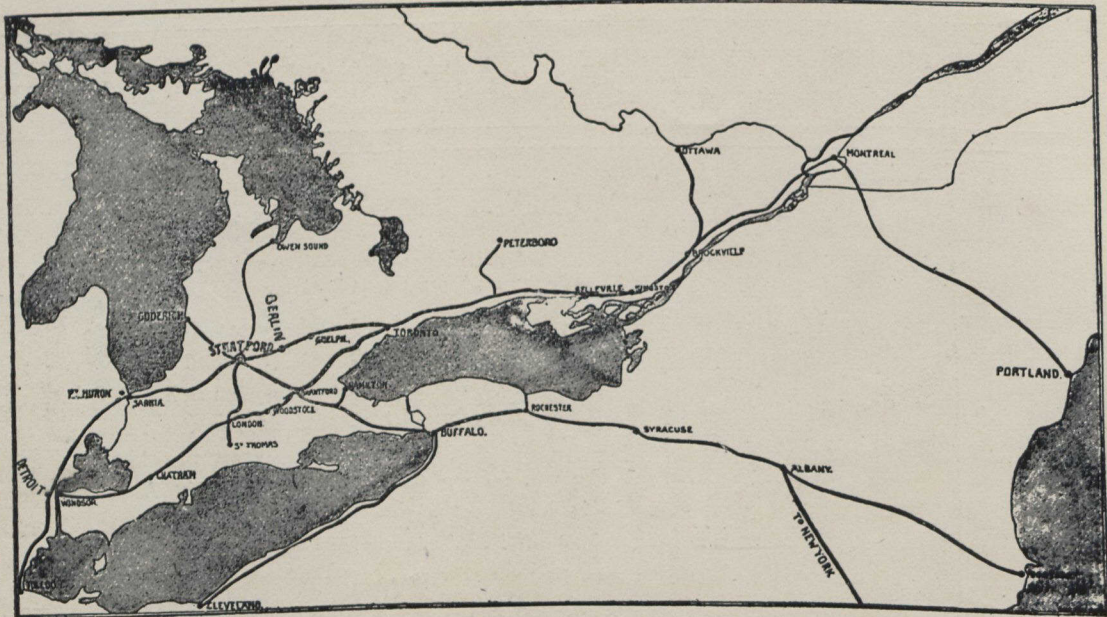


Stratford is pre-eminently a railroad centre, as a glance at the map will show. It is on the main line of the G. T. R., and midway between Georgian Bay and Lake Erie, and Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. From the shippers' standpoint it possesses advantages enjoyed by few places. The divisional freight office is located here, and manufacturers and shippers have a pledge from the G. T. R. management that any rate given a rival industry will be met here, thus overcoming any imagined detriment in the lack of other railroad connection. Stratford possesses an energetic board of trade, which is ever willing to negotiate on liberal terms with manufacturers feeling disposed to locate here.



STRATFORD — A RAILWAY AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE

In the matter of schools and educational institutions the Classic City is unsurpassed by any place of its size in the Dominion. Its schools are models of construction and equipment, and its teachers of efficiency and thoroughness. Its Collegiate Institute is its pride, and it possesses a business college which attracts students from all over the province. It has, as well, libraries, literary societies and other institutions for the education and refinement of its citizens. Almost every phase of religious thought is represented in its numerous churches, several of the struc-