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# An Introduction and A Reminiscence

**I**T is eighteen years ago that the writer had his first glimpse of Trenton. Standing on the upper deck of one of the steamers plying between Toronto and Montreal, in the harbour one early Autumn morning, he saw the sun rise behind the eastern hills and shed its rays over the picturesque scene before him. Over the Bay of Quinte blew a brisk, chill breeze, but at all times there is a fascinating charm about this bay; to the Northwest, the mountain stood out majestically towards the awakening town; to the Eastward those two stately chimneys of the then big sawmill, were towering before the sun, and soon was heard the beginning of the day's activities at that great industry, as the sound of the whistle, followed by the buzz of the huge band saws, floated across the water; at the mill docks schooners and a barge were taking on their cargoes of lumber. He realized the great shipping facilities of the port, and looking up the River Trent, at its quiet confluence with Quinte's water, thought of the immense possibilities of the place and future uses of its natural advantages; he viewed with extreme interest the surroundings which were then only marred by the spot where formerly the old Queen's Hotel stood, and where to-day a fine bank building stands. He then said unto himself, "this town has a future." It was two years later before he became a resident of Trenton, but for the following twelve years he made his home in the town and continued to believe "it had a future" (for those willing to wait its dawn), co-operating with other citizens to keep this idea paramount.

In the vicissitudes of the town, the scene viewed by the writer on that early autumn morning, eighteen years ago, has entirely changed, and the scent of the new-sawn lumber has disappeared, an iron industry occupying the site of the once big sawmill. The lassitude of intervening years has been replaced by a feeling of confidence in the community which prevails to-day. During the past few years, however, the real progress of Trenton has begun and during the past year the town has advanced a great deal in a very material sense. So that it seems an opportune time to present "The Evolution of Trenton" which will perhaps mark in some degree this important stage in the Town's career.

THOMAS JARRETT

TRENTON, DECEMBER, 1912



View of Residential part of West Trenton, looking South from Mount Pelion, with new Public School prominent at the foot of the Mountain







# THE EVOLUTION OF TRENTON

Towns and cities in the older and more settled parts of Canada have experienced no mushroom growth. The development and progress of all Eastern centres of population is the outcome of a gradual process of growth from small beginnings; evolution has been a natural consequence, rather than phenomenal transformation such as is more noticeable in the newer and more aggressive settlements of Northern and Western Canada, where towns spring up in a night and cities are built in a few short years. While we have stared in astonishment as we watched the tremendous strides of the West, we must not overlook the fact that the East, too, has had its growing and transitory periods, although in many instances changing conditions in the life of our earlier habitations has been slow, but nevertheless sure evolution. The older communities have passed through transition stages that have resulted in new eras, and one epoch has followed another in the history of these Canadian towns. It is true that the remarkable development of the Canadian West, which has set the pulse of the nation throbbing during the last ten years, has been to a considerable extent at the expense of the East, but while the older Provinces have lost in population and otherwise, this condition was nevertheless greatly to be preferred to the days when the cities of the United States attracted many from Eastern Canada—a condition which has happily been reversed during the past decade, many from across the border having since trekked northward to settle on the Canadian prairies. The effect of the growing time in the newer Provinces upon the business interests of the older ones has already proved to be of vital importance, and as yet the trade from the West and the North has only been a drop in the bucket to what it will eventually become. That the manufacturers of our Eastern Provinces will largely be dependent upon the trade of the inhabitants of the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario, which are growing so enormously, is only the result of the evolution that has been working itself out in Canada since Confederation. If, then, it is the towns and cities of the East that must provide the manufactured products for the growing agricultural communities of the West, and the great mineral, timber and agricultural country of the North, is it not important to watch the characteristic features and progress of places which are destined to become the great industrial centres of the East?

The process of growth going on in the newer parts, while necessarily absorbing the greater interest of Canadians, has not prevented but has encouraged development in the East,

where, with changing conditions, many of the cities and towns have emerged from old-time conditions and environments that were bound in the natural course of events to pass.

So it is with the town of Trenton, one of the older frontier towns of Ontario. Possessed, as it is, with many natural advantages and endowed with all that nature has done for any town, and much more than it has done for many, Trenton was destined to eventually become an important place, but its progress had been retarded at many points. It may be safely asserted that the years 1912 and 1913 will pass into history as being the real starting point in the town's career and the commencement of its greater industrial development.

## A GLIMPSE INTO THE EARLY DAYS.

Before proceeding, however, to discuss the present important epoch in the history of Trenton, let us glance back a century ago and take a glimpse of conditions prevailing at the beginning of civilization in this part of Ontario, before the Indian and his primitive methods had actually been superseded by the white man and civilization—not as we have it today, but as it existed in its embryo stage when these historic parts were in the making.

In the early years of the previous century the pioneer settlers of Trenton struggled on, laying the foundation of the future town, and their names have since been handed down to posterity. Slowly, at first, population increased, but as years went on new settlers continued to arrive, and each succeeding year found need for more cradles, the young occupants of which were in many instances to participate later in guiding the destinies of the growing community. Gradually the proverbial log-hut of the first Trentonians began to disappear, to be superseded by more modern structures for dwelling, business and other purposes. The slow and tedious process of settlement in the beginning of the last century, when untold hardships were endured and great difficulties were encountered; when transportation facilities were limited and communication was poor; when conditions of all kinds were in their primitive state; did not much resemble the present-day mode of the rapid occupation of the Western Provinces of the Dominion. In the old pioneer days when the United Empire Loyalists moved northward to settle upon the shores of the Bay of Quinte they were alone with the Indians, who fished and hunted along its shores, where they pitched the wigwams and beached their birch-bark canoes. Of those



From this high elevation on the mountain, in the centre of the town, a beautiful and wide-angle view of Trenton may be obtained.



early days it has been said: "The early experiences of Trenton was similar to that of many other Canadian towns, and its experience the experience of all early settlements, with all the exciting scenes and deprivations of pioneer life, and the gradual unfolding and development of a community."

Now a new order of things prevails and those pioneer days have passed and gone forever—not even to be repeated in the far West.

WHEN TRENTON WAS YOUNG.

The early history of Port Trent, as it was designated as far back as 1790, is interesting. In that year James Smith, a U. E. L., became a permanent settler, erecting a log house at the base of Bunker Hill, and in the same year John Bleecker, a son-in-law of Capt. Meyers, a U. E. L., who settled in Sydney, became another settler, and erected the first inn at the place which was destined to become the Trenton of the future. These appear to have been the first real settlers of Port Trenton. Mention is also on record of others that will ever be associated with those early days, before the present town even became a village, when one U. E. L. followed another in settling on the shore of the Bay of Quinte, at the mouth of the River Trent.

Col. Adam Henry Meyers arrived in 1808 and purchased the first grist mill on the River Trent, which had been built by another U. E. L. named Henry Ripsom. He was perhaps the first merchant of this little settlement. A little later, in 1817, Col. Sheldon Hawley and Josiah Hawley settled on the east side and engaged in lumbering operations and mercantile life. About this period John V. Murphy, Denis Macaulay, William Robertson and James Ford settled on the west side of the river, and these, with their neighbors on the east side, were the pioneer tradesmen of the place, and it is to the achievements of these early settlers that Trenton largely owes its present existence. About this date the Hon. Robert Charles Wilkins, a member of the Government of Upper Canada, who had settled at the Carrying Place—5 miles distant—owned property at Port Trent. The Hon. and Rev. Dr. Strachan, first Lord Bishop of Toronto, was also prominently associated with the early settlement, having in 1803 purchased that portion of the Front of Sydney which was eventually merged with Trenton, having been surveyed and laid out into town lots by His Lordship.

BEGINNING OF LUMBER INDUSTRY.

With better transportation and improved communication in the country the early settlements in Ontario began to assume an air of importance, and after three score and ten years Port Trent, then little more than a trading place for the settlers that had acquired land in the vicinity, or a place of supply and doubtless a rendezvous for the inhabitants of

the surroundig country, saw the next stage of development and the quiet life of the somewhat ancient little settlement soon became one of greater activity.

The establishment of a sawmill in 1852 by the old firm of Gilmour & Co.—the original partners coming to Trenton from Quebec—was another important epoch, this new industry becoming a great factor in the following half century of history and development of the village and future town. The vicissitudes of this business concern would alone make an interesting volume if all the records were available. The earlier residents of Trenton saw its marked transformation, due to a succession of changes consequent upon the passing of the one-time sawmill community to an entirely different place, and the disappearance of those landmarks of the earlier activities.

REEVES OF TRENTON

In 1853, Alexander McAulay, Reeve; 1854, E. M. Meyers, Reeve; 1855, S. Hawley, Reeve part of the year and A. C. Thompson the remainder; 1856, D. R. Murphy, Reeve; 1857, E. W. Meyers, Reeve; 1858, G. H. Gordon, Reeve; 1859, I. S. Peterson, Reeve; 1860, J. Cumming, Reeve; 1861, Robert Francis, part of year, and D. R. Murphy the remainder; 1862, '63, '64, '65 and '66, William Shea, Reeve; 1867, 1868 and 1869, James Cumming, Reeve; 1870, James Cumming, Reeve; 1871, George H. Gordon, Reeve; 1872, Charles Francis, Reeve; 1873, James Young, Reeve; 1874, William Jeffs, Reeve; 1875, William Jeffs, Reeve; 1876, William Jeffs, Reeve; 1877, William Jeffs, Reeve; 1878, Charles Francis, Reeve, John N. Lee, Deputy Reeve; 1879, Charles Francis, Reeve, John N. Lee, Deputy Reeve; 1880, George H. Gordon, Reeve, G. W. Ostrom, Deputy Reeve.

