

Clare & Beck, iron foundries, who manufacture stoves, agricultural implements, and tinware. They employ about ten hands, and do a business of about twenty thousand dollars per annum. The establishment owned and carried on by Valentine Wahn was established in 1838 by Jacob Beck. Eight hands are kept employed, and about fifteen thousand dollars worth of manufactured articles turned out per annum. The 'Cambridge' flouring mills, owned by A. A. Erb & Brothers, was established in 1814; it now contains five run of stone, is four stories in height, and has the capacity of turning out 160 bbls. of flour per day. The same firm have in operation a saw mill sawing about half a million feet of lumber per annum, a stove factory making six million staves and heads, and a shingle factory turning out one million five hundred thousand shingles per annum. The Preston chair and cabinet factory owned by Fred. Guggisberg, was established in 1841, and employs ten hands and an engine of ten horse power, besides power from the Speed to the extent of eight horse. A large amount of work is turned out at this establishment from the plainest to the most elegantly upholstered and beautifully carved furniture. The village contains at present only one woollen factory, that of Hunt, Elliott & Co's, having been destroyed by fire a few month's since; their establishment was perhaps the most extensive in this section of Western Canada. Although the loss was very heavy still the enterprise of the firm is shown in their again re-building their establishment as a flax mill and fitting it up with full machinery for dressing flax, and linen weaving. The woollen works at present carried on are owned by Wahn & Erb and were established in 1862; the mill contains a full set of machinery, employs thirteen hands and ten horse power engine, and turns out about six hundred yards per week.

There are two tanneries doing a good business, each employing from three to five hands.

The first brewery was established in 1844 by George Roos, the second in 1856 by Jacob Roos & Co., and the third in 1858 by Henry Bernhardt.

There are many other branches of trade carried on in this village with a fair share of success, and several stores all doing a good and safe business. The general appearance of the place is neat and clean. One feature of importance to the village is the artesian well on the premises of Dr. Cornell, proprietor of the North American Hotel. The well was bored in 1838 to a depth of three hundred and sixty feet, and forces the water twenty four feet above the surface; the water is considered excellent, and many former invalids can testify to its efficiency as a remedial agent. There are six bath rooms well fitted, furnished with heating apparatus.