

N. B. Robbins, coal grates and iron railings. Annual value of manufactures about five thousand dollars.

Imports fire bricks. Does not think the clay exists in Canada suitable for their manufacture.

B. C. Charlton, vinegar manufacturer, employs four men. Average wages one dollar and six cents per diem. Consumes in a year twelve thousand gallons proof spirits, two thousand pounds refined sugar, four hundred bushels barley malt, and some cider. Has not imported any article he uses since alteration in tariff.

C. L. Thomas, pianoforte manufacturer, employs sixteen men at an average wage of one dollar and fifty cents per diem. Eight men left the United States to enter his employment, they with their families numbering thirty persons. Sixty persons derive their support from this manufactory.

Manufactures pianos during the year, to the value of twelve thousand dollars. Experiences no difficulty in selling all he makes. Averages two per week.

(Mr. Thomas was formerly an importer, and then sold as many pianos as now, but owing to the tariff, commenced their manufacture, which is now advantageous to him).

E. & C. Gurney, founders and stove manufacturers, employ sixty-four men. Average wage one dollar and sixty cents. Consumes one thousand tons of pig iron and three hundred tons of coal in a year.

Value of manufactures for the year, about one hundred thousand dollars.

Gurney, Ware & Co., platform and counter scales, employ twelve men. Average amount of wage one dollar and forty cents. Seven men emigrated to Canada to enter their employ.

Annual value of manufactures, about twenty-five thousand dollars.

Bruce & Mugrige—brooms—employ twenty men. Average daily wage, one dollar and seventy-five cents. Consumes one hundred tons of broom corn per annum—value, one hundred dollars per ton.

Annual value of their manufactures, forty thousand dollars.

Import all their material.

In Hamilton I found that many of the manufacturers were indifferent to the object of my visit, and excused themselves from replying to my enquiries on account of reasons best known to themselves, especially was this the case in the smaller concerns. Among the establishments from which I obtained no particulars, is the nail, spike and rivet works of Messrs. R. Jason & Co. They employ about ten or twelve men, and manufacture all kinds of cut nails, railroad spikes and rivets.

Young Brothers, coal oil lamps manufacturers; Meakins & Sons, and Green, brushmakers; Stewart & Co., iron founders and stove manufacturers; Main & Co., rope and twine manufacturers.

I have ascertained from Mr. E. Roper, wood engraver, that he had made some experiments with Canadian woods, in order to substitute the same for box, to engrave upon. In his experiments he found *white thorn* answer best, and in fact, so satisfactorily, that he is endeavoring to secure a good supply for his own use. I urged him to get samples engraved, and prepared for the engraver, to send to the International Exhibition. If he can get good specimens seasoned and ready he will contribute them. Messrs. Wanzer & Co. will probably send a sewing machine to London. C. L. Thomas will send a first-class pianoforte, if the arrangement with the Commissioners are satisfactory. The superintendents of the locomotive and car departments have promised to enclose me particulars concerning the works of the Great Western Railroad. I have not received them yet. A rumor was prevalent in Hamilton to the effect that an establishment that has lain unused for some years was about to be converted into a cotton factory. Further particulars I could not gather.

*To the Committee of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada.*

GENTLEMEN,—The Secretary of the Board having requested me to give the particulars of my success in securing articles for the International Exhibition, I therefore in complying with his request, would state that in Hamilton I met the Board of Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, and they formed a Committee of influential gentlemen in the City, to carry out the objects of the Commissioners in inviting the coöperation of Local Committees.

I canvassed the manufacturers, and endeavored to induce many to prepare articles. In the following instances I received favorable answers, viz.: Mr. C. L. Thomas would have a very superior piano ready by the time the Commissions would be in Hamilton, and if the arrangements of the Commissions in forwarding the articles, were satisfactory, he would send it.

Wanzer & Co. would have a sewing machine ready, Wheeler & Wilson improved, it having the shuttle attached to it.

Other manufacturers would have prepared articles, but the time was not sufficient. In Dundas a Committee was also formed; and in my canvass for articles I obtained the promise of a cracker and biscuit machine from Mr. Gibson, edge tools from Mr. Hourigan, and some lasts, boot trees, &c.,