MAYORS OF TRENTON

Dr. H. W. Day	1881, 1882
Dr. J. B. Moran	1883
James Richardson	1884, 1885
G. W. Ostrom	1886
Dr. H. W. Day	1887
M. B. Morrison	1888, 1889
P. J. O'Rourke	1890
A. W. Hawley	1891
Dr. W. S. Jaques	1892, 1893, 1894
M. B. Morrison	1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900
W. R. Phillips	1901
Jesse Funnell	1902, 1903, 1904
Dr. W. S. Jaques	1905, 1906, 1907
J. Funnell	1908, 1909
Dr. E. Kidd	1910
J. Funnell	1911, 1912
Dr. E. Kidd	1913



A Midsummer Market at Trenton.





*View of the Village of TRENT FORT taken from the Hill on the west side of the River 1842.*

## Trenton One Hundred Years Ago

The following story of the early days of Trenton and the spot where the village of which the above was a picture in 1842, reproduced from a painting by the late J. Simons, town clerk of Trenton for thirty years after its incorporation, was written by the late Rev. Canon Bleasdel, D. C. L.

Rector of St. George's Church, and published in 1879

"When the brave and adventurous Samuel de Champlain, in 1615, after having explored the Ottawa River, the Mattawan, Lake Nipissing, the French River, and had passed thus into Georgian Bay, preceded by the Recollect Father Caron, a man of similar spirit and actuated by a noble religious missionary zeal, they jointly thus discovered and opened up to European enterprise an entirely new region and an inland sea of great extent, with its vast accumulation of fresh water. He landed at Thunder Bay, in the very northern part of the County of Simcoe, and a little west and north of Penetanguishene Bay. After visiting various settlements or towns of the Indian tribe of the Hurons, who then inhabited this peninsula in the County of Simcoe, he made his way to the lake that now bears that name. From Lake Simcoe, Champlain proceeded with his canoe expedition up the little Talbot River, across the portage to Balsam Lake, thence to Cameron, Sturgeon, and the successive chain of lake to the Otonabee River, thence by Rice Lake and the River Trent to the Bay of Quinte, where the rising town of Trenton now stands. The first European who thus traced this route and gazed upon the beautiful arm of Lake Ontario, what must have been his sensations at this discovery? How changed is the scene now from that on which Champlain gazed nearly 264 years back. The banks of the River Trent at its mouth were then a dense cedar swamp on both its sides, permeated, especially on its western shore, with fine spring rills abounding with speckled trout. On the high grounds were groves of beech, maple, bass and iron wood, while here and there clumps of pine, white hickory, sumach, oak and elm trees grew freely on the upper and drier places on the banks of the river and bay. Champlain was thus the first pioneer who traced the route of the proposed Georgian Bay Canal across to the waters of the Bay of Quinte, and thence to the Atlantic Ocean, as well as the first discoverer of that bay itself, and also Lake Ontario. The circuitous route of these discoveries arose from the hostility of the Iroquois tribes of Indians and to those of the Huron and Algonquin races, and their French allies, which necessitated the northern route up the Ottawa River, as farther distant from the lower lake frontier infested by these first named and ever-vigilant foes. And from the hill above Trenton, now known as Mount Pelion, with its extensive range of vision, it is probable that he first saw the waters of Lake Ontario, which are comprehended within that beautiful and wide-spread prospect.

"The spot from whence Samuel de Champlain first beheld the Bay of Quinte with its beautiful shores and indentation is now the site of the thriving village of Trenton, incorporated in 1853, also a port of entry, and situated thus at the confluence of the River Trent with the aforesaid bay, and shortly to be incorporated as a town.

"The fertile peninsula of the County of Prince Edward forms the opposite shore of the bay to the mainland, and is united to it by the isthmus or portage of the Carrying Place. The latter place being distant from Trenton a little over four miles. This village thus of some historic interest, contains a population of over 3,000, with its immediate outlets, and before its incorporation was in the Township of Murray, and its bulk, but since that time it has formed a portion of the County of Hastings. Its position at the head of the Bay of Quinte and the mouth of the River Trent is beautiful, and presents many beautiful scenes from the highlands and ridges which surround it, and the charming views of the bay, and the windings of the River Trent contribute to furnish lovely scenes such as the painter would delight to delineate with all his artistic skill. The rapids of the river, which extend from a mile above Trenton to eight miles into the interior beyond the village of Frankford, afford many a striking and picturesque view as the waters rush wildly on between wooded islets and the deep banks of the stream. A local poet, long ago removed by the hand of death, has beautifully described these peculiarities of the Trent in language congenial to such an appropriate theme; and from the high hill or ridge on the west side of the Trent, now named Mount Pelion, some delightful distant glimpses of Lake Ontario, Wellers Bay, and some of the western points of Prince Edward County can be obtained by the naked eye or the telescope.

"The vicinity of Trenton offers the naturalist and geologist much of special interest, and more particularly to the latter, for here are the upper shaly beds of the Trenton limestone, of the New York and Canadian classification of the lower silurian series of rock, and abounding in fossils. Here in particular spots are crinoids, corals, trilobites, brachiopods, gasteropods and cephalopods in abundance; and three miles up the river and on the banks of a tributary stream on its west side near Gordon Mills there is evidence of glacial action in the shape of an immense boulder 22 feet high at its highest point, and whose longitudinal circumference is about 114 feet, lateral circumference 77 feet, whole length 42 feet,



and breadth 24 feet. This boulder compares favorably with many published accounts of such in other parts of the world in bulk, and is not destitute on its storm-beaten sides of botanic interest, for Professor Lawson, then of Kingston and now of Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia, on the 6th of June, 1862, collected seventeen different species of plants (chiefly cryptogamic) found growing upon it. There are also other ample evidences of the boulder drift, with appearances of stratified gravel and sand on the high ridges that almost surround Trenton, and notably Mount Pelion within its precincts.

“James Smith, Esq., was County Judge in Scheharie County, New York, previous to the American revolutionary crisis. As a United Empire Loyalist he drew the land on the east side of the River Trent in the Township of Murray, and came and settled there in 1790. He built his dwelling at the foot of Bunker’s Hill, traces of which remained until the last few years. After his death the property came into the possession of his son John. About the year 1800 lot two and all the land west of it on the east bank of the river was disposed of by the latter to Henry Ripsom, who came from Scheharie County, New York (as it is believed). He erected the grist mill two miles up the river on the east bank, and the mill race and other traces of it still exist. He erected also the stone house, the residence of the late A. H. Meyers, formerly M. P. P. for Northumberland County, and it is stated to have been the first stone dwelling in that county. About the year 1807 there came to this vicinity, from Germany, Adam H. Meyers, who settled here, the father of the first named; he laid the foundation of mercantile business of Trenton in conjunction with his avocations as a lumberman on the river, and was very successful. The Ripsom property had by this time passed into the hands of an American of the name of Bardon or Barder. Mr. Meyers eventually purchased it from the latter, and in the hands of his children it remained until very recently.

“After him came the late Sheldon Hawley, Esq., in 1817, and entering into the mercantile and lumbering business, was

thus early associated with the progress of the village, as at this period the chief business was on the east side of the river. Near the same time came the late David Johns, Esq., of Marmora. He purchased the remaining portion of the Judge Smith property, consisting of Lot No. 1, and the frame hotel erected on it by John Smith on the east bank of the river from the late John Rowe, of Sydney, and succeeded him as the keeper of the latter, as he, Mr. Rowe, had been previously the purchaser from the successor of Smith, whilst at the same time he lumbered on the river. He afterwards sold his property in Trenton to Sheldon Hawley and his brother Josiah, and this brings it down to a very recent period.

“To the west side of the river in 1790 came John Bleecker (a son-in-law of the famous Captain Meyers, the revolutionary war celebrity) as a United Empire Loyalist, and took up the lot on the west side of the stream, which had been granted to him by the Crown. He was originally from Crown Point on Lake Champlain, and, following the fortunes of those with whom he was associated by marriage, he built his first log house near Bleecker’s Grove (hence its name), and afterwards a frame on the top of the hill on the York Road. He died in 1807, and the widow removed the frame to the place where the second house erected in Trenton stood. This was the site of the present garden of the late S. Cooley, Esq. Here a hotel was kept by the widow, and afterwards by his son, John R. Bleecker, for many years, who died about five years ago. The Bleecker property passed from the hands of the latter to the late Captain John V. Murphy, an early settler in Trenton, after the late Col. S. Hawley, and about the year 1820. From Capt. Murphy this property was disposed of in part to the late Hon. R. C. Wilkins, of the Carrying Place, Adam H. Meyers, Wm. Robertson, Denis Macaulay, and Alex. Macaulay, Esquires, and others, and those four latter in the respective order of their names were the first merchants in West Trenton, and largely contributed to its present commercial prosperity. With these were associated in business afterwards the late Jacob Ford, Esq., at this early period. He came from New York State, and was at first most usefully employed as a school teacher on the front of the



Bird's Eye View of the Town of Trenton (from the Mountain)



Township of Sidney, and was, we understand, the earliest school master in these parts, and removing subsequently to Trenton, shared with the above in lumbering, mercantile and other avocations. Following these in order came John R. Flindall and Jeremiah Simmons. Mr. Flindall has been in business here for over fifty years, and Mr. J. Simmons, coming from the vicinity, has been an actual resident in the town of Trenton since 1835. He has held the position of Clerk of the Municipality since its incorporation in 1853 (a term of twenty-six years), with the respect, approval and good will of every member of the community. Mr. Simmons is from the quondam village of Rhinebeck, on the broken front of the Township of Sidney, and, having some pretensions as an artist, painted in oil a bird's eye view of Trenton from the summit of Mount Pelion, in 1843, which was an accurate view as it was at that period. (A reproduction of this appears at the beginning of this historical account.) It is now very valuable on that account, especially when contrasted with what it is now, with its change from not 400 inhabitants to over 3,000. The picture ought to be secured by the Municipal Council by purchase on account of its historic interest and value.

