

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

President of the Board of Trade,

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TOWN OF PORT ARTHUR.

1887.

To the Members of the Board of Trade of the Town of Port Arthur.

GENTLEMEN,—Since the last report delivered you by the Vice-President, Mr. Geo. A. Graham, on January 25th, 1887, many important matters have taken place which I shall have occasion to refer to in this, my annual report. There are also many other matters of great interest which should attract your attention during the ensuing year. Port Arthur is now becoming well-known throughout Canada, United States and Great Britain as one of the most important shipping points on the great lakes, for the outlet of all the products of the Northwest Provinces of Canada, and for the great mineral resources of the Thunder Bay District and Western Algoma, and the recent development in mines in this district, which promises to be one of the most important factors in the trade of Canada, and of this Town and District in particular; for here it is that all the products of this District and the Canadian Northwest must be transferred from rail to water, thence to find their way through the great lakes and River St. Lawrence to the markets of Europe. A glance at the map of Canada will convince the most sceptical of the importance of this water system to the sea. During the past year Port Arthur has made important strides, and has good reasons to congratulate itself in the way of substantial improvements. Several large blocks of brick and stone buildings have been erected, a system of sewage well advanced, streets and sidewalks improved, a large extension to the breakwater completed, and important wharfage improvements contemplated by the Canadian Pacific to facilitate the shipments of merchandise, etc., during the ensuing year.

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