

nished. Wm. Winters, N.G.; W. G. Robinson, Sec. Secretary.

On the opposite side of the street, a few steps to the east is

THE MEDICAL HALL.

owned and occupied by Mr. James Baines, who has set a splendid example in the matter of street architecture. Mr. Baines is also proprietor of the fine store occupied by Messrs. Robertson & Greenhill, which will be shown in a future issue. At the Medical Hall there is to be found all that one looks for in a well-ordered establishment, besides the specialties which a country trade demands.

DANIELS' HOTEL.

is located in the best part of King street, near the Post Office, Town Hall, Bank and Ferry. It is far ahead of what one would expect to find in a town of the size. The proprietor, Mr. L. H. Daniels, is a veteran hotel-keeper, and he has a very valuable *aid* in his nephew, Mr. Freeman I. Daniels, who when proprietor of the Revere House, Brockville, won golden opinions from the travelling public. Daniels' Hotel is commodious and comfortable; it has a good reception-room, reading-room, dining-room, billiard-room and ladies' parlour. The bed-rooms are of good size and well furnished. A free bus attends all trains and boats. Mr. Daniels is a liberal caterer and is fortunate in possessing a clever cook. At all times an excellent table is set. Just out the town Mr. Daniels owns a farm which supplies most of the vegetables, milk, eggs, &c., &c., required for the hotel. Having spent several weeks at his house I can speak from experience and take pleasure in bearing testimony to the constant and kindly attention shown to guests by the Messrs. Daniels and their employees. I have tried many hotels in my time, but never lived in one where I felt more "at home." Last, but not least, I should mention that the terms are exceedingly reasonable. Trade has been pretty brisk at this house all winter, but I am told that during the season of pleasure travel the business done is enormous.

Adjoining Daniels' Hotel is Mr. J. P. McCarthy's Snoker's Emporium, where everything a lover of the fragrant weed can desire is to be found in first-class style. I question if there is to be found in Canada a store which boasts a more complete assortment of snoker's requisites. The show-cases are quite a study, so great is the variety of their contents. Mr. McCarthy prides himself upon selling the choicest goods at the lowest living profit, and has consequently built up a very wide connection.

On the first floor above are the law chambers of Mr. M. L. O'Brien, Barrister, Solicitor, &c. Mr. O'Brien enjoys a large measure of popularity, being exceedingly painstaking and an eloquent and logical pleader—indeed he has been highly complimented by the Bench for his clever conduct of cases entrusted to his charge.

EDUCATIONAL.

There are three educational institutions in Prescott, viz., the High School, the Public School or Academy, and the Roman Catholic or Separate School. Until last year the High School was located in the Public School building and the two were presided over by one head master Mr. M. Macpherson, M.A., but when the Public School was reorganized by the Education Department as the Model School for the County of Grenville for the training of teachers, it was one of the conditions that it should be separated from the High School, which was then removed to the old Town Hall. Mr. Macpherson is Principal, and has an able assistant in Mr. Hicks. The attendance averages fifty. The Inspector reports it to be "an excellent High School."

The Public School is divided into eight departments, under as many teachers, and the average attendance is three hundred. The present building was erected in 1867 at a cost of about \$2,000. It is supported by a tax which falls upon the Protestant inhabitants only. The Principal is Mr. J. S. Atkinson, M.D., formerly Mr. Macpherson's assistant in the High School.

A view and description of the Roman Catholic Separate School will be given in a future issue.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

This handsome church was erected in 1862 and replaced a frame building. It was designed by Mr. S. Atkinson, of Ottawa; cost some \$21,000 and will seat 500. The original plan shows former windows in the roof; these are to be added shortly and will, undoubtedly, considerably improve the lighting as well as the external appearance of the church. The organ, comparatively new, is by Warren, of Montreal, and cost \$1,750. There are two memorial windows in this church, one in memory of the late Mrs. William Ellis, presented by her husband; the other in memory of the late Mr. Henry Simms (clerk of the works during the building of the church), presented by Mr. Spencer, of Montreal. To the west of the church is a very nice school-house, which serves also for lectures and other entertainments. The Rev. William Lewin is an enthusiastic and hard-working churchman and many of his congregation take after him. The debt incurred by the erection of the school-house and necessary work upon the church is being rapidly paid off—a series of dramatic entertainments by the amateurs of the congregation having largely helped the good work. These entertainments were given in the Town Hall, and it is said keen critics fresh from the

finished performances at Rideau Hall found their occupation gone.