"The broken front of the Gore of Sidney, in the County of Hastings, and within the eastern limits of the Corporation of Trenton, was purchased in 1803 by the late Hon. and Rev. Dr. Strachan, first Bishop of Toronto, from the Government. He laid out there a town plot and named it Ann Wood, after the maiden name of Mrs. Strachan, but this designation is now merged into the town of Trenton. He gave the site of St. George's Church and other lots by way of endowment, and £100 pounds in addition to one from Colonel S. Hawley towards its erection. The lot west of the Bleecker property and forming the western limits of the village was a clergy reserve lot, and the portion on the south side of Dundas Street, being in the possession of the Bleecker family, the right was purchased from John R. Bleecker by the late R. C. Wilkins and Joseph Shuter, Esquires, and eventually the freehold from the Government. On the north side of the road grants were made to the Roman Catholics and the Church of England of five acres each. The grant to the English was

made an Order-in-Council in 1833, followed by a patent in a very short time after. On it is built the church rectory and Canterbury Hall. The west half was sold to different individuals for private residences under an Act in Parliament in 1874. A site is also left for a future church also by the Rectory. Town lots were disposed of to private individuals at different times; some lots eventually to the Wesleyan Methodists and Presbyterians on the Hill, whilst the northern portion became a portion of Meyer's Estate.

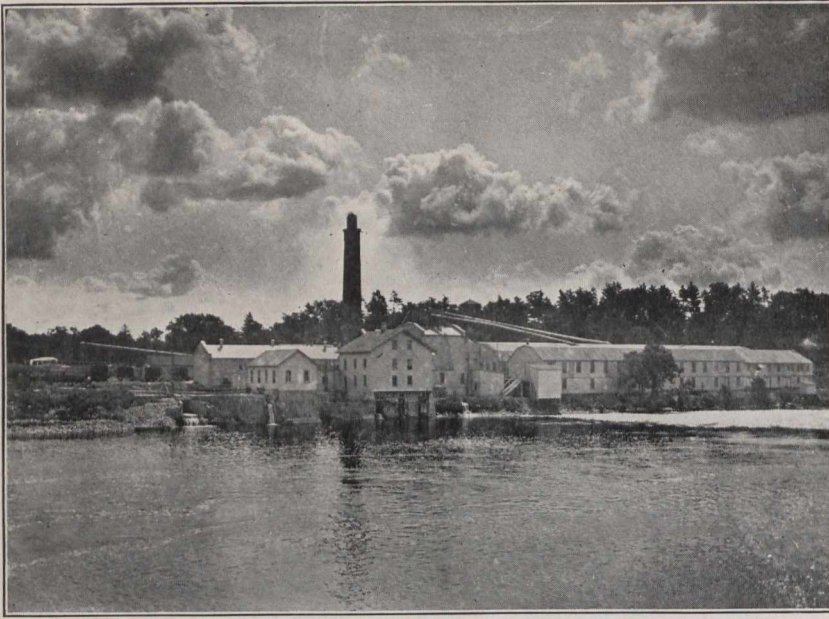
"The name of the village previous to incorporation was successively River Trent and Port Trent, and since then it has been named Trenton.

"A large business was done here for nearly seventy years back in the rafting of square timber for Quebec and other markets, great quantities being brought down the River Trent for this purpose from the immense range of country intersected by it and its tributaries, and is chiefly all white pine with oak and elm. The whole of this was re-raftered here and formed into bands or drams suitable for progress down the rapids of St. Lawrence to Quebec. The period the lumbermen were detained was from a fortnight to four weeks and gave a lively business to the merchants of Trenton. Another and increasing feature of this business is the sawlogs. During the season of 1869 about 357,500 was the estimate of the logs that were brought down the river, of which 332,500 were sawn up here and the residue elsewhere, whilst 22,000 by the Moira River were towed here for the same purpose. This gives employment during the season of navigation to a large number of barges and schooners in the conveyance of sawn logs to Oswego and other American ports; and from which has been brought back salt, plaster, water lime, etc. Since the year 1869 the subjoined is the statement of sawlogs, cedar, etc., from the returns of the corporation boom in each: 1870, 143,805 pieces; 1871, 226,248; 1872, 271,034; 1873, 578,238; 1874, 206,054; 1875, 230,026; 1876, 340,578; 1877, 205,888; 1878, 259,362. This year (1879) the estimate is far larger than any preceding year except that of 1873, and it is said to be about 400,000 pieces.



A Continuation of View on Previous Page, Looking South down Dufferin Avenue in West Trenton.





Former Door and Woodworking Factories of the Gilmour Company, where several hundred employees once found work. This industry closed down in 1910, and about a year later the buildings and plant were destroyed by fire.

#### THE TRENT CANAL.

Trenton has frequently been brought into prominence for many years past in consequence of it being the terminus of the Trent Valley Waterway. When this great national undertaking is completed it promises to become an important factor in the transportation of the country, as it will furnish a short route to the frontier, and give an all inland waterway from Georgian Bay to the Bay of Quinte, and thence via the St. Lawrence River to the seaboard.

#### TRENTON'S BRILLIANT FUTURE.

One writer has said of its future: "Trenton undoubtedly has a brilliant future. There are openings for the establishment of almost any industry. In the near future smelting works will doubtless be erected at Trenton on the shores of the Bay of Quinte. The vast deposits of iron ore lying along the Central Ontario Railway are undoubtedly rich, the ore being of the Bessemer steel quality. The ore can be easily

#### TRENTON'S CHIEF INDUSTRIES.

The R. Weddell Dredging Company  
 The Trenton Cooperage Company.  
 The Trent Manufacturing Company.  
 The Trenton Laundry Machine Company.  
 Miller Bros. & Co. (Glen Miller) Paper Mills.  
 The Barr Registers.  
 The Niagara Brand Spray Company.  
 The Dominion Cannery.  
 The Canadian Pearl Button Company.  
 Lloyd's Baby Carriage Company.  
 The Canada Iron Mines Company.  
 Gill & Fortune, Wholesale Lumber.  
 Cuff's Clothing Factory.  
 Abbott's Clothing Factory.  
 The Electric Installation Company.  
 The Trent Valley Milling Company.  
 Shourds & Collier Evaporator.  
 Atlantic Cold Storage Company.  
 National Land and Fruit Packing Company.  
 Tugnett & Cottrell Sash and Door Factory.  
 J. H. N. Redick Sash and Door Factory.  
 O. W. Martin, Beverages.



Post Office and Customs House.

shipped here and fuel brought in by water. The town's ideal situation and excellent shipping facilities would enable her to place pig iron on the world's markets cheaply and quickly. More foundries will also come to Trenton, and their attendant industries, giving employment to hundreds of skilled men. This will make Trenton in the not far distant future one of the busiest cities in Canada."

#### PIONEERS IN POWER DEVELOPMENT.

In 1885 the town of Trenton secured from the Legislature of Ontario a special Act, empowering the corporation to develop its extensive water power, and it is worthy of note that no similar legislation was on record in the Province at that time. It will therefore be seen that the citizens of Trenton took the initial steps towards the development of water-power, which has since been recognized to be of such great importance to the country. Since that time greater development has taken place, and now the city of Belleville, twelve miles distant, is also lighted by electric power transmitted from Trenton. The enormous water-power here is also expected to be an important factor in the once proposed electric railroad from Trenton to Cornwall.



The Boulder (22 feet high), referred to on Page 6.



# When Trenton Became a Town

In 1880

The Following Account of the Inauguration of Trenton is Reproduced from The Belleville Intelligencer of July 2nd, 1880, which Contained an Extended Account of the Celebration Held in Honor of the Event.

On Dominion Day the village of Trenton became a full-fledged town, by special Act of Parliament, and to make the day memorable in the annals of its history the magnates of the place determined to commemorate it by a public celebration. For some weeks previous preparations had been going on to make the celebration worthy of so auspicious an occasion, and as might have been expected from the public spirit of her inhabitants, Trenton put her best foot forward and showed that she was worthy of taking her place amongst the most enterprising towns in Ontario. Before giving an account of the celebration, let us give a brief historical sketch of Trenton with other matters relating to its trade and commerce and business facilities.

In order to celebrate the inauguration of the town in a proper manner, the Council at a recent meeting appropriated the sum of \$400, which was supplemented by private subscriptions, swelling the amount to about \$1,000, which has been judiciously expended in decorations, prizes for steam fire engine competition, athletic games, fireworks, etc.

For a week or two previous the work of furbishing up was carried on. Yards and streets and lanes were cleaned, lawns were cut close, paint and whitewash were freely used, and even the old weather-beaten bridge, which has stood the storms of thirty years, had a thorough inside cleaning, displaying the bottom of boards which had not been seen for many a year. But not until Wednesday or Thursday did the people enter heartily into the spirit of the celebration. When the arches began to assume shape, and when a load or two of evergreens made their appearance on the street, the people caught the infection, and straightaway began to prepare to decorate. All day Wednesday the streets presented a lively and animating appearance. The finishing touches were being put to the arches, shop fronts and windows were being decorated with evergreens, and flags and banners were being placed in position. All along the sidewalks were trees of spruce, of hemlock and cedar, and from roof and window streamed all kinds and sizes of the flag that for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze. It was like walking through a forest to promenade through the principal streets of Trenton on Wednesday. As we have previously intimated, the decorating spirit seemed to be infectious, and spread from street to street, and way out in the suburbs William and Mary and Thomas and Sarah might be seen making festoons of evergreens and "hanging their banners on the outer walls." In fact the whole town had put on a holiday garb, and not merely from shops in the business streets, but from private and public buildings, from vessel and mill, were floating the red-cross flag of England.

## THE NEW TOWN.

Some two or three years ago the idea of incorporating the village into a town was first mooted, but not until very recently were active steps taken towards its accomplishment. About the beginning of the present year the question of incorporation was again freely discussed, and the new Council being generally in its favor, the preliminary steps were taken by petition to the Lieutenant-Governor to bring the incorporation into effect on the 1st of July, 1880. In this matter of incorporation one of the moving spirits was our old townsman, Mr. G. W. Ostrom, the present Deputy Reeve.

