskins, worsteds; tweeds, Scotch, French and Canadian tweeds. All goods made up in the latest and most fashionable styles and prices to suit all tastes. Next door to the Bank of Montreal.

Armstrong Bros.

manufacture fanning mills and pumps, and are now manufacturing the Armstrong Grain and Seed Cleaner, patented. For cleaning grain is excels and does away with the necessity of buying new fanning mills, as it can be placed into the old. It cleans with great rapidity and allows no noxious seeds or grass seeds to be blown into the chaff. It makes four divisions of grain and seeds. The grass seed is discharged through one spout, the noxious weeds through another, chess and shrunken grain through another and the grain is carried on to the screen of the fanning mill cleaned. They are ready to sell county rights and invite correspondence.

R. Thompson

manufactures carriages, buggies, harrows, etc., and does general blacksmithing and horseshoeing. He has been established 25 years and has the reputation of being a skilful workman.

Goderich Boiler Works.

Chrystal & Black, proprietors of these works, are both practical men who thoroughly understand their business in all its branches. Besides manufacturing every description of sheet metal work—boilers, heaters, salt pans, tanks, smokestacks, &c.—they sell the well-known automatic cut off Corliss engine, both horizontal and upright. They also carry a large stock of tubing and steam fitters supplies. They do a great deal of work for the salt manufacturers, and in all the surrounding country have established a name for good work. They have just completed and placed in position a pair of splendid steel boilers for the town waterworks.

E. Campion,

barrister and solicitor, procter in Maritime Court. Office over Jordan's store, Market square.

F. J. T. Naftel

is agent for a number of reliable insurance companies, including the London, Liverpool and Globe, North British and Mercantile, North American Life, and insures plate glass. Money to loan and conveyancing promptly done.

E. Champagne

has a well appointed restaurant in West-street, where oysters and ice cream in season are served out to a large circle of customers. He also deals in fruit and confectionery, and keeps up an attractive stock, oysters by measure or dish, cigars and tobacco. Rooms furnished in city style.

Jas. Saunders & Son.

next door to the P. O., keep mostly everything necessary to the furnishing of a house, from a wedding ring to a cookstove. They have four flats all well filled, and the reputation they have established for low prices and fair dealing enables them to handle an immense quantity of goods. In the cellar are sheet metal and iron piping. They have improved machinery for cutting and threading the iron pipes used in heating. On the first floor are fancy goods, jewelry, wall paper and notions, and further back a complete stock of tin and Japanned ware, and Gurney stoves. In the front of the second floor are fancy goods, middle part a stock room for steam fittings, and in the rear the workshop. The third floor is used for stock. They do plumbing, heating by hot air, water or steam.

A. B. Cornell,

Hamilton-street, deals in furniture of all kinds, and sells the Raymond sewing machine. Undertaking in all its branches is promptly attended to. Two hearses are kept, and every other requisite for funerals. Picture framing is all done in a satisfactory manner and at cheap rates.

W. G. Dowling

manufactures harness of all kinds, including boots for trotting horses, and keeps a good stock of single and double harness, trunks, valises, whips, &c. He makes collars a specialty and sells them in large quantities. He is a first-class workman, and anything turned out under his supervision can be depended upon.

W. Burrows,

seedsman, grain dealer, seed grain experimenter, and dealer in flour and feed. Agricultural implements of all kinds kept on hand. Mr. Burrows has obtained quite a celebrity as a seed grain experimenter—that is, he tests everything by first growing it himself—and his opinion on seeds generally is worth something. At the Guelph Fair he had a collection that attracted a great deal of notice.

Geo. Barry

also supplies housekeepers with everything in the furniture line. He has had an experience of 20 years and understands every detail of the business. Besides a large stock of furniture he keeps a hearse and a complete line of everything in undertaking.

Geo. M. Elliott

does a flourishing cash trade in groceries, flour and feed. He buys for cash at close prices and sells in the same way. The system, judged by the business done, meets with approval.

