

MERRITTON.

This place is of modern growth, and is the result, undoubtedly, of the great water power on the Welland Canal having attracted to it men of capital and enterprise, who have erected some of the largest and best Mills and Factories in the Province. Merritton now takes rank as a village, and in the course of next month will enjoy the privilege of having a Reeve and Council of its own, a change which, it is supposed, will give greater advantages toward making local improvements. The principal manufacturing establishments are

BEAVER COTTON MILLS.

BEAVER MILLS.—These Mills are the first of the kind established in Canada, and are situated on the Canal, Merritton, where the facilities for manufacturing are unsurpassed. When Mr. W. W. Wait, the proprietor, commenced business in 1857, he found great difficulty in persuading the Canadians that such articles as he offered for sale could be made in Canada—but now he finds employment for about 80 hands, and is constantly extending his facilities and business. For particulars see advertisement page.

ST. CATHARINES PAPER MILLS.—This establishment is among the largest and best appointed of the kind in the country, and has yielded to the proprietor, Mr. John Riordon, a handsome competency.

LYBSTER COTTON MILLS.—These Mills are owned by a Toronto firm, and employ from 100 to 150 hands.