The village of Trenton contained about 600 acres, exclusive of squares and streets, whereas the town as now incorporated embraces 900 acres, the additions taking in on the east the property of J. F. Flindall, including the brewery; on the west a considerable quantity of land adjacent to and including the residences of Messrs. W. H. Austin, H. W. Delaney and others; on the north the village of Hartsville and the station and grounds of the Grand Trunk Railway. It may be mentioned here that the property acquired by the town northward includes the finest water power on the river, the jurisdiction over which will hereafter be in the hands of the corporation. This addition to the boundaries of the town brought within the limits a considerable number of inhabitants, so that Trenton commences on its new career as a town with a population of over 3,000.

The town is divided into three wards, bearing the practical names of East Ward, West Ward and Centre Ward. Each of these wards will be entitled to three councilmen, who with the Mayor elected by the people, will constitute the corporation of the town. It is not contemplated, however, by the people of Trenton to sever their connection with the County of Hastings, and consequently a Reeve and Deputy Reeve will be elected as formerly. So far as the municipal elections are concerned, the Act of Incorporation does not take effect until the 1st of January, 1881. As the Act provides the corporation will consist of twelve members, including the Mayor and the Reeves, but it is quite competent under a statute passed at the last session for the people to reduce the number of members to two for each ward, should they deem it advisable so to do.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, 1880.

George H. Gordon, Reeve; G. W. Ostrom, Deputy Reeve; Messrs. P. J. O'Rourke, S. S. Bonter, Dr. H. W. Day, Councilors.

Jeremiah Simmons, Clerk; Robt. Loughead, Treasurer; F. Coleman, Chief Constable; W. Lyons, Assistant; J. G. McGuire, Customs Collector.

9th Division Court—Clerk, Jeremiah Simmons, P.O. Trenton; Bailiff, Lewis Cruickshank.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

H. Gill, Chairman; J. B. Young, Secretary; J. B. Christie, Dr. McLellan, W. J. Barber, Geo. Young, Jas. Simpson, Geo. Simpson, Isaac Nelson, W. J. Barker, T. Cornwall.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 1880.

High School, Head Master, H. M. Hicks, M.A., University College, Toronto; Assistant, Miss E. Phair.

Public School, J. W. Rodgers, Head Master; No. 2 Department, Miss Carr; No. 3, Miss Gothard; No. 4, Miss Dorland; No. 5, Miss Rogers.

## SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

Roman Catholic Separate School, King Street West, Trenton.

P. J. O'Rourke, Chairman; H. McKeown, Secretary; Rev. H. Brettargh, Treasurer and Local Superintendent; and E. McCarthy.

Teachers—P. J. Madden and Miss McCarthy.



## TRENTON IN 1911

The following well written description of Trenton is from the pen of Mr. H. A. Thomson, and appeared in the history of the Trent Canal.

Besides being the southern outlet of the Trent Canal, Trenton is conspicuous for its many natural advantages. For many years the citizens of Trenton have looked forward to the development of the water power on the Trent River. In a small way the Trenton Electric and Water Company have for a number of years developed a limited quantity of power at the town timber dam, while the Gilmour Door Co. also developed sufficient power at the same dam for their own use.

During the last couple of years the Electric Power Company has secured the practical control of all the powers on the river from Healey's Falls to Trenton, and it is estimated that their total development will exceed 100,000 horse power. This company, with its network of transmission wires, has covered the Central Ontario district very thoroughly, and has acquired many of the local lighting and power plants in the towns and villages between Oshawa and Kingston.

Last January an excellent Council was elected, and as a result of their efforts and with the assistance of an energetic Board of Trade, Trenton has advanced faster commercially than ever before. The Council and Board of Trade of 1911 will long be remembered as having assisted most materially in bringing Trenton's advantages before the people of Canada and the United States.

Cheap power has, of course, been the magnet which has attracted many of the new industries to Trenton. Power at \$15.00 per h.p. twenty-four hour service, delivered at the customer's terminals, is certainly a drawing card. The Town of Trenton has at this rate 1,000 h.p. to dispose of, having, in return for a lease of its power rights at dams 1 and 2 to the Electric Power Company, accepted this amount of power as part of the settlement. The Trenton Electric and Water Company has now, available for Trenton users, 10,000 h.p., and upon the completion of dam 2 will have to dispose of 20,000 h.p.

Of all the towns along the canal, Trenton promises the greatest development, because it has the added advantage of being on the deep waters of Lake Ontario and being served by more railroads than any other town in Ontario. Trenton can offer great shipping facilities for shipping by rail. It is the junction of the Grand Trunk and the Central Ontario Railways. This latter road is part of the Canadian Northern Ontario system, lately acquired, and Canadian Northern trains will be running through Trenton in July of this year. The Canadian Pacific lake shore line, now being surveyed between Toronto and Montreal, will run through Trenton.

The proposed electric road between Toronto and Montreal will also traverse Trenton.

With easy access via the Murray Canal to Lake Ontario, Trenton has superior advantages as a distributing centre by water. The Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company's steamer Belleville calls regularly twice each week, when on her run between Toronto and Montreal, while the large and handsome steamer of the Ontario & Quebec Navigation Company, Alexandria, running between Rochester and Quebec, makes the same number of calls at Trenton. The Geronia, the handsome new boat, just launched at Collingwood, will also ply on this route. The steamers Varuna and Brockville make daily trips between Trenton and Picton, calling at Belleville and Deseronto. In addition to the passenger and package freight business catered to by these boats, many large freighters call at Trenton, carrying chiefly coal cargoes.

In addition to being a manufacturing town of importance, Trenton is fast coming under the notice of the people of Canada as a tourist centre. Where can you find a more beautiful spot for the summer campers and cottagers than the shores which skirt the Trenton harbor? The land-locked water stretch is always comparatively calm. The turbulent waves from the lake do not ruffle its surface. How many would avoid the fatiguing crush of an Atlantic watering place if this ideal existence were brought to their notice with one-tenth the persistency which the United States displays in keeping their places before the public. If the other transportation companies, who are especially interested in this district, would do as much to make its advantages known as the Ontario & Quebec Navigation Company has done, many more would come here every year.

It is fully expected that in less than two years it will be possible for small boats to ascend the canal as far as Hastings, and within four years to navigate to Washaga on Lake Couchiching above Orillia. To anyone acquainted with the beautiful scenery along the banks of the River Trent, the prospect of taking this trip in a comfortable motor boat will be most enticing. Probably the finest black bass and pickerel fishing in Ontario is to be had in the waters of the Bay of Quinte and the River Trent.

Sports of every kind, having in view the physical development of the young men of the town, are freely indulged in and encouraged liberally. The boys and girls who grow up in Trenton will always look back to the days of their childhood with intense pleasure. No inland town for them!



# The Awakening of Trenton

By Miss Nellie Arthur, B.A.

For some years after the disappearance of the Gilmour Lumber Co., Trenton was nearly dead. No new buildings were erected; those shops and dwellings which had fallen into decay became more and more dilapidated. Few, if any, repairs were made except by those of means, who remained a small minority of the population. About three years ago, however, some reviving influence seemed to take possession of the town, though slowly at first. Men of means began to buy up vacant lots and erect buildings upon them and houses for renting. The price of real estate advanced. Old houses were bought and repaired and made to look respectable and inviting by fresh coats of paint. Streets whose houses and shops were thus improved soon received new cement walks and in some cases such streets were newly graded. These were the first signs of awakening.

Then there began to be rumours among the townfolk of a new railway to be built through their town. These rumours proved to be true, for soon after, the Canadian Northern Railway began surveying for its Toronto to Ottawa line. Before this few strangers came to the bayside town. Old residents were familiar with all the faces they chanced to meet on the street. Young girls and marriageable ladies knew exactly the number of "eligible" young men which the town could produce. But now there came a change. Surveyors and railway officials began to make their headquarters in the town; hotels and boarding houses began to do a brisk business, and even some private houses opened their doors to the strangers and took them in.

The building of the C. N. Railway went on simultaneously with many other new and important works. A roundhouse for the railway was built on the southern outskirts of the town, and many substantial frame houses were built near for the use of the railway employees. The town began to extend in this direction, and many houses sprang up along a street which was formerly a country road. A splendid power house supplying electric power to both Belleville and Trenton was built at the first dam on the Trent, about a mile north of the Grand Trunk tracks. Then several new factories located in the town. In some cases the sites for these were purchased from the citizens, and soon handsome structures took the place of old unsightly houses. The most important of these buildings is the large iron frame concentrator building which stands at the entrance of the harbor on the site of the old Gilmour mill. It is to be used to extract ore from the rock shipped in from the mines of North Hastings. This building is now nearly completed. A work which is progressing rapidly at present is the building of the C.P.R. overhead bridge across the Trent; for the C.P.R. branch line from Toronto to Ottawa passes through Trenton, and when it is completed Trenton will be a railway centre for four railways, Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern, Central Ontario, and Canadian Pacific.

To have some idea of the change which is coming over the town, one need only visit the Canadian Northern Station some day about 1.40 p.m. At that time trains apparently come in from and go out to the east, west, north and south. For a short time the station becomes like a city depot and people are hurrying about, jostling each other and doing their best not to take the wrong train. Such a thing was formerly impossible when there was but one train, and it was a strange conglomeration of freight cars, mail coach and passenger coach. Such are the changes which are being brought about in Trenton, and which give it more and more the air of a city. But the best change of all is in the citizens themselves, who are awakening to new energy and hopefulness.

## TRENTON FROM A RAILWAY STANDPOINT.

About midway between Buffalo and Montreal, the numerous natural advantages of this point led the Canadian Northern Ontario to choose it as the place at which to locate important terminals.

