

ment and are losing no time in taking advantage of their position.

Mayor Hall, of Springhill, says industrial conditions are very good. Fresh areas of coal have been located, the relations between masters and men are good and the outlook in every sense hopeful. The manufacturers in New Glasgow, Mayor Graham, says, without exception, report 1899 as a record year. They have all worked up to their full capacity, have never before employed so many workmen and never paid more wages. Most of them have extended their works, and all have large orders yet to be filled. Mayor Thomson of Wolfville says:—"During the last ten years the buildings of this town have been doubled in number. The recent erections besides are of much greater value than those in town a decade ago." The prospects for continued and increasing prosper-

ity of the town are good." Windsor has not yet wholly recovered from the effects of the great fire which almost destroyed the town in 1897, but even from there the replies are satisfactory. Mayor Duskey of Amherst, reports that its manufacturers have had a satisfactory year and that the outlook is remarkably good. Mayor Brown of Sydney Mines, replies that the demand for coal at the colliery has been as satisfactory during 1899 as could be desired, and the prospect for a brisk coal trade the coming year is very good. From Westville comes a most cheering message. Mayor Macdonald says:—"Trade is brisk; no idle men here. Coal mines working night and day to their utmost capacity. Population over 4,000. No vacant houses, town progressing good."

Mayor Mulhall, of Liverpool, is equally optimistic. His statement is so much in harmony with the general tenor of all the reports that it deserves to be given in full.—"Trade in 1899 was the best for a number of years; plenty of work and good market for natural exports. Shipbuilding increased very materially. A new steam mill, foundry and machine shop were started, with abundance of work. The town installed a most

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