C. A. Nairn

has one of the best stores in town, and the chief articles dealt in are groceries and provisions, crockery, glassware and chinaware. The grocery department is well kept up and is first-class. The crockery and glassware he imports direct, and is therefore in a position to sell cheap. This is a very attractive store and is well patronized.

J. W. Smith,

baker and confectioner, has the reputation of being the manufacturer of as good bread as can be turned out in the Dominion. Cake of every kind, confectionery, etc., always on hand. He has been in business 7 years, and is located in East-street in a new building which he built and owns.

C. C. Crabb

has a double store, and deals in mostly everything, but chiefly in hardware, dry goods and groceries. He has been in business 50 years—the longest of any in town—and has had a prosperous career. He owns the whole block of 18 stores, in which are Victoria hall, the Masonic hall, the Mechanics' Institute, the Plymouth Brethren's rooms, &c. He is a very genial gentleman and enjoys a joke—even that of General Sherman when in town. That distinguished American looked up to the sign and gravely observed—"I never saw a C (sea) Crab so far from his native element before."

D. C. Strachan

is a general dealer in fine family groceries, provisions, crockery and glassware, flour and feed, first door east of Albion hotel. He is agent for Davis' celebrated cigars, and for other manufacturers. His store is double and one of the most commodious in the place. In summer a large business is done supplying vessels, and as cash is paid for produce an extensive trade is done with the farmers all the year round.

Bank of Montreal.

This is one of the institutions of the place, and does a large business. Geo Drummond is Manager.

F. & A. Pridham,

merchant tailors and gents' outfitters, keep a large stock of Scotch, English and American goods, and keep to the front with all the novelties in style. They employ 15 hands, do excellent work and have their reward in a fast increasing trade. They also get numerous orders from the other side of the line, particularly from young men who have moved away.

British Exchange,

G. B. Cox, proprietor. This house has lately been decorated and refurnished, and retains its long standing as one of the leading hotels in town. It was purchased by the father of the present proprietor in 1872, and has been under the present management between 3 and 4 years. It is an excellent hotel, with over 50 rooms, and has a landlord popular with all classes. It is lighted with the electric light.

G. C. Robertson

manufactures and deals in furniture, and keeps a good general stock of all kinds. Parlor, dining room, and bedroom sets, sideboards, bureaus, centre tables, upholstered furniture, and everything in the line. He also deals in books, wall paper, toys and general fancy goods. Mr. R. has been in business 11 years, and does a good trade.

W. Lee,

coal dealer and forwarder, does an extensive business in hard, soft and blacksmith's coal, fish, apples, etc. He is also agent for the beatty line of boats running from Sarnia to Port Arthur and Duluth, and for the Saginaw line, running from Cleveland to Goderich and Saginaw. Mr. L. has been ticketing them through for 19 years.

J. Robertson

is a dealer in groceries, crockery, provisions, and foreign and domestic fruits. He has a well assorted stock, and in groceries everything will be found fresh, of good quality and a very reasonable prices. His leading business principle is to give good value for the money.

C. H. Parson

is in the Albion House Block, and does a wholesale business in liquors, wines, brandies, ales, cigars etc. He has the name of keeping pure liquors and cigars of the best brands.

Geo. Rhynas,

chemist and druggist, corner Montreal-street and the Square, keeps a good stock of drugs and medicines, and all articles usually found in a first-class drug store. Prescriptions are carefully dispensed, the latest appliances to secure accuracy being used. Proprietor of Egyptian Sanative Oil, for cuts of all kinds. He also keeps a varied assortment of imported and domestic cigars, pipes, etc.

Huron House.

Wm. Craig, proprietor, is on the Square, between West and Montreal-streets. It is a very comfortable house of 25 rooms well furnished and convenient. The proprietor has been 10 years in business, and understands his calling. The terms are $1 per day.

Rees Price & Son

are located on the Square, corner of West street. Their business is family groceries and crockery. Everything here shows the effect of systematic training to the business. An assortment suitable to all wants is kept and particular attention paid to teas and cigars.

Goderich Furniture Warerooms.

