

miles long and two miles wide, its entire length lying along the shores of the Georgian Bay. Assessed at a very low value, its taxable property is placed at about two million dollars, and the bonded indebtedness of the town at two hundred thousand dollars, which is a very small debt, considering the assets possessed by the town for which this debt was incurred. It possess fifteen miles of the finest granolithic pavements, which are the admiration and envy of every town in the province. These roads cost over twenty-five thousand dollars paid for entirely by local improvement tax. The town is lighted entirely by electricity, and has as fine a system of waterworks as has yet been devised, both fire and water systems being owned and operated by the town. Hurontario street which is the main street of the town is a model in every respect. Running straight through the centre of the town, with its full magnificent width of one hundred feet it represents the solid portion of Collingwood with its handsome brick blocks for business, and its substantial public edifices.

Within defined areas of the town no buildings, but such as are with main walls of brick iron or stone, are permitted to be built thus guaranteeing the substantiality of the business portion of the town.

The town has a paid fire brigade, which is active in the discharge of its duty and the Underwriters' Association have placed the town among its best classes for insurance risks. There are five public school buildings in the town, and attendance after seven years is compulsory. Nearly 1,400 pupils attend. A very efficient truant by-law is in active operation. Two tanneries are situated in the town, two large saw mills running night and day, several sash and door factories and manufacturing establishments at present running to their utmost capacity. The fishing industry is carried on very extensively in Collingwood, perhaps one of as large fleets of fishing boats operates on the lakes from here as from any other place on fresh water, and in the fall and spring the harbor is crowded with the vessels which are engaged in this occupation. In this industry there is invested in Collingwood over a hundred thousand dollars in boats

steam tugs, nets and plant. The annual catch amounts to \$125,000, and the number of men employed is about two hundred and fifty of the finest mariners bred. Collingwood is at present blessed with that rare but excellent thing, a good municipal council; it is called the business council and deserves its name. Up to two years ago the town was governed by fourteen councillors including a mayor, and two deputy reeves; the councillors were elected by what is known as the ward system, but two years ago the town voted to reduce the municipal council to six members, and the present council is composed of some of the leading business men, who are conducting the affairs of the town as they would do their own business and with equal success. At the head of this council stands pre-eminent, the Mayor, John Chamberlain, one of those sturdy Englishmen, who are doing so much to build up Canada into a great nation. Mr. Chamberlain has been thrice elected by his fellow townsmen to the honorable position he now so worthily occupies, and it may be said without flattery, that Mayor Chamberlain is one of the most efficient, industrious and painstaking officials who has ever presided at the council board. He is continually at work, seeking how to promote and advance the best interests of the town. He is always hammering upon the government at Ottawa the importance of Collingwood as a shipping port, and the need for permanent improvement at their hands. It is pleasing to note that his efforts in this respect are meeting with such deserving success.

The other members of the Council are some of Collingwood's shrewdest business men, and are H. Y. Telfer, a member of the wholesale grocery and provision firm of Telfer Bros., who are also large manufacturers of flour and woollen goods, possessing large mills where these industries are extensively carried on. This firm is noted for its successful business career and strict integrity in all its dealings. Mr. C. E. Stephens is head of the large mercantile firm of C. E. Stephens & Co., one of the largest establishments as one of the most successful in the town. Mr. Stephens is chairman of the finance committee, and under his keen brain and intelligent business-like supervi-

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