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ST. CATHARINES.

The Town of St. Catharines is the County Town of Lincoln, and is at present the most populous Town in the Province, its population being over 10,000. It is a very flourishing Town, situated on the line of the Welland Canal, from which it derives large commercial and manufacturing advantages. It is also the centre of what has been long known as the "Garden of Canada," a tract of country lying between the two lakes—Erie and Ontario—the influence of which moderates its climate, and in addition to the character of its soil, makes it favorable to the growth of fruits and vegetables and every other kind of Agricultural products. This, in addition to its Shipping interests, which may be said to be the blood, for without them there would be very little life, give to St. Catharines an energy and impetus that have enabled it to grow to its present proportions. Notwithstanding the great depression in the business of the Country during the past year, St. Catharines has sustained itself as well, and perhaps better, than some others of greater pretensions, but in so doing they have had the advantage of the large expenditure on the construction of the new line, or as it is called, the enlargement, of the Welland Canal. This work will no doubt extend the borders of the Town and increase its population. The people, alive to their own interests, have already induced the authorities to take the necessary steps, and by the first of January, the limits of the Corporation will be so enlarged as to place it beyond all competition in the race of Towns and very soon enable it to take its place among the Cities. When the new Canal is completed, the manufacturing facilities will be so increased that the future of St. Catharines will be no longer problematical, but in the ordinary and almost certain course of events, be assured and beyond doubt. At present the Town presents a very prosperous appearance. The number of Stores or Shops for the transaction of business, erected during the past year, and many still in the course of erection, afford ample proof of the confidence which business men feel in its onward progress. The public buildings of St. Catharines are a credit to it. It has