

Sketches of Cities, Towns and Villages in Canada.

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MARKHAM, ONT.

This village, which has a population of about 1,000, is situated on the Toronto and Nipissing Railway, 20 miles north-east of Toronto. It was first settled in 1800, by a number of Dutch families who emigrated from the United States. The place at present comprises amongst its industries the only bell foundry in Canada, a large tannery, 2 grist mills, 2 sash and door factories, 4 carriage works, 8 stores, 4 hotels, 1 photographer, 3 tin shops, 2 boot and shoe shops, 1 watchmaker, 2 bakers, &c. Besides these industries there are 5 churches, 2 schools (grammar and common), a printing office, a newspaper—*The Economist*—which has a large circulation, a telegraph office, 2 lawyers, and 6 doctors.

The following notes of the principal manufactures will be of interest to our readers:—

THE MARKHAM BELL FOUNDRY,
Established 1860, Levi Jones & Co., proprietors. This foundry, which was commenced in the above year by Mr. L. Jones, on a very small scale, has gradually and steadily increased as his bells became better known and his capital enlarged. During the year of 1873 no less than 400 bells (some very large ones) were manufactured by the firm. The largest bell made in this foundry is now in use in a Wesleyan Church in Newfoundland, and another large one has been sent to Red River district. The cause of the rapidly increasing sale of these bells is, no doubt, owing to their being guaranteed for one year, and the prices being so much lower than the American ones.

MARKHAM TANNERY,
Established 1820, J. Robinson, proprietor. This tannery has 25 vats and 3 leeches. It was founded by Mr. R.'s father, and does a large business. Mr. Robinson is a large property holder, and is universally respected in the vicinity.

THE NOVELTY WORKS,
Established 1830, Spaight & Sons. These works comprise a saw-mill, a sash and door factory, and one of the largest wagon factories in Ontario. The buildings are of brick, and measure in the aggregate 350 by 50 feet, 3 stories high. The saw-mill turns out half a million of feet per annum, which, when cut, is used up in the sash and blind factory and the wagon shops. The machinery, which is all new and of the latest improved pattern, is run by a 35 horse-power engine. The firm employ an average of 40 hands, and export a number of their waggons as far as Manitoba.

J. & G. MORGAN'S CARRIAGE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKS,
Established 1840. This firm employ from 8 to 10 people, and make a specialty of their wrought iron cultivators, for which they claim a superiority over cast ones, on account of their lightness of draft. They took a prize at the World's Exhibition at Paris in 1867, and have taken first prizes at 12 Provincial Exhibitions in Canada for cultivators.

The grist mills, owned respectively by Capt. T. A. Milne and John Reeser, have each a run of stones, and do chiefly custom work. The capacity of these mills, which is run by water, is about 60 brls. per day each.

Markham has become a favorite place for children's pic-nics, as they can leave the city early, have a long day in the beautiful grove, and return in good season. Many a happy reminiscence of childhood's sunny days will be associated in years to come with the Markham Grove and the half-fare trip on the Nipissing.

QUEENSVILLE, ONT.

This village is situated 6½ miles north east of Newmarket, and 36 miles from Toronto. The population is about 300.

The village contains a grist mill, a shingle and planing mill, 1 carriage factory, 5 stores, 2 hotels, 2 shoe shops, 1 harness maker, 1 butcher, 2 blacksmith shops, and 1 cooperage.

There are also 2 churches, 1 school house, with an average attendance of 61 scholars, a telegraph and post office.

The surrounding country is extremely fertile, probably as good as any portion of Ontario for the production of general crops.

The Grist Mill, Joseph Tuer, proprietor.—This is a building 30 by 45 ft., three stories high, with an engine room attached, 36 by 18. The engine is 25 horse power. The mill has a run of two stones, and has both a custom and merchant's bolt. The capacity is about 50 barrels per day. The mill was built about 12 years since, and has been owned by the present proprietor since 1869.

The Shingle and Planing Mill, Geo. Wright & Son, proprietors.—This building is 35 by 60; two stories high; run by 16 horse power engine; established 1871. The firm manufactured 800,000 shingles last year. In the factory, hubs required for the carriage factory, are made, besides a large amount of custom planing and sawing.

The Carriage Factory is also owned by Messrs. Wright & Son, and was established in 1858. This factory has long been favorably known for the excellence of the work turned out in it. Besides the carriages, cutters, &c., made, a good business is done in undertaking. Mr. Wright is one of the principal property owners in the village. Several other buildings are attached to the factory.

The Queensville Hotel, Wm. T. Shephard, proprietor.—This house, which has been established 16 years, was refitted, throughout last summer, and newly furnished by its present proprietor in October last. Mr. Shephard, who is the eldest son of Mr. J. Shephard, of Sutton, has been long and favorably known to the travelling public. He keeps an excellent house, and makes his guests feel quite "at home," as soon as they enter his hotel.

Soules & Huntley's General Store—is in the centre of the village. It is one of those emporiums which is so crowded with all kinds of goods, that one unaccustomed to the trade imagines it would be almost impossible to find what is wanted. This, however, is not the case, as the customers are served with remarkable rapidity. In this store, every conceivable article is kept that can be wanted by the surrounding country. Messrs. Soules and Huntley are also extensively engaged in the manufacture of cider. Their factory is adjoining the grist mill, from whose steam engine the motive power is derived. Messrs. S. & H. are also going extensively into the manufacture of vinegar during the coming season.

The North American, P. Horan, proprietor. This is a long-established, comfortable house, situated in the centre of the village, well and favorably known throughout the county.

The following are some of the principal people of Queensville, besides those already mentioned: James, Perigrine, land owner, John Norris, do.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.

A New York *Herald* special from London, on the 29th March says: "The steamer Malwa arrived at Snez on Saturday with the remains of Dr. Livingstone. The following account is given of Dr. Livingstone's illness and death: He had been ill of chronic dysentery for several months. He was well supplied with stores and medicines, but had a presentiment that the attack would prove fatal. At first he was able to ride, but soon had to be carried. Arriving at Muilla, beyond Lake Bomba, in the Bisa country, he said 'Build me a hut to die in.' The hut was built by his followers. The first of May he was confined to bed, and afterwards suffered greatly, groaning night and day. The third day he said he was very cold, and requested more grass to be put over the hut. His followers did not speak to or go near him. Kittumbo, chief of Bisa, sent flour and beans, and behaved well towards the party. On the fourth day Dr. Livingstone was insensible, and he died about midnight. Makaohoa, his servant, was present.

"Dr. Livingstone made his last entry in his diary April 27. He spoke much and sadly of his home and family. When he was first seized by the fatal attack, he told his followers he intended to exchange everything for ivory

to give them, and then push on to Ujiji and Zanzibar, and try to reach England. The doctor prayed much before his death, and often said, 'I am going home.' His followers dried the body in the sun, packed it in salt, wrapped it in bark, and travelled with it for six months to Unanyambe. There Cameron's party was met and the news taken to Zanzibar, while the remains followed ten days after.

"Mr. Webb, of the American Consulate at Zanzibar, has letters from Dr. Livingstone for Mr. Stanley. The only geographical news is as follows: After Stanley's departure the Dr. left Unanyambe, rounded the south end of Tangangika, travelled south of Lake Bomba, crossed it from north, then proceeded along the east side, returning north through marshes to Muilla. All his papers, sealed and addressed to the Secretary of State, are in charge of Mr. Arthur Laing, the British Minister at Zanzibar, who accompanied the remains."

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