

## CITY OF GUELPH.



The City of Guelph, the county seat of Wellington, is situated in one of the most fertile portions of the Dominion, about midway between the great lakes. It is built on a number of hills, giving it a picturesque appearance, and is surrounded by a magnificent agricultural and stock raising country, being celebrated far and near for the superiority of its products. It is also an important station on the lines of the Grand Trunk, Wellington, Grey and Bruce, and Canadian Pacific, spur line, Railways, which, with their connecting lines, bring it within easy communication with all parts of the Province. The river Speed, a winding stream, with a fall of about 30 feet, passes through the city, affording an abundant water power. The city is distant from Toronto 48 miles, and from Hamilton 30 miles.

The business streets are lined with many fine blocks and stores, devoted to the varied departments of trade and commerce, while numerous elegant mansions adorn the suburban portions.

The public buildings of Guelph are all substantial stone buildings, prominent among which may be mentioned the Court House and Jail, City Hall and Market House, High and Central Schools, Post Office and Custom House, Loretto Convent, St Joseph's Hospital, General Hospital, Churches, etc.

The city supports two ably-managed daily papers, the *Herald* and the *Mercury*, both of which are liberally patronized.

The Institution known as the "Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm," is situated about a mile to the south of the city. The farm consists of 550 acres, about 400 of which are cleared. It is composed of almost every variety of soil, and hence it is well suited for the purposes for which it was selected.

Guelph was incorporated as a town in 1856, with a population of 3,000, which had increased to 5,500 in 1867, and in 1879, on the 52nd anniversary of the cutting of the first tree, was declared a city by Royal Proclamation, with a population of nearly 11,000.