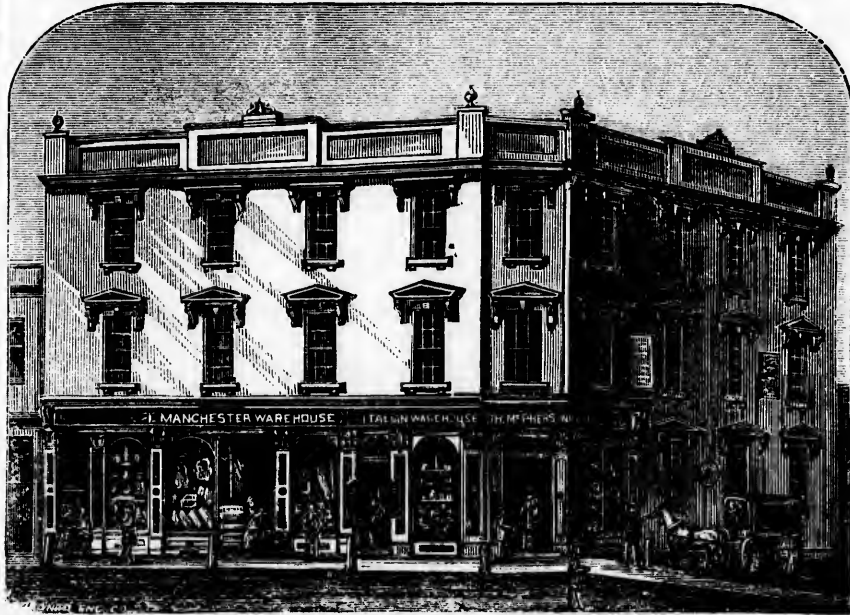


writer says of it : " The Village of Stratford, now the county town of the County of Perth, . . . is pleasantly and well situated, but has not made the progress it should have done, considering its natural advantages. It has increased considerably in size since we last visited it, seven years ago. . . . The population is said to be about 900. There is a grist-mill containing two run of stones, with a distillery and saw-mill attached, and a larger grist-mill in course of erection : an oatmeal and



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barley mill, a foundry, a steam saw-mill, with carding and fulling mill attached, two tanneries, a brewery, two asheries—one on a large scale—a post office and six churches."

A quarter of a century has brought great changes. The business streets are lined with numerous fine stores and commercial