Besides the charge of St. John's, Mr. Lewin conducts service on Thursday evenings at the "Blue Church."

The original "Blue" Church was built by the late Dean of Montreal, Rev. Mr. Bethune, and painted a blueish grey. That was before Prescott was a town. The present tiny church was built by the first Rector of St. John's, Prescott, the Rev. Mr. Blakley.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

was founded by the late Rev. Robert Boyd, D.D., who came to this country from Ballymena, Ireland, in 1819. He was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterians in and around Prescott by the Brockville Presbytery in Feb., 1821. During this year Mrs. Susannah Jessup gave the site upon which the church stands and a wooden edifice was erected. In 1850 this was replaced by the present church, the cost being defrayed by subscription. In 1863 failing health obliged this venerable clergyman to resign the charge, after having faithfully and successfully ministered to his flock for forty-three years. He breathed his last Feb. 29th, 1872, aged 81, leaving several legacies to aid the cause to which he had devoted his life. In memory of him his widow gave the church a splendid bell whose deep rich tones doubtless often carry back the thoughts of the aged members of the congregation to the time when they first gathered, a feeble flock, around the good man in the little wooden church on the hill side. At her decease, Mrs. Boyd gave to the church her dwelling and lot, to be kept as the manse.

Dr. Boyd was succeeded by the Rev. William Ferrie, M.A., who resigned in 1867. The Rev. J. Burton, now of Belleville, was next inducted. He resigned in 1870 and was succeeded by the Rev. James Hastie, who stayed till 1876, when he resigned, and a call was given to the Rev. Archibald Henderson, who had just arrived from Garvagh, County Derry, Ireland. He accepted and is now in charge. Several improvements were made in the church during the past year; a very nice lecture and session room has been obtained by excavating the basement to the full size of the church only half being done before. The room, which was dark and somewhat damp, is now bright, comfortable and healthy.

The church is in a flourishing condition both temporally and spiritually. It is free of debt, and during the past year at two communions one hundred and three participated.

As I write the interior is undergoing repairs and a gallery has been erected to meet the demand for more seats. By this addition the church will be able to seat 500. Several external improvements will be carried out during the year.

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REPRESENTATIVE UPPER CANADA RESIDENCE

I give a view of Mr. Albert Whitney's house situated on Dible street—the Sherbrooke street of Prescott. Dible is a Jessup family name. It is not pretty, but it does not detract from the appearance of the street, which in the summer season is said to be exceedingly beautiful. Mr. Whitney is Mr. Wiser's book-keeper and "right-hand man."

THE EPISCOPAL METHODIST CHURCH.

The corner stone of this neat and handsomely-fitted church was laid by Bishop Curman, June 14th, 1876, and the edifice was dedicated March 8th, 1877. Dr. Ives had charge of the finances and raised over \$8,000, which, added to the amount already subscribed, placed the mission on an excellent footing. There is a commodious basement and the church throughout is exceedingly creditable. The building and furnishing cost \$12,000. At the opening there were but twelve members; there are now nearly one hundred. The attendance at the Sabbath-school averages ninety. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Hudgins, has the reputation of being a powerful preacher and a hard-working man.

THE PHONOGRAPH.

In the last number of the *North American Review*, Mr. Edison, the inventor of that new wonder of the nineteenth century, the phonograph, gives his views concerning the possibilities of the invention. Though his views are somewhat optimistic, yet they are not so visionary after all in the light of what has been already demonstrated. His statement of what has been accomplished is now familiar to the public. The embossing point, that has recorded upon a plastic material the complex movement of a vibrating plate, *etc.*, by repressing over its indentations, retransmit to the disk the same variety of movement, and thus effect a reproduction of vocal or other sound-waves. This has been done with such accuracy that the instrument has uttered a column or more of a newspaper article without the loss of a word. He says that he has not as yet given much attention to developing the phonograph for use in catching the voice as uttered by public speakers or singers, but he sees no practical difficulty in gathering up and retaining a sectional part of the sound-waves diffused about the original source, within a radius of, say three feet, sufficiently removed not to be annoying to a speaker or a singer, by the application of a flaring tube or funnel, and the construction of an especially delicate diaphragm and embossing point. Mr. Edison has

