

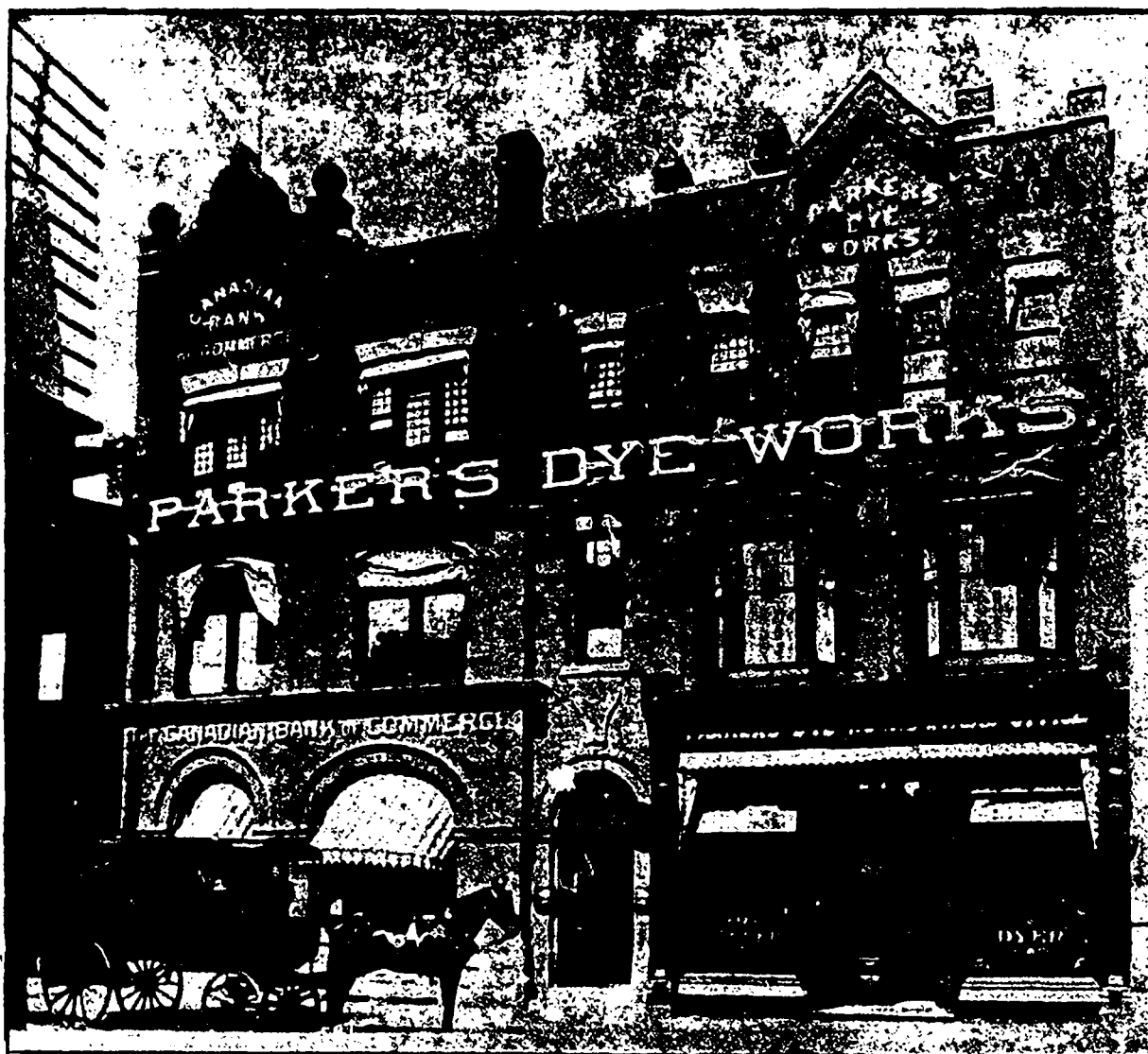
## PARKER'S DYE WORKS.

CANADA'S industries are growing, and this is a matter for congratulation, no matter how prevalent the growth may be, nor how natural it is. Too frequently this progress is unnoted, because being gradual it is almost unnoticeable. It is only by the comparison of distant periods that this growth can be properly estimated or placed in such a light as to show perfectly the rapidity and extent of the enlargement. But it is only by a realization of this industrial progress that the people of the country can be made proud of the land in which they live and receive that assurance which is necessary for the stimulation of further activity. This is the excuse if any be needed for the present description of a growing industry.

It is now about sixteen years since Parker's dye works were established. The building in which their machinery was first started into operation was a small one, situated in the hollow just opposite Severn's brewery on Yonge street. Since 1876 when the business was founded the progress of the company has been remarkable. At first only three or four hands were employed, but, owing to the rapid increase of business Mr. Parker soon found that three times the original number of employees were inadequate to do the work which was pouring in daily and

a movement was made toward the purchase of more commodious premises. In 1885 the move was made, and the head and works of the company were established in a new building Nos. 787 to 791 Yonge street. A year later an enlargement of this new place was found necessary and the company erected a large and handsome wing. In 1891 a further enlargement of these already large premises was made and a two-story structure running back 100 feet in the rear of the bank was erected.

Upwards of 100 employees are engaged at these flourishing dye works and eleven branches have been established. Six of these are outside the city, being founded in Hamilton, Brantford, London, St. Catharines, Galt and Woodstock. The city branches are at 209 Yonge street, 59 King street west, 277 Queen street east, 475 Queen street west, and 1267 Queen street west. All of these branches are connected by telephone. A walk through the works and an inspection of the machinery is very interesting. In the dye house are found fifty or sixty vats, all of which are in constant operation. Nearly all of the machinery in this great dyeing establishment has been purchased within the past two years, and is the most modern that could be secured in Europe or the United States by Mr. Parker. The latest addition to the improved



FRONT VIEW OF HEAD OFFICE AND WORKS, 787-791 YONGE ST., TORONTO.