In addition to having the great natural waterway connecting the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes, Trenton has an artificial waterway wherewith to bring in raw products, which, when turned into the finished product, can be transported by the fast rail service of the Canadian Northern to the important markets of Western Ontario and the Western Provinces.

With the early completion of the through line of the Canadian Northern Ontario, a physical connection will be established in the east at Ottawa with the large system of railways in Quebec Province and at Port Arthur with the Canadian Northern western lines, stretching across the Prairie Provinces to the Pacific Ocean.

## "TRENTON HEIGHTS" FOR FUTURE TRENTON HOMES.

In a beautiful location, immediately west of the town, where nature with its elms, oaks, maples and other trees still invites a sojourn, and with a delightful view overlooking the Bay of Quinte, a block of land, comprising over one hundred and twenty acres, exceedingly well situated for residential purposes, has been acquired by a company known as the Trenton Land Company, Limited.

The services of Mr. Leonard E. Schlemm, landscape engineer, were secured, and to him the work of creating an artistic residential section was entrusted. The result of his study of this beautiful site has been to give to Trenton many beautiful drives and roads overlooking the Bay of Quinte. This section contains between six and seven hundred lots of various sizes to make some provision for the immediate growth of the town.

Adjacent to this property Mr. Schlemm has developed a beautiful park of some twenty-five acres in extent on land donated for the purpose by the Canadian Northern Railway, and most suitably and naturally adapted for the purpose. This, with the park areas provided within the subdivision by the Trenton Land Company, will prove a decided acquisition to the western portion of the town. It is scarcely realized what this means to Trenton. There are towns without number in Ontario that would give thousands of dollars to possess such an asset, for no more ideal spot for the future homes of many of Trenton's leading citizens and those to come with her manufacturing and railway development. With new industries added to the already growing list of Trenton manufacturing establishments, there will be a great increase in Trenton's population, which must be provided with homes, and the inducements of Trenton as a residential centre are unsurpassed. All that goes to make home life possible and enjoyable may be found in Trenton, where living conditions are much more desirable for the workingman than elsewhere and the cost of living is greatly reduced in consequence of the excellent market, attended by the farmers of the surrounding country.



# Trenton as A Railway, Power, and Manufacturing Centre

By H. A. Thomson, Secretary Trenton Board of Trade and  
Manager Molsons Bank.

Away back in the old days, when the lumbering industries dominated Trenton and Trentonians, there were even some who had sufficient foresight to pick up real estate and to hold it, for comparatively little cost, for the ultimate and certain increase in value which was bound to come, and which is now here. We know of less than one acre of land which was recently sold in Trenton for a little less than \$7,000, and the holder of this land, for a number of years previous to date of sale, was told that it was only "goose pasture." To be explicit, however, we must state that this sale represented water front, and, to-day, water front lands in Trenton are of considerable value. For a few years after the closing down of the Gilmour Mills, a noticeable depression was felt in business circles, but gradually the places of those people who left the town were filled by new and possibly more energetic people, many of whom are here to-day, conducting successful businesses.

During the last four years, through the energetic efforts of the Town Council and Board of Trade, Trenton has been very extensively advertised throughout Canada and the United States, with the result that a number of new industries have been secured, which provide steady employment for probably 1,200 men, women and girls. These diversified interests have proven of much greater benefit to Trenton than the old lumbering industry. In the lumbering days every effort was made to stifle competition, in order to keep wages down to the lowest possible point, which effort, judging from the early days of Trenton, was very successful.

Probably the greatest advertising asset Trenton has to-day is the publicity the town gets through the operations of the R. Weddell Dredging Company, which has its headquarters here. Though there may be a few people who may not agree with us, still we fail to see what prospects Trenton would ever have had of being a place of any importance had

it not been for the public-spiritedness and liberality of Mr. Robt. Weddell.

He has given time, money, and, most important of all, valuable advice, to the town's officials, whenever such was necessary; and, in doing so, he has always been guided by what he considered the best interests of the town at large. A few more men of Mr. Weddell's calibre would help Trenton to come to the front more rapidly than she can hope to without such help.

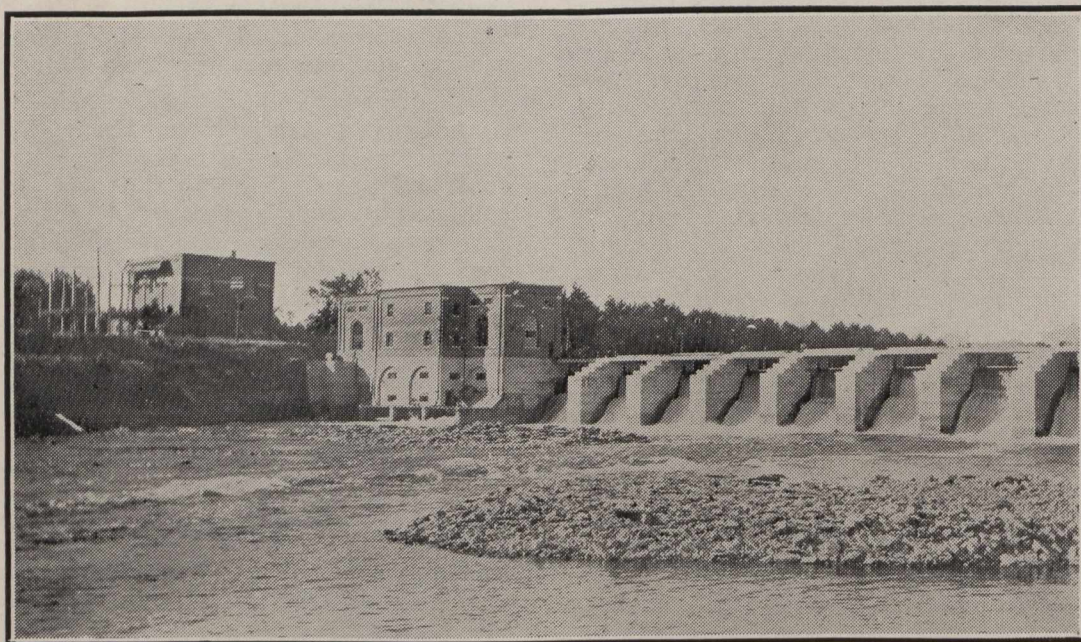
Mayor Funnell and his energetic colleagues on the Council Board have done very much to further Trenton's interests, and it is doubtful if many towns in Canada can boast of a body of men by whose energy more has been accomplished in permanent progress in such a short period of time.

As a manufacturing centre, possessing cheap power, transportation by four of Canada's great railways, by the Trent Canal system, and by lake and river steamers, Trenton can offer inducements not possessed by any other town in the Dominion.

As a railway centre, Trenton has suddenly sprung into prominence through the acquisition of the divisional terminals of both the Canadian Northern Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

The C. P. R. is building a forty-four stall roundhouse to accommodate the engines which will be housed here, and the Canadian Northern is increasing the capacity of its fifteen-stall roundhouse to thirty stalls.

When both terminals are in full operation, it is fully expected that the result will be an increase of at least 1,500 Trenton's population, and, as business begets business, we may look forward to many new industries, attracted by the inducements and publicity Trenton will undoubtedly receive through the increased railway traffic, to build factories here, and to secure the advantages we have to offer.



Dam No. 2 on Trent Canal and portion of Power House of Trenton Electric Power and Water Co., Limited which furnishes cheap power for Trenton's Manufacturing establishments



## Trenton's Magnificent Water Power

Trenton's natural advantages make the town a most desirable location for manufacturers. Chief, perhaps, among these advantages is the magnificent water power which the River Trent affords. This enormous water power is perhaps only surpassed by the great Niagara. Between Trenton and Frankford, only nine miles north, it is estimated that there is 100,000 horse-power.

That such a valuable asset at a town's door will remain only partially utilized is not probable in these days of national development. In fact, the only wonder is that it should not have attracted the eye of the capitalist before, as there is no other town in Ontario with the same great inducement to the manufacturer.

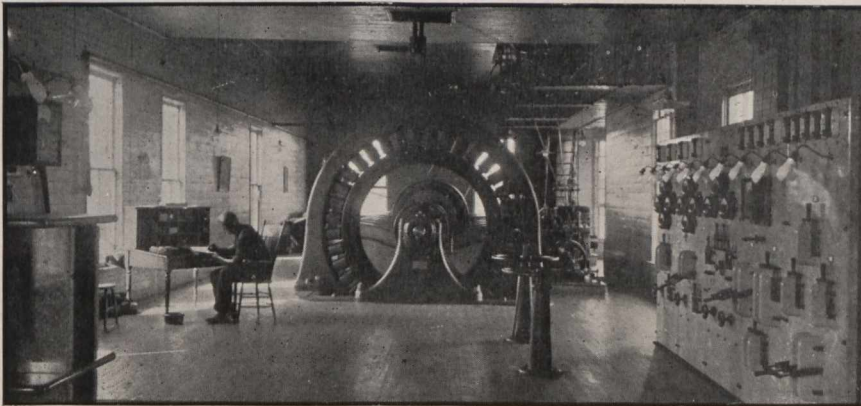
The construction, by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, of the Trent Canal with its various dams and locks, has opened the way for the development of the water powers along its route. In the Trenton district, on Section 1, of this canal, a number of dams have been constructed and already a power station is in operation at Dam No. 2 at Trenton, while a second one is in course of construction at Dam No. 5 at Frankford, with a third to be erected presently at Dam No. 1 in Trenton.

carried by any one of the three power houses, or else by power supplied over the 44,000 volt transmission lines from other generating stations on the Electric Power Company's system, thus assuring the power users in Trenton a continuous supply of power from four different sources.

At Dam No. 2, about one mile north of dam No. 1, a generating station has been built by the Sydney Electric Power Company and has been in operation since August, 1911, supplying power to Trenton and also to the transforming station situated across the roadway.