now nearly completed a new form of the apparatus, which he promises will be adapted expressly to the practical uses of writing letters, editorial work, etc. It will be a flat plate or disk with a groove on the face operated by clock work underneath the plate. The grooves are cut very close together, so that 40,000 words can be indented on a sheet of foil ten inches square, but the cost of the foil is so slight that but one hundred words might be put upon a sheet economically. He explains its use in this manner:—A sheet of foil is placed in the phonograph, the clock work set in motion, and the matter dictated into the mouthpiece without other effort than when speaking. It is then removed and sent in an envelope by mail to the correspondent. He then, placing it upon his phonograph, starts the clock work and listens to the very voice of his correspondent, with all his peculiar emphasis, interjections, hesitancy or frankness, as the case may be, and the correspondence, dispensing with clerks at either end, is absolutely private as well as confidential. At the same time an imperishable record is made, and as two sheets can be included at the same time, the sender may make and keep a duplicate of his conversation without trouble or assistance.

But Mr. Edison does not limit the possibilities of his invention to the use already mentioned. His suggestions may have something fanciful in them, but they are not altogether unreasonable. He hints at the availability of the phonograph in court to register unimpeachably the sayings of witness, judge, and lawyer; in hospitals, asylums of the blind, the sick chamber, the parlor, even, to give a new speech or sermon as delivered into the phonograph by some eminent eloquentist and sold in sheets for a nominal price; in the drudgery of teaching children, or the study of languages or of music; in publishing, affording a book of 40,000 words upon a single metal plate ten inches square; in music boxes, toys that laugh, scream, or say pretty things; clocks that call the guest to lunch or tell the lover it is time to go; advertising devices, and family records, preserving the baby's first prattlings and the dying parent's last words. In short, the possibilities of the phonograph are almost unlimited, and who shall say that the wonderful things predicted of it are beyond actual achievement? Finally, Mr. Edison claims that the phonograph shall perfect the telephone, and the combined instruments revolutionize the present system of telegraphy; and he says he has already got a new instrument nearly to the point of accomplishing this result. The combined instruments work in this way: both cause a plate or disk to vibrate, and produce sound waves in harmony with their source. It may easily be devised that the same disk shall both transmit and record the message; and a similar combination at the other end of the wire will enable the receiver to hear the message while it is recorded.

HYGIENIC.

The *Scientific American* says that by swallowing two or three pills of sweet oil every form of vegetable, animal or mineral poison known to chemists may be neutralized.

DOMESTIC.

SPINACH—FRENCH FASHION.—Boil as usual; when tender, drain in a colander, and let cold water run over it for a moment—this makes the flavour very delicate. When well drained, put it into an enamelled saucepan, stir it until it is pretty dry; beat it up with two or three spoonfuls of cream or, failing that, some fresh butter and a pinch of salt—it must be very dry when finished; heap it on a hot plate; toast a slice of bread a delicate brown, cut in little slips, and insert at regular distances. To be eaten by itself. Keep it hot till served.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Mrs. Scott Simons is playing in Tasmania. She is said to be losing her beauty.

A PROVIDENCE youth named Johnson has been fined \$25 and costs, for hissing the wake scene in the "Shanghaier."

MR. ALFRED TENNYSON, it is said, regards the dramas of "Harold" and "Queen Mary" as his best and highest works.

Miss BIRD HERRON, it is asserted, is about to go abroad to attend a school for a couple of years in a French convent. She will then resume her profession.

HERE AUGUST WIEHLING, a violinist of great repute in Europe, has been engaged by Maurice Strakosch for a concert tour through the United States next fall.

The Cincinnati theatres and concert saloons which have given performances constantly on Sundays for the past four years, have been ordered closed on that day in future.

It is intimated that Miss Neilson, the actress, who is now in London, is suffering with disease of the heart, which may compel her long retirement from active professional labour.

A CONCERT for the benefit of Signor Mario, is to be given at St. James' Hall, London, on the afternoon of May 29. Messrs. Christine Nilsson and Trebelli, and Messrs. Santley, Sims Reeves and Pohl, have offered their services.

ECCLÉSIASTICAL.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has already 19 ordained ministers in Manitoba.

