

The latter is a fine brick building, and cost over \$20,000. It is too small, and is about to be remodelled at a cost of \$20,000. There are also two Methodist churches, situated on George and Charlotte streets respectively. The former is the finest building in town, built after the style of the Metropolitan in Toronto, and cost some \$60,000,—the basement alone of the finest cut stone, costing \$20,000. The Charlotte Street Church, while not so pretentious, is a good building, and has been recently enlarged. The Aylmer Street Baptist has also been enlarged within the last few years, and the Bible Christians worship in a fine brick structure on Murray street, erected in 1874.

Our enterprising citizen, Mr. Thomas Bradburn, erected in 1875 a fine four-storey building on George street, close to the Market Square, the upper flat of which is used as an Opera House. A large amount of money has been expended on the interior fittings, scenery, etc., and very few places of our size can boast of such a well-appointed amusement hall. Underneath are four stores, two on each side of the arcade. Upstairs is the Council Chamber, Clerk and Treasurer's office, Collector's office, police station, etc. On the tower has been placed a splendid town clock that can be seen from almost any portion of the town and Ashburnham.

As regards hotels Peterborough is well supplied, and the wants of travellers and visitors looked after by the landlords of the twenty licensed houses. Two of these, the Oriental and Caisse House, have a reputation that extends beyond our own Dominion.

The Fire Brigade band is regarded as one of the leading musical organizations of the Dominion, and the band master Mr. Finch Miller, who has brought the players up to their high standard of excellence, is a teacher who has few superiors. The band possesses an enviable record: first they won first prize at a Central Exhibition here; then as an amateur band they competed at the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto four years ago, playing against no less than eighteen of the principal bands of the Province, but, notwithstanding that, they succeeded in carrying off the first prize and diploma, entitling them to the name of the "Champion Amateur Band of the Dominion." Growing tired of amateurism they entered the professional arena, and two years ago at Ingersoll they competed against the leading military bands of the Dominion, and succeeded in winning third prize, the 13th of Hamilton and the 7th of London being each a few points ahead, while such well-known bands as the 26th of London fell far behind.

For many years Peterborough suffered badly for want of railway facilities, but, thanks to our energetic townsman, Mr. George A. Cox, President of the Midland Railway, our condition in that respect has been greatly altered since he assumed control; and since the amalgamation of the Midland, Grand Junction, Whitby, Port