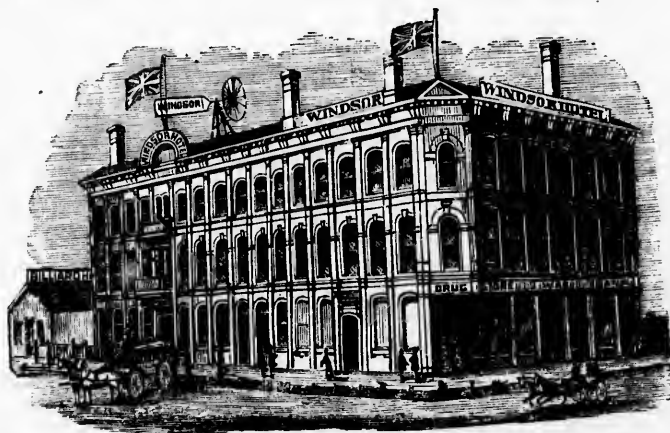


blocks, while numbers of elegant mansions and costly residences adorn the suburban portions. The place contains as large a number of first-class buildings, both public and private, as any town of similar size in the Province; at the same time the business activity is on a par with any place of similar dimensions, as it naturally must be from the exceptionally favourable location which it possesses, both as a depot and as an entrepot for provincial and even continental trade, and as a local distributing centre.



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The present state of development is the result of no mushroom growth, but the steady march of progress towards the "manifest destiny" awaiting the possessor of advantages which, in the natural order of things, must make Stratford at one day an important city. Though legitimate causes have at intervals transpired to make this growth at some periods more than at others, all the same it has been "onward, still onward," as the following official figures, covering a period of the past decade will demonstrate :—