It will be seen from the above that this transforming station is one of the most important stations on the Electric Power Company's system since it will eventually deliver the output of four power houses to the 44,000 volt transmission lines. It also provides for a supply of power for Trenton from various sources. This is a very important consideration on account of the promising load in and around Trenton.

A map of the lines of the Electric Power Company, is shown, which indicates the relation of the numerous developments in the Trenton district to those in the other power house districts at Campbellford, Peterboro and Lindsay.



Electric Generator at Trenton.

At Trenton was situated the old electric water power plant of the Trenton Electric & Water Company, which was one of the early developments in Ontario. This plant supplied electric power to Trenton and to Belleville until about two years ago, when, owing to the increased demand for power, it was no longer adequate and power was obtained from the Seymour Power & Electric Company. This old power house is situated at the end of a dam across the Trent River just below the point where the Grand Trunk Railway crosses the River at Trenton. This dam has been superseded by the new Government dam known as Dam No. 1, which is situated slightly south of the old dam.

This old plant at Trenton will shortly be torn down to make way for a new station of 3,000 K.v.a. capacity located a short distance below the new dam. This new station will be erected by the Sydney Electric Power Company and will operate under 17 feet head. From this station power will be distributed in Trenton at 6,600 volts, 3 phase and at 4,160/2,400 volts, four wire three phase by the Trenton Electric and Water Co., to supply its lighting and power customers and for the motor driven pumps which supply pure spring water to the town waterworks system which is owned and operated by the Company. This station will operate in parallel with the power houses at Dams No. 2 and No. 5, through the transforming station at Dam No. 2, so that the load in Trenton may be

It also shows the large number of towns and cities served by the lines of the Electric Power Company and indicates the high factor of safety assured in rendering continuous service to every point on the district covered.

The work of construction of the power houses at Dams No. 2 and No. 5 and of the transforming station at Dam No. 2 was carried on by the Midland Construction Co (the sub-contractors being Larkin & Sangster, F. R. Wilford and Wells and Gray), according to the designs and under the supervision of Messrs. Smith, Kerry and Chace, consulting and operating engineers for the Electric Power Company.

### POWER FOR MANUFACTURERS.

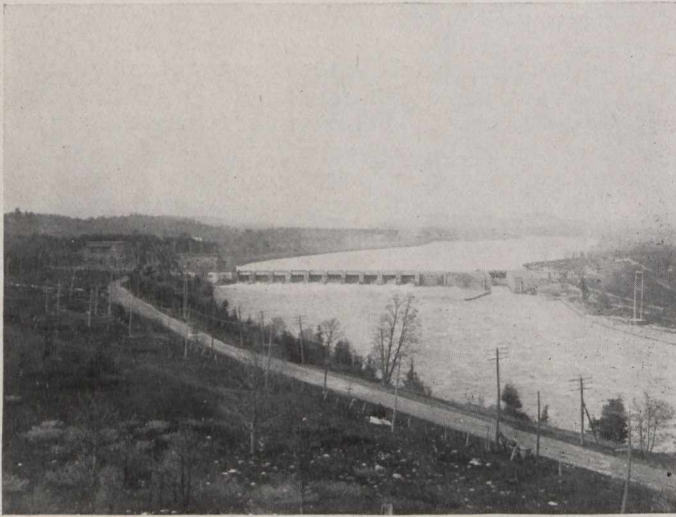
The cheapest twenty-four hour electric power procurable in Trenton costs \$15 per h.p., and this price covers delivery at customers' terminals. At present 10,000 h.p. is available, and when the dams now building are hitched up this amount will be largely augmented.

In the town of Trenton power will always be cheaper than in any other town on the system, local conditions being more favorable.

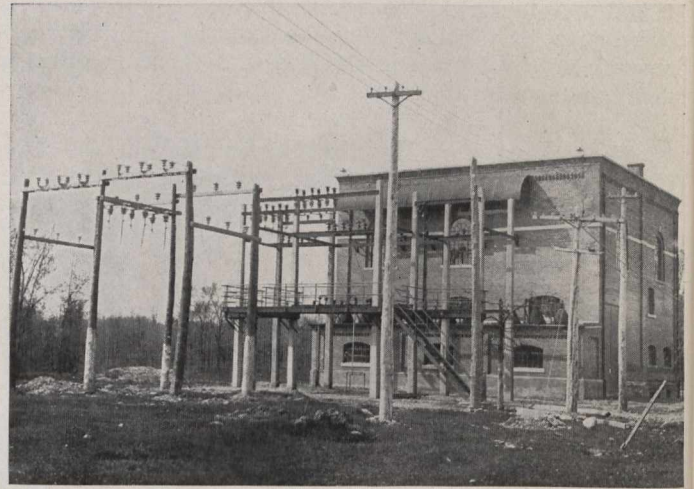


# Views of Power Development at Trenton

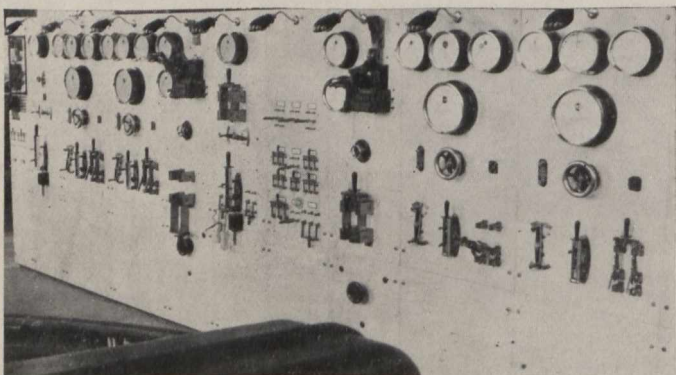
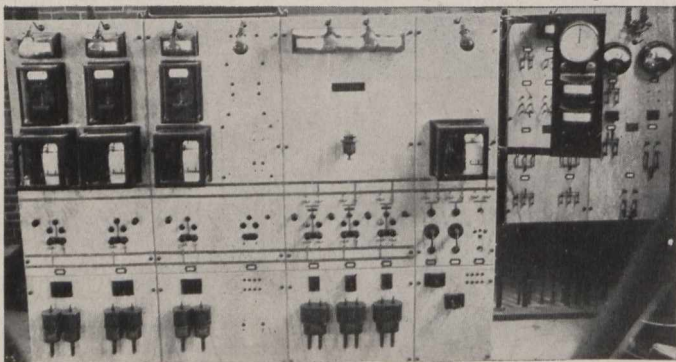
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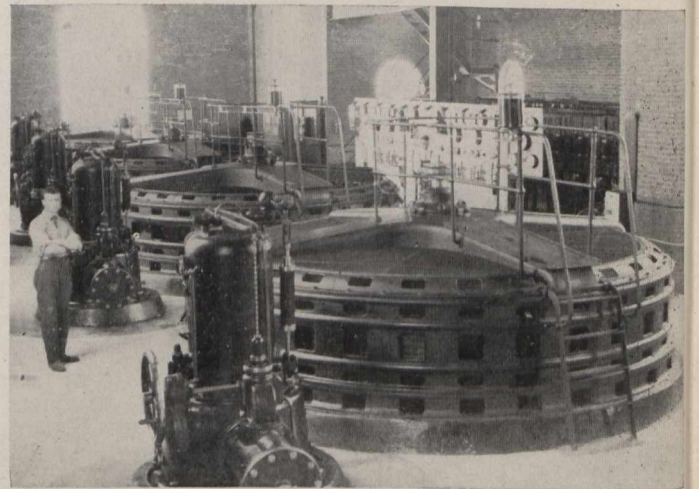
Dam No. 2, and Power House



Transformer Station at Dam No. 2



Switch Boards, Power House Dam No. 2



Wheels in Power House at Dam No. 2



## Two of Trenton's Leaders

Characteristic Poses of Two Citizens Whose Name Spread the Fame of Trenton  
From Coast to Coast

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The "Old Chief" and His Lad



ROBT. WEDDELL



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## A Strong Council for 1913

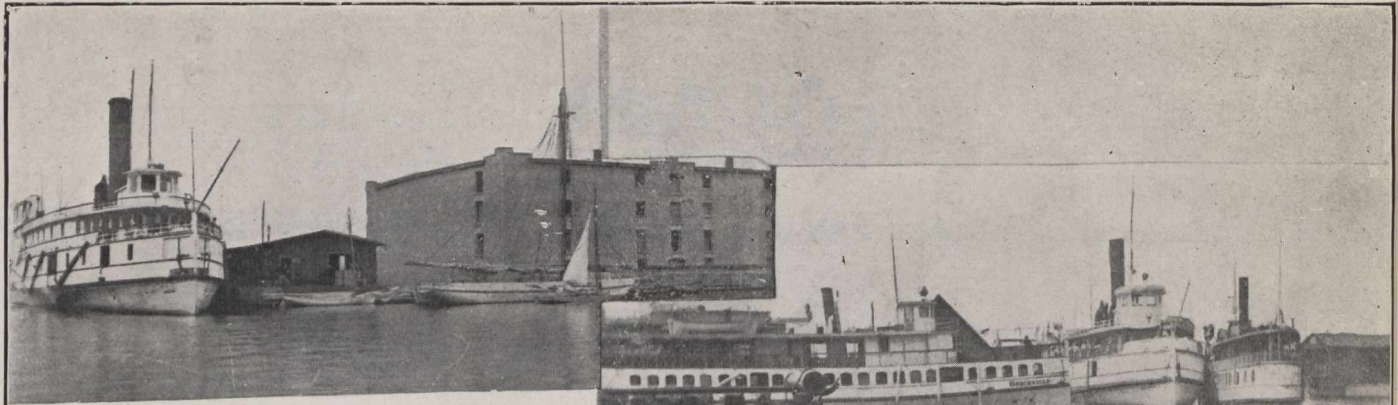
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The electors retired nearly all of the old Council of 1912 and elected new men who represent each section of the town.

The Council has many problems, industrial and municipal to face. Mayor-elect Dr. Edward Kidd, has a very advanced platform, which, if carried out, will make 1913 a banner year for Trenton.



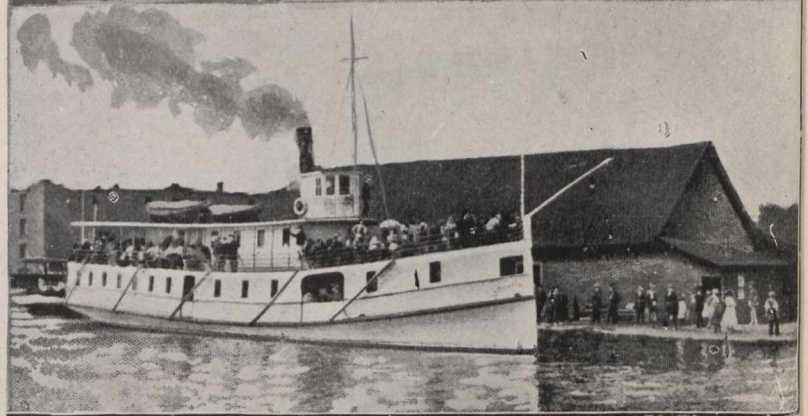
## A Glimpse of Trenton



For many reasons Trenton occupies a conspicuous place among other Ontario towns. The natural advantages of the town have been supplemented in many ways by the enterprise of her citizens. There are not a great many of the towns in older Ontario that show the same signs of progress and prosperity that are to be found in the town of Trenton. During the past few years in particular the town has assumed a more progressive air, and a great many improvements have been made, which cannot fail in proving very beneficial, and if Trenton continues to move forward at its present gait the town is bound to become a much more important centre, and it is already a place possessing a great many superior advantages. Let us point out some of the more important ones, but before doing so it will be of interest to a great many Canadians to become better acquainted with the geographical position of this thriving town with its enterprising citizens.

### ITS CONVENIENT LOCATION.

To those who have travelled for years the main line of the Grand Trunk between Montreal and Toronto the place is familiar. Just one hundred miles east of the "Queen City," where that railway crosses the River Trent, and also the Central Ontario Railway, which gives access to the great mineral belt in North Hastings, the town is located. Travelling eastward one obtains a glimpse of the town from the railway coach windows as he crosses the river at this point. Travelling by the Canadian Northern Railway, which runs into the town over the Central Ontario Railway, now controlled by the C. N. R., a better view is obtainable. One obtains a still better view, however, of the business portion of the town by approaching it by boat. Supposing that you are a passenger on one of the R. & O. Navigation Company's steamers on an east-bound trip, you pass through the Murray Canal into the far-famed and picturesque Bay of Quinte, and immediately on your left the town of Trenton looms up before your eyes. Mount Pelion, 191 feet above the waters of the Bay, with the table land of Mount Ossa just below it, making a background which gives the town a most picturesque appearance. The various features thus presented all combine to give the town an important business aspect. As the steamer approaches nearer to the town the visitor is moved by many striking views that once seen are not soon forgotten. Turning one's eyes in the opposite direction, to the south, from the deck of the steamer, a close view is obtainable of the Prince Edward County shore, with its fine farms,

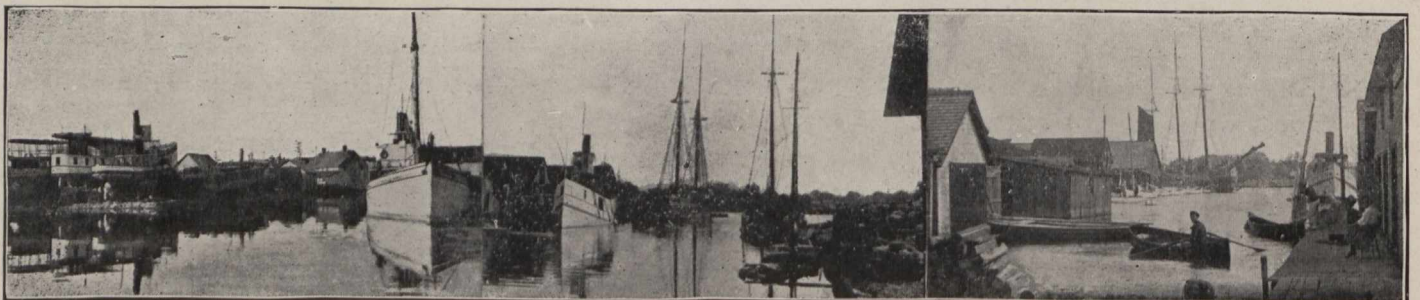


Views Showing the Steamers that Ply on the Bay and Lake, at the Trenton Wharves.

which have made this section widely known as one of considerable importance from an agricultural and fruit-growing standpoint. Here it may be mentioned that the Murray Canal has practically made this county another "Prince Edward Island," as it lies between the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario.

### A BEAUTIFUL SPOT.

Where can you find a more beautiful spot for the summer campers and cottagers than the shores which skirt the Trenton harbor? The landlocked waterstretch is always comparatively calm. The turbulent waves from the lake do not ruffle its surface. Here the heat-exiled refugee from the south may indulge in aquatic recreations without fear. How many would avoid the fatiguing crush of an Atlantic watering place if this ideal existence were brought to their notice with one-tenth the persistency which the United Stateser displays in keeping their places before the public. If the other transportation companies who are especially interested in this district would do as much to make its advantages known as the Lake Ontario and B. of Q. Navigation Company has done many more would come here every year.

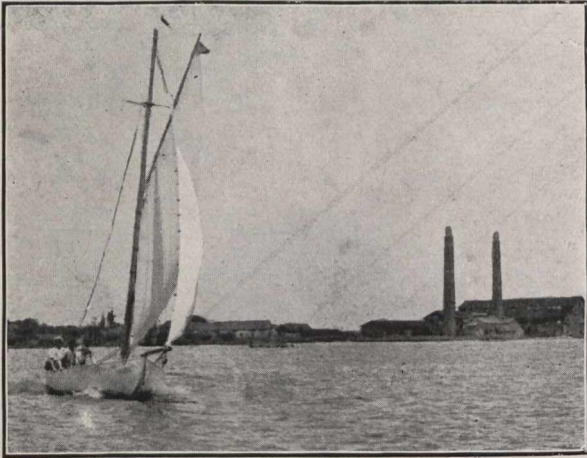


In the Slip at Trenton.



## A Summer Holiday in Trenton

By Clara E. M. Jarrett



Out for a Sail on Trenton Bay.

Trenton, famous in history as figuring in one of the early voyages of Champlain, and a town which has ever since its earliest days been one of much interest to travellers and summer visitors, is an ideal place to spend a summer holiday.

For one who enjoys life on the water, Trenton as the scene of a holiday could not be surpassed. No where else could be found a more beautiful combination of waters in so short a distance; the picturesque winding Trent emptying into that broad rolling expanse, the Bay of Quinte. The fishing is exceptionally good, and many are the anglers who go home laden with fine bass, trout, pickerel, and other kinds of fish, after a day's outing. Photographs of some of the fish caught near Trenton are reproduced on page 60. Then there is the bathing. The shore of the bay is dotted with little inlets, where may be had the sandy shore and warm limpid water so conducive to perfect enjoyment to the bather. The grove on the shore is a favorite resort. Then there is the boating and yachting, which is carried on so extensively that every week is held a day for races, when the proud owners of the different boats compete for the superiority. But this is not all; once every summer there is a special day for a grand regatta, when the whole town throngs to the water's edge to view the magnificent sight of countless boats, for there are then many visiting yachts from neighboring towns, now calmly nestling in their watery bed, and now rushing on and on to victory.

There are several summer resorts within a short ride from Trenton, where her citizens or visitors may spend happy hours. Such are Twelve O'Clock Point Park and Presquile Point. To these the little steamers ply back and forth daily, carrying their joyous passengers. Twelve O'Clock Point, at a distance of about a mile and a half from Trenton, is especially noted for its suitability as a camping place and picnic ground, and here may be seen a regular little summer colony. Gay little cottages have sprung up, interspersed with tents, and along the shore are brightly painted boats drawn up on the sand. The old and young alike disport themselves among the breakers, and grow brown and healthy, living close to Mother Nature. Nor do the summer inhabitants of the point lack for conveniences, for there are little stores and a first-class hotel, where can be obtained everything which could be

desired. Views of Twelve O'clock Point in summer time may be seen on page 64 of this volume.

But these pleasure haunts are not the only places where one can enjoy the summer days. There are numerous little sister towns round about Trenton, all easily accessible by train, boat or stage, and a trip to any one of these makes a pleasant day's occupation. Who would not delight in riding swiftly along through country fragrant with the scent of appleblossoms or of new-mown hay; past grazing cattle and quaint little farmhouses or bigger rural residences, around which may be seen little children at play; propelled by that great force unknown a hundred years ago, the locomotive; or, again, in passing by similar scenes in a comfortable auto or behind a spirited horse, which almost seemed to sympathize with you in your high spirits, called forth by the beauty of the day?

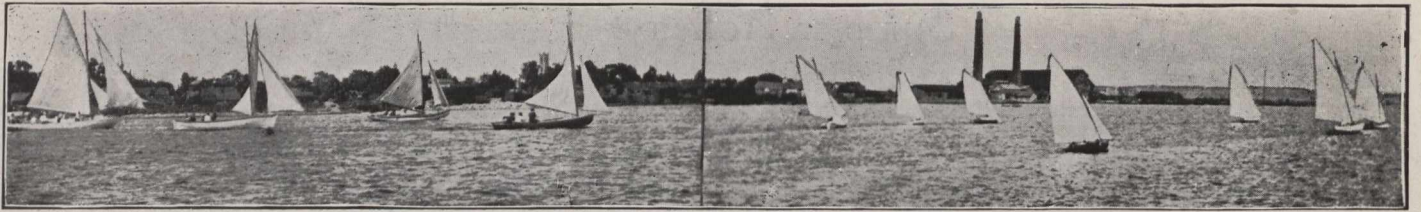
However, notwithstanding all the many attractions of the water, places of amusement, etc., there is a point in Trenton's favor which may be said to excel all others, and that is that, surrounded as it is by virgin forest, it offers unequalled advantages to the lover of the woods. There one may wander from early morn to dewy eve; pick the dainty wild flowers which grow in countless numbers; watch the insects, birds and other wild creatures as they work and play; listen to the tall pine trees as they whisper to one another; and, in short, surrounded by primeval things, grow happy and content. In nutting season the woods have an added allurements. Then the happy children gather their little store for the winter; those treasured hickory and hazel nuts, the cracking and eating of which form such pleasant pastime for the winter evenings.

In addition to being encompassed by woods, Trenton has grown up around a mountain; a natural park, the value of which seems only now to be realized. From the summit of this mountain one can obtain a magnificent view; the town nestling at its foot; the River Trent flowing gently onward until it loses itself in the deep waters of the Bay of Quinte; while in the distance gradually fade away the hills of the surrounding plateau. Indeed, the charm of Trenton and vicinity for a summer vacation is inviting to young and old.

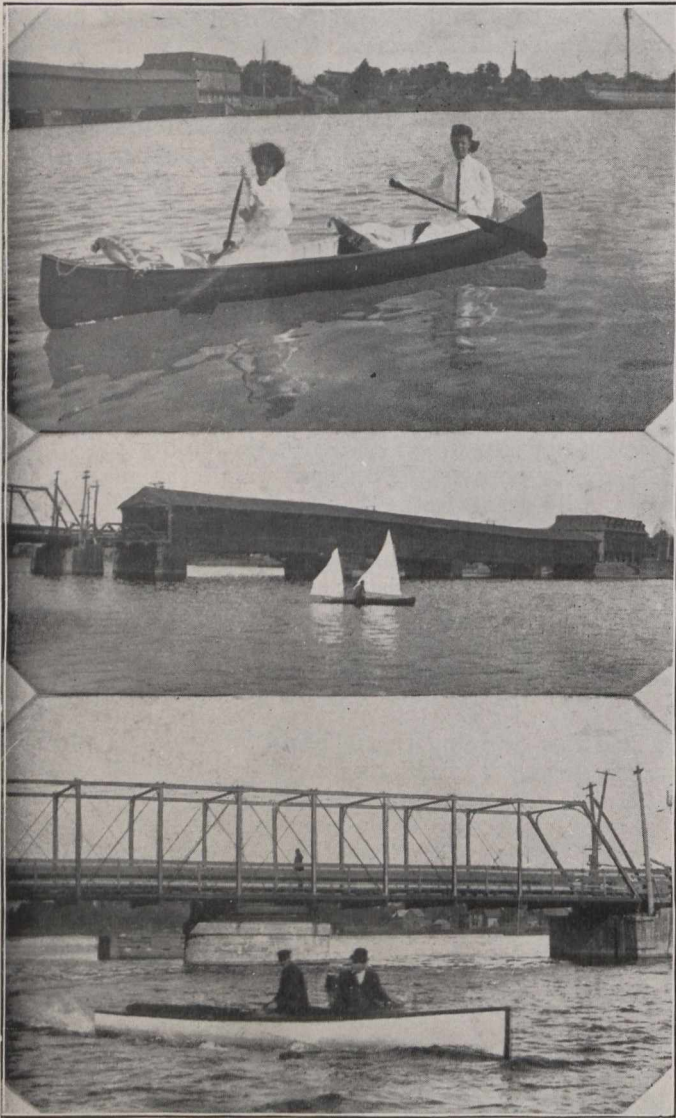


A Pretty Road Near Trenton.





A Regatta on Trenton's Bay.

Showing Trenton's Old Bridge: East End at Top,  
West End at Bottom

## Boating on the Bay

Yachting on the Bay is growing more popular every year in Trenton. Blessed with a beautiful bay and as a rule a balmy zephyr, yachting has once more drawn to the front, and during the summer months many a white-winged sailing craft may be seen dotting its clear waters. For many years after the decay of the "Surprise," a very fast and successful racer, yachting was not indulged in to any great extent, the sole occupant, indeed, being the Odie, built in days of yore by the son of the celebrated late Alick Cuthbut. Some years ago the fleet was enlarged by the addition of the Gipsy, the Uno, and one or two catboats. A series of Wednesday afternoon races enthused others to become the happy possessors of racing crafts and joining in that cleanest of all clean sports, till now the Trenton fleet numbers some sixteen, amongst which is the trim racing craft, Little Nell, owned till very recently by Mr. M. Gooderham, whose skilled hand steered her to 17 victories out of 19 races in 1906. In 1907 she showed her heels to all the fleet and came out an easy winner. In 1905 and 1906 the honor fell to the lot of the Alma and Valkyrie, while the year previous the Gipsy ruled the waves of Trenton's bay. Many motor boats have been added of late, and the bay, once desolate, alone and deserted, is now alive with puff-puffs, its sails, canoes and punts. A regatta open to all Bay of Quinte Yacht Clubs is an annual event. Speaking of boats, perhaps one of the most noticeable changes is the amount of interest taken in water sports by Trentonians. Now the bay is always studded with sails, and the sound of the chug chug of the motor boat is seldom stilled during the summer months, while a few years ago scarcely a boat was ever to be seen.



Out for the Afternoon.



# Some of Trenton's Beautiful Homes



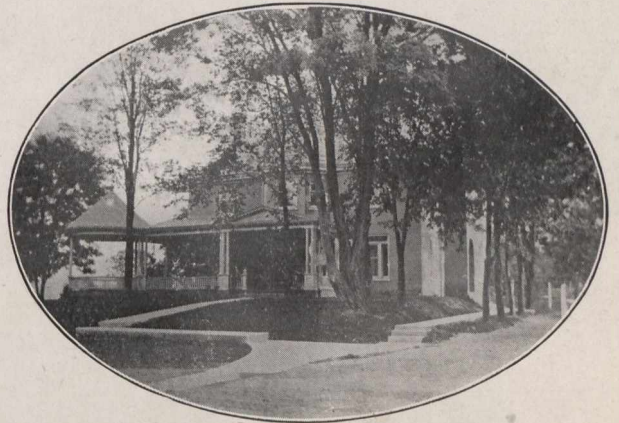
Residence of Mayor Funnell.



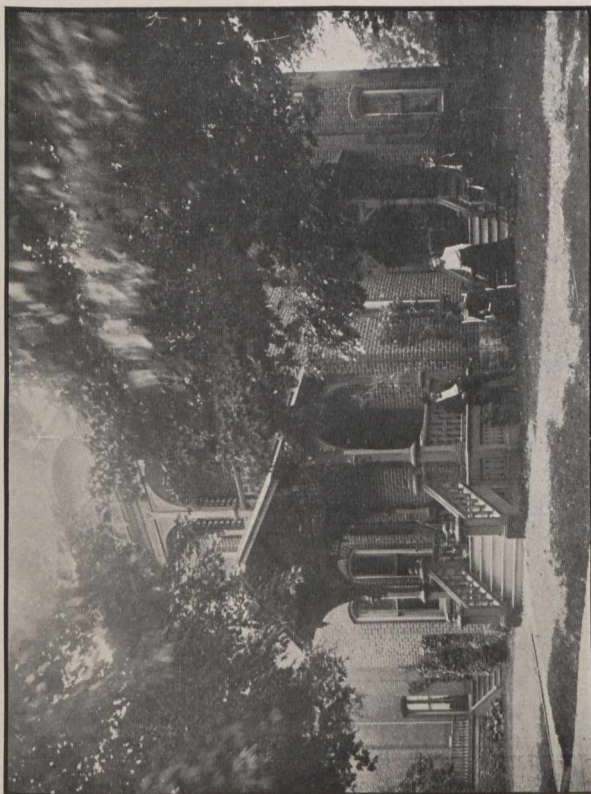
Residence of Mr. R. M. Mowat.



Residence of Dr. Jaques.



Residence of Dr. F. J. Farley.

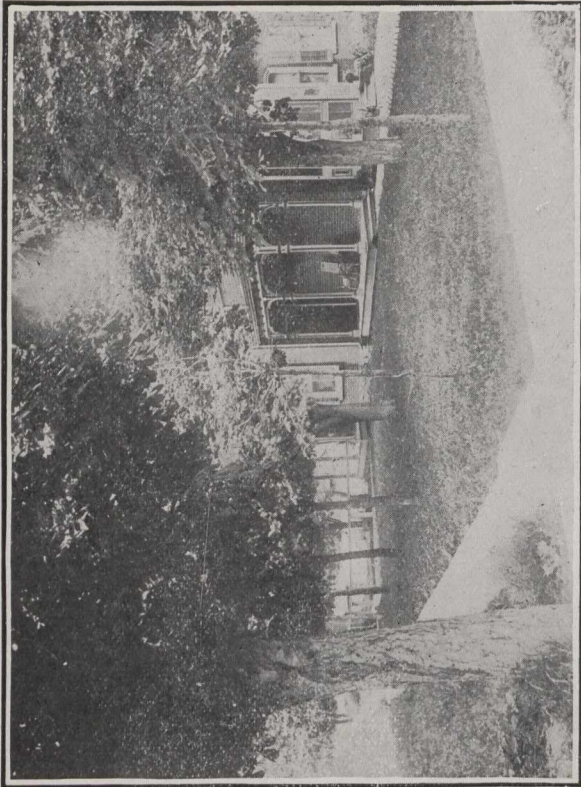


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