

S. FISHER & SONS.

This important business house, No. 8 Fabrique street, Quebec, was established in 1850, by Joseph Auld, from whom it descended to Messrs. Fisher & Blouin, and eventually Fisher & Sons.

The present imposing edifice, which is one of the most conspicuous in the Ancient Capital replaces the original structure which, at the time of its demolition was some 200 years old, and one of the most historical landmarks in the Ancient Capital, many precious relics relating to Canadian history having been discovered in the excavations.

The floor space of the present edifice is unexcelled, being some 200 feet in depth, whilst the lighting arrangements are certainly unexcelled. The interior fittings are in keeping with the dignity of the solid and handsome facade of the building. The specialties for which this firm have long been noted, and for whose exhibits numerous medals have been secured at Canadian and European exhibitions are: Saddles, harness, trunks, portmanteaux, etc. Indeed, fine leather goods are a staple article at all times, and for these Messrs. Fisher & Sons enjoy a well-deserved reputation. This firm, in addition to being wholesale and retail leather merchants, have direct dealings with the leading manufacturers from whom they are privileged buyers. Needless to say Messrs. Fisher & Sons enjoy considerable prestige with tourists, their large and attractive premises being the rendezvous of tourists from all quarters who are enthusiastic in praise of the establishment and its splendid display of high-class goods.

The late Mr. Samuel Fisher, in his lifetime, was one of Quebec's most prominent and esteemed business men, and he has left to his descendants a business heritage of which they may justly feel proud.

THE CHARLES A. PACUET COMPANY, LIMITED.

This Company, to-day one of the most flourishing in Quebec, especially in the St. Roch District, is one of humble origin, and reflects the greatest honour on its founder, Mr. Charles A. Pacuet, who does not hesitate to say that when he started out as an Agent in 1896, he had not a cent of capital, and to-day his Company has a capital of \$50,000 paid up. Mr. Pacuet was born in 1868, and as stated, began business in 1896. He married in 1892 Miss Cloutier, and has four children.

In 1904 the formation of a joint stock company took effect, and to-day it is noted as manufacturers and jobbers of heavy machinery, power producing machinery, power transmission and wood-working machinery, three specialties of which the Company is justly proud. Some idea of the growth of this business within such a short period of time may be gained when it is known that work is found for 100 men, and it is eloquent testimony to the brains and foresight of the founder, who has been instrumental in bringing matters to their present prosperous state.

G. POITRAS.

Mr. Gaudias Poitras, a native of Quebec, is proprietor and director of a book-binding manufactory, 8 Collins street, Upper Town. In this establishment are pursued all kinds of works in connection with that industry and a specialty is made of preparing blank books and loose-leaf books.

Notwithstanding its recent foundation, dating from Jan. 1905, the house is already fairly known and deals with the principal libraries and other firms of the same kind. Its financial standing is a very prosperous one, owing to the organizing and practical powers of its director. An important factor of success for such an industry, we mean a complete and first-class outfit, has been carefully secured.

Mr. Poitras is a member of the Board of Trade of Quebec, and also of several of the most popular clubs. His sympathetic manner and enterprising spirit have contributed not a little in creating many friends for him and customers for his industry. Both, it is hoped, will increase in number for the benefit of the producer and for the growth of Quebec as a manufacturing centre.

M. F. GRIFFIN.

Mr. M. F. Griffin, who so ably represents the important house of Gault, Bros. Co., Ltd., and whose Quebec agency is at No. 137 St. Joseph street, was born in Quebec in 1871, where he received his education. He began his commercial career with Messrs. McLimont & Son, and gradually worked his way up until he became travelling salesman throughout Quebec and the Eastern Townships. Severing his connection with this firm he joined Messrs. Gault, Bros. Co., Ltd. in a similar capacity, covering the same territory, also the I. C. R. to Campbellton, N.B. A vacancy occurring in the Quebec agency, Mr. Griffin was appointed to fill the post, which he has continued to do during the past nine years.

F. CANAC-MARQUIS.

F. Canac-Marquis, manufacturer of all grades of glue, neatfoot oil, grease, tallow and dealer in horns, bones, hair and sulphuric acid, was born on the Island of Orleans. He began life as a drygoods clerk, but after many wanderings in the United States and Europe, returned to his native land and began his present business some sixteen years ago.

His factory and other premises are one of the manufacturing sights of Quebec, covering an area of 52,360 square feet, bounded on one side by the C.P.R. track and northerly by the St. Charles river. The business is a day and night one and employs some 80 odd hands. The new gelatine building, 110x55 feet, 3 storeys in height, is expected to be in working order in a year's time. The products of this large concern find their way to Dominion, U. S. and European markets.

Mr. Marquis is a member of the Board of Trade, Mayor of St. Malo, and a member of numerous organizations.

THE QUEBEC GAS COMPANY.

This Company was incorporated by an Act of Legislature of the Province of Quebec, 30th of May, 1849, when rights and privileges held by the corporation of the City of Quebec to light the city by gas were by-law transferred to the Company.

The original promoters were William Walker, Robert Cassels, William Petry, Henry Pemberton, James McKenzie, Archibald Laurie and Charles Langevin.

In 1906 control of the stock of the Company was secured by a syndicate of Quebec and other Canadian capitalists, and the new Company is now putting forth every effort to extend the business by operating on progressive lines and enlarging and improving the works and distribution system, the intention being to have a plant which will enable the Company to manufacture gas by the most efficient and economical methods and secure to its consumers the highest quality of gas at the lowest prices.

The retort and purifier sections of the new works have been completed and new boilers, engines, condensers and scrubbers are now being erected. Ten miles of new mains have also been laid. In 1906 gas was sold for lighting purposes at \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet nett, and for heating at \$1.25 per thousand feet nett. These prices have been reduced to a uniform rate of \$1.00 per thousand feet to all consumers.

During the twelve months under the new conditions the Company has made a large increase in the number of its consumers, and increased its output of gas by more than 50 p.c.

The present directors are Messrs. L. C. Webster, Chairman; W. G. Hinds, Secretary-Treasurer; R. Harcourt Smith; J. C. Duffield; R. A. Smith; W. H. Pearson, Jr.; J. A. McKee.

Mr. R. A. Wallace is the able manager of the Company.

JOSEPH ARCHER.

Mr. Joseph Archer, wholesale and retail lumber and coal merchant, St. Andrew street, Quebec, began business in 1860 as a lumber merchant, and continued as such for 30 years, but to-day he deals largely in American Anthracite and Sydney steam coals. He has been a member of the Council of the Board of Trade for two years, and has been president for two years of the Board of Directors of Le Soleil Newspaper Company, and is presently a director of the same.

THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.

The King Edward Hotel, City Hall Square, Quebec, is an ideal family hotel, containing 50 rooms, and is within a few minutes' walk of the principal points of interest. The hotel has everything to commend it to the travelling public, excellent cuisine, polite service and up-to-date requirements. Mr. E. Lapointe, the proprietor and manager, is a well-known resident and caterer, having kept the Elysian Restaurant opposite the post office, prior to assuming control of the present hostelry.