J. Brophey, proprietor, West-street. In this establishment a large stock is kept consisting of bedroom and parlor furniture, sideboards, extension tables, centre tables, washstands, hall racks, and hosts of other articles. Picture moulding he guarantees to sell "cheaper than any other furniture dealer on top of the earth."

Canadian Bank of Commerce

was established here in 1870. A. S. Williams is Manager. Mr. Williams is also President of the Goderich Board of Trade.

J. B. Edwards,

Montreal-street, deals in fresh and cured meats, sausages, poultry, etc. He is a practical man, of good experience, and a good judge of stock. His meat is consequently of a superior order.

Wm. Campbell,

salt dealer and general insurance and real estate agent. Mr. Campbell came here from Barrie, his native town, in 1839, and was one of those who helped to develop the salt business. He still handles salt for 3 manufacturers. He represents first-class companies in fire, life, accident and marine insurance. He is also Town Clerk and Vice United States Commercial agent.

E. A. Cullis

deals in flour, feed and seeds. Field and garden seeds in season. He is proprietor of the Maitland grist mill with a capacity of 50 barrels a day. He is also a large buyer of grain.

The Goderich Tannery.

W. F. & A. Smith, proprietors, confine themselves to the manufacture of sole leather, and being unable to supply the demand are preparing to enlarge. They now manufacture from 80 to 100 sides a week. They have steam power.

Ogilvies & Hutchison.

The mammoth 900 barrel a day mill owned by the above firm has already been referred to and it might be stated here that the business is managed by the local partner, Mr. M. Hutchison.

Wm. Henning

is proprietor of the Goderich grist mill, and does a good gristing business. There are 2 run of stones, but he contemplates putting in rolls. The mill has been running since 1871. The power is furnished by a 40 horse-power engine.

The Maitland Hotel,

E. Peacock, proprietor, is immediately opposite the Grand Trunk Railway station. It has lately been re-fitted and re-furnished and has good accommodation for the traveling public. The terms are $1 a day.

Jas. Reid

has had an experience of 35 years as a contractor and builder, and is widely known as a skilful and competent mechanic, and reliable in every respect.

S. Sloane

is located on Victoria and Hamilton-street, and deals in produce, grain of all kinds, deals in flour, field and garden seeds and is a large exporter of grain.

Buchanan & Robertson

are proprietors of a planing mill and manufacture doors, sash, blinds and builders' supplies generally, and also school furniture. They are now getting out the finishing for the new post office. They keep a general supply of lumber, shingles, laths, and everything required for the finishing of a house.

Albion Hotel,

Jonathan Miller, proprietor, is one of the leading commercial otels, and has a large patronage. It is a commodious building and comprises 75 rooms, furnished with all modern appliances such as electric light, electric bells, and is steam heated. The proprietor is a genial host, and looks well after the comfort of his guests.

Estate of George Grant.

This establishment is managed by James Hale, and is one of the best in its line. Groceries, provisions, crockery and glassware, comprise the leading lines, and all the departments are filled with an attractive stock. For groceries and provisions is has a large circle of first-class customers, and in summer an extensive trade is done with the vessels. The store is neat, well appointed in every way, and is lighted with the electric light. In crockery and glassware the display is large and attractive, with variety sufficient to satisfy all demands.

J. Billier

is located in Kingston-street, and keeps a general store. Dress goods, groceries and crockery are among the lines, and the quality of the goods and low prices attract a large trade, more particularly from the country.

Joseph Williams

is a manufacturer of and wholesale dealer in lumber, lath, shingles and salt. The mills and salt works are at Port Frank in the County of Lambton, and this is made the chief point for distribution.

John Acheson

has a large establishment on the north side of the Square, and deals in general dry goods, making a specialty of dress goods and trimmings. They import their goods in large quantities and cannot be undersold. Upstairs there is a large carpet department. The stock includes a complete line of Berlin and other wools, plushes and fancy goods, the whole comprising a complete general stock.

J. I. Luby

offers a comprehensive stock, consisting of dry goods, furnishings, tinware, ready-made clothing, crockery, boots and shoes. His prices, superior goods, and general manner of doing business have proved acceptable to the public, and he is largely patronized.