CANON FARRAR is spoken of as Dr. Selwyn's successor in the See of Lichfield.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will meet in Hamilton, Ont., on the 12th of June.

THERE are thirteen different denominations of Methodists in the United States, aggregating a membership of 3,335,000.

DEAN BOND has been appointed Administrator of the Diocese of Montreal.

REV. D. GORDON, pastor of the Harrington, Ont., Presbyterian congregation, and Mrs. Gordon are about to leave for a visit to their native land, Scotland.

At the meeting of the Toronto Presbytery on the 7th inst., a letter was received from Rev. Dr. Tapp, tendering his resignation as pastor of Knox Church.

THE anniversary meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in Toronto on the 8th inst. An address was delivered by Professor Dawson, of McGill College.

THE incorporation of Belleville, Ont., as a city will be celebrated on Dominion Day.

THE Canadian Government have sent a magnificent map of the Dominion to the Paris Exhibition, size 30 x 15 feet.

IMMIGRANTS from Ontario and the Old Country are pouring into Manitoba and the North West by thousands this spring.

THE first engine on the Hamilton and North-western railroad extension to Port Dover, Ont., arrived at the latter place on the 1st inst.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR LEBELLIERE gave an official dinner at Spencer Wood on the 8th inst., in honour of Lieutenant-Governor Archibald, of Nova Scotia, who was then present in that city.

REMOTES have for some time been in circulation of an intention of the Bishop of Toronto to resign his episcopal charge of the diocese. His Lordship has no such intention.

THE annual meeting of the Kingston District of the Primitive Methodist Church was held in Sydenham on Wednesday week. The increase of members is 118, being the largest increase the district has ever reported. There was also a good increase in the ordinary income.

Is the Reformed Episcopal Council held last week at Newark, N.J., a number of clergy of other denominations fraternized. Bishop Nicholson reported adversely on the catholicism of Henry VIII., and submitted a new one, modelled on the Westminster and Monastic.

At the anniversary of the Spurgeon's Pastor's College, held in London, Eng., last month, it was stated that fifty-three chapels had been erected in the London District alone, through the agency of that institution. Since 1865, 32,477 persons have been baptised by pastors educated in the college, and the number in church fellowship of the churches in their charge is 35,597.

ARTISTIC.

THE latest accounts received from Constantinople state that Mr. Ruskin is progressing satisfactorily.

H. R. H. Princess Louise has become an honorary member of the Society of Painters in Water-Colours.

THE Louvre has purchased, for the sum of 25,000 francs, the magnificent torso of a Venus lately discovered at Vienne, in Dauphine.

MANY of the British exhibitors in the Paris Exhibition have arranged for their exhibits to be closed up and their attendants withdrawn on Sunday.

TWELVE large paintings have been sent to the Exhibition by M. Bonheur.

"THE Gladiators," a colossal group in bronze, by Gérôme, is about to be exhibited by a man, and it is rumoured that Paris will purchase it for one of the squares.

MR. G. PAUL CHAMBERS, R.S.A., who was so mysteriously murdered some time ago in Edinburgh, left several paintings, which have just been sold and realized £5,000.

THE Wellington Monument in St. Paul's Cathedral being now complete, the First Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works, &c., has handed over the custody thereof to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.

MR. BRACKET FOSTER is going to publish a record of a recent tour, under the title "Britanny: a Series of Thirty-five Sketches." The drawings will be published in one volume, and printed on India paper. A limited number will be issued, to be obtained only of the artist.

M. HERBERT is engaged on his designs for the choir of the Pantheon, which consist of a series of detached figures, Christ and the Apostles, executed on an embossed gold ground. In preparation for their execution, M. Herbet has made elaborate studies from the most remarkable remains of Byzantine art.

THE Bartholdi statue is really beginning to be regarded as a fact and a very big fact, too. It is being put together by Viollet-le-Duc, the French architect; and M. Charles Blanc, the art critic, whose authority in art matters is beyond question, has pronounced the statue a commendable product of high art. He says only about \$30,000 more is needed to finish it, and this will be furnished as soon as needed. Beside this work the Colossus of Rhodes is a pigmy.

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Wednesday, the 15th day of May, and will re-

main a few weeks for the purpose of effecting

cures of cancers and other diseases during their

stay. Ladies will receive attention by the Prin-

cipal of the Institute. Call early.