



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 and Wellington, Grey and Bruce 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. Within the corporate limits are a number of extensive quarries, from which an excellent quality of limestone is produced for exportation, and which has been used to a large extent in the erection of the public buildings and private residences of the city.

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 city is supplied with pure spring water, obtained from living springs near the York road, and forced through the mains by means of the Holly system. About 13 miles of mains have thus far been laid, and 98 hydrants located at convenient points for emergencies of fire.

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, &c.