Whitely Bros.

are among the men who wield the cleaver, and are always prepared with a large stock of fresh and cured meats, sausages, poultry, etc. They have excellent facilities for supplying the public, and in summer do a large business with the vessels in addition to their regular business.

H. Secord

has been 14 years in the lumbering business, and has his office at the Grand Trunk Railway station and his yard at the harbor. Lumber and dimension timber in full supply.

Malcolm Nicholson,

surgeon dentist, West-street, third door below the Bank of Montreal, has been practising dentistry for 25 years, and has a splendid professional reputation. His office is supplied with all the modern appliances of the profession, and by judicious reading he keeps himself abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his calling.

W. Knight

is a barber located in West-street and has been in business 16 years. He runs three chairs, gives every satisfaction, and his shaving and hair cutting parlors are extensively patronized.

E. Radcliffe

is Canadian Pacific Railway ticket agent, agent for telegraph, insurance and loan agent, and agent for ocean steamers. Any one requiring anything in his line will find him prompt, and ready to give cheerfully the most minute information.

Vienna Bakery,

D. Cantelon, baker and confectioner, West-street, has been 17 years at the business, and his steamed bread and bread generally is seldom equalled for color or whiteness. In the manufacture of wedding cake, fancy bread and cakes generally he is an adept.

A. Murdock

has a boot and shoe store on the north side of the Square, with everything fitted up in modern style. He keeps a good stock of boots and shoes, and pays special attention to ordered work. In this his good workmanship and excellent fits are building up an increasing business. His business principle is cash, and in return gives better value than he could on a credit basis.

W. T. Welsh

has had 14 years' experience as a practical jeweler and watchmaker, and is thoroughly competent to deal with the most complicated movement. He does a large repairing trade. He also keeps on hand a large and varied stock of fine jewelry, watches in great variety, both gold and silver, clocks, silverware, and some artistic fancy goods. Customers are treated squarely here and get good value for their money.

C. C. Newton,

the Goderich hatter, is in the Oddfellows Block, corner of North-street, and keeps the great emporium for gents' furnishings and hats. Devoting special attention to these lines, he is enabled to do them justice, and a nearly expansion of business is the result. He imports his own English hats.

Huron & Bruce Loan & Investment Co.

H. Horton is Manager of this thriving concern. Judging by the financial statement of last year it is one of the soundest institutions in the country.

B. McCormac

is a merchant tailor with a first-class reputation as a cutter and maker up of gents' clothing. He keeps a good stock of tweeds and other cloths, gents' furnishings and employs from 8 to 10 hands.

In the same store is P. O'Dea, with a well assorted stock of general dry goods, ready made clothing and groceries. The store is bright and roomy, and is lighted with the electric light. In summer a large trade is done with the Americans.

F. McEwen

is running the original salt well sunk by the Goderich Petroleum Co, which was assisted by a grant of $1000 from the county and $500 from the town, in the days of the oil excitement. It has a capacity of 150 barrels a day, and 20 hands are employed. Dairy and common salt are both manufactured. In connection there is a stave and heading works for the manufacture of barrels.

W. Andrews,

the West-street butcher, is the man who supplies the tender steak and juicy roasts to a large portion of the citizens. He also keeps cured meats and poultry in season.

Dominion Salt Works and Saw Mill,

of which Joseph Kidd, jr., is proprietor, is the largest salt works now in operation in Goderich. It is situated near the Grand Trunk Railway depot. It has an annual capacity of 50,000 barrels, and is now in operation night and day, manufacturing excellent grades of salt. The brine is 98—the purest in Canada. Part of the works consists of a dairy salt mill, wherein all grades of table, dairy and cheese salt are specially prepared. It is not ground after leaving the pan, but reaches the consumer in *original crystals*, thus ensuring perfect purity and freedom from pan-scale and other impurities, which is not the case with ground salt. He has now under construction a method by which common salt can be converted into dairy salt at the nominal cost of 5 cents per barrel, which will be in operation by the 1st of April. Adjoining the salt works is a saw mill, with a capacity of ten thousand feet per day, turning out all grades of lumber—beneath which runs the stave and heading machinery, the latter of which he supplies to other works as well as his own. He employs 30 men night and day, and makes all his own barrels in a cooper shop on the premises. He is an extensive shipper of salt to the United States for the manufacture of butter and cheese.

E. R. Watson

is a painter, decorator and paper hanger, and is a workman combining high mechanical skill with great artistic taste. His services are much sought for, and he has done most of the best work in town.

J. Reid & Bro.

are general dry goods merchants and furnishing tailors. Owing to the superior nature of the work turned out by them, the excellent fits, and fashionable styles, their business in this line has been constantly on the increase. They guarantee fits every time, and their customers invariably find satisfaction. They keep a good stock and have a tasty shop, lighted at nights with the electric light.

R. W. McKenzie,

This old reliable house of 20 years' standing is still to the front with a complete assortment of shelf and heavy hardware, paints, oils, glass, builders' and carriage makers' supplies, and all the usual goods found in a first-class hardware store. Silverware and table cutlery of the best makers. The goods here are noted for their superior quality, and everything is sold on a small margin.

J. Butler,

corner of West-street and court house square, has been in the book and stationery business since 1861. His store is large, and well filled with attractive goods, books, representing all the departments of literature. The current literature, periodicals and newspapers make it the headquarters of the reading public, and there is besides a great variety of fancy goods, representing both the useful and ornamental to suit every taste. Wall paper, school books and school requisites of every kind are always kept up to meet all demands.

The Prescription Drug Store.

James Wilson, chemist and druggist, is located on the north side of the Square, and keeps a full stock of drugs, chemicals, medicines, toilet articles, perfumes, and sundries generally. He has also a nice selection of plush goods, which find a ready sale as presents. He has been 12 years established and has always borne a high reputation for the careful manner in which prescriptions are dispensed.

Fraser & Porter,

booksellers and stationers, are on the corner of North-street and the Square, and have a commodious store 26x90, well filled with a miscellaneous stock, comprising books, stationery, wall paper and fancy goods in great variety. In the book department there are few larger stocks west of Toronto, embracing reference works, history, travels, biography, standard novels and current literature, with a choice assortment of books suitable for Sunday school libraries. The other departments are also fully supplied. This store has been established over 20 years, and has an extensive custom.

A. McLean

has roomy premises well filled with a general dry goods stock. He also buys produce and does a good general trade. The house is long established and is favorably known all over the country.

A. Monroe

is on the north side of the Square, and deals in staple and fancy dry goods, and keeps a well assorted stock all through the season. It is known as the one-price store, and the honorable nature of all business transactions is well known, and customers believe in it. Mr. Monroe is a resident of 30 years' standing, and in business matters has kept pace with the prosperity of the country.

The Salt Works

of J. S. Platt are situated on the Maitland River and the only ones pumped and worked by water power. 200 barrels are manufactured daily, about half of which is dairy salt and the balance common salt. About 20 men are employed. For convenience of shipping there is a tramway to the harbor. It might be stated that this well is 1065 feet deep. There is also a stave and heading factory in connection with the works. Mr. Platt's father was the discoverer of salt in 1866.

Colborne Bros.

are eastern men, with an excellent record, but have been doing business in Goderich for the past 10 years. Their premises are on the corner of Hamilton-street and the Square, and are composed of a two story building 24x85. The stock is a general one, consisting of dry goods, groceries, carpets, etc., and a specialty is made of dress goods. They buy butter, grain, eggs, wool and general farm produce and in addition to their town trade do a large country business. Their extensive premises are fully supplied with stock, and they have the reputation of giving as good value for the money as any in the business.

Huron Soap Co.,

Trebble & Tarr, proprietors, manufacture Gold Medal, Toronto Electric and Economy soaps, and turn out about 80 tons a year. They find a market all over Ontario. The power is supplied by a 35 horse power engine.

Goderich Foundry,

Runciman Bros. proprietors, manufacture