

in spite of the large staff of clerks, and King street is one solid mass of vehicles. Chatham is quite a centre for shipping poultry, &c., and quite a bit of cross-trading and swapping, and general business is done between farmers.

A cherub, cooling himself on a hot summer's day, squatted on the cross of the spire of Christ Church, facing the square would see a dense swarm of human emmets beneath him, with the inevitable baby carriage still further blocking progress. A babel of tongues—English, Irish, Scotch, Welsh, Cornish, Colored, Swedish, German, Belgian, American, French Canadian, Indian and Chinese. Dominating the din, three loud bawling auctioneers, sneering at each others' wares, or praising the high-stepping action of some ancient horse. Broadcloth and silk jostling against moleskin and cotton. Herb-men, medicine-peddlers, insurance pests, copy Indians, basket-laden squaws, market-women stealing a moment to peep at the latest news in the Market Guide. Noon-bell. Feed the animals. Exit cherub. The

AVENUES

of Chatham, especially that facing the Ursuline Academy, are beautiful, this one in particular being planted by ancient trees, forming a lofty and perfect arch, a place of exquisite shade in summer. Indeed the planting of shade trees is so general, that from the Fire Tower in summer much of the city looks like a grove. The

RESIDENCES

are often very large, costly and tasteful in architecture, surrounded by brilliant and extensive flower gardens, and rare shade trees, while no expense is spared on the interiors, which enjoy the most modern systems of heating and ventilation. The

ROADWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

have shared in the march of improvements. Queen street, running south from the Post Office to the Grand Trunk depot, has been paved and topped with Komoka gravel, and a granolithic (artificial stone), sidewalks have been laid on both sides. The approaches to the Third street bridge have been very substantially fixed, and other improvements to cemetery, &c., total cost \$43,000. Improvements, such as these sidewalks, done under Local Improvement Act, money being borrowed at a very low rate on municipal security by the owners interested.

EDUCATION.

Five Public Schools: McKeough, Central, Queen St., Payne, King St. Number of teachers in the order named: 6, 2, 10, 7, 2. Principals of first three, and one teacher in Central, male; all other teachers, including the last two principals, female. 23 female, 4 male, total 27. School Board: R. Cooper, chairman; Rev. A. McColl, Inspector; T. C. MacNabb, Sec.-Treas. 1st Ward, R. Riddell, R. A. Hughes; 2nd, J. A. Wilson, W. L. G. Snell; 3rd, R. Cooper, Dr. McKeough; 4th, Chas. W. Baxter, James J. Couzens; 5th, Jas. Holmes, Dr. Fleming. Trustees hold office two years, half their number re-elected annually; meet first Tuesday of each month. Annual cost of teaching staff \$10,000; total school expenditure \$16,000;