

In 1866, during the time of the Fenian raid excitement, Peterborough equipped and sent to the front one of the best battalions ever turned out in Canada. Although application was made at an early day for a number, by some bungling it was overlooked, and the Peterborough battalion was numbered 57—although if the accident had not occurred our number would have been somewhere about 10th. The present designation is the "57th Battalion Peterborough Rangers." A splendid and commodious drill-shed was erected here in 1867 by the Dominion Government, and it has proved a great convenience. This is also the head-quarters of a splendid cavalry troop, under command of Lieut-Col. H. C. Rogers. Lieut. Sanderson also drills a detachment of the Durham Field Battery, and in all probability a new battery, with its head-quarters here, will soon be established.

As regards educational facilities Peterborough stands second to none. Our school buildings, numbering four, cost upwards of \$40,000, and are admirably suited for the purpose for which they are used. The Collegiate Institute stands at the head of similar institutions in the Province, and its scholars have won more honors at the various Universities, and taken higher positions in the battle of life, since it was established than those of any other that we know of. The Roman Catholic separate schools are two in number, the Murray Street building being one of the finest structures for its purpose in the country. None but first-class teachers are employed in any of the schools, a fact which goes a long way towards giving them a standing.

Our banking interests are well looked after by the agents of the Banks of Montreal, Toronto, Ontario, Commerce, and Mr. Thomas Menzies, who conducts a large banking and broking business.

The future welfare of the people is well looked after, and churches of all the leading denominations open their doors to all those desirous of entering. St. John's Episcopal Church occupies a splendid site, almost in the centre of the town. It is of stone, and was erected in 1835, and cost over \$13,000. Last year it was completely restored at a cost of about \$15,000, and is now undoubtedly the handsomest church in town. A fine brick chapel and Sunday-school was also erected a few years ago. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral is also of stone, and situated on rising ground in the western portion of the town. It cost upwards of \$13,000. Last year His Holiness set apart the Diocese of Peterborough, and made this town the See, since when His Lordship Bishop Jamot has resided here. In order to keep up the necessary dignity, and provide accommodation for the rapidly increasing congregation, a new cathedral and bishop's palace is to be erected, at an estimated cost of \$75,000. The Presbyterian Church of Canada is represented by St. Andrew's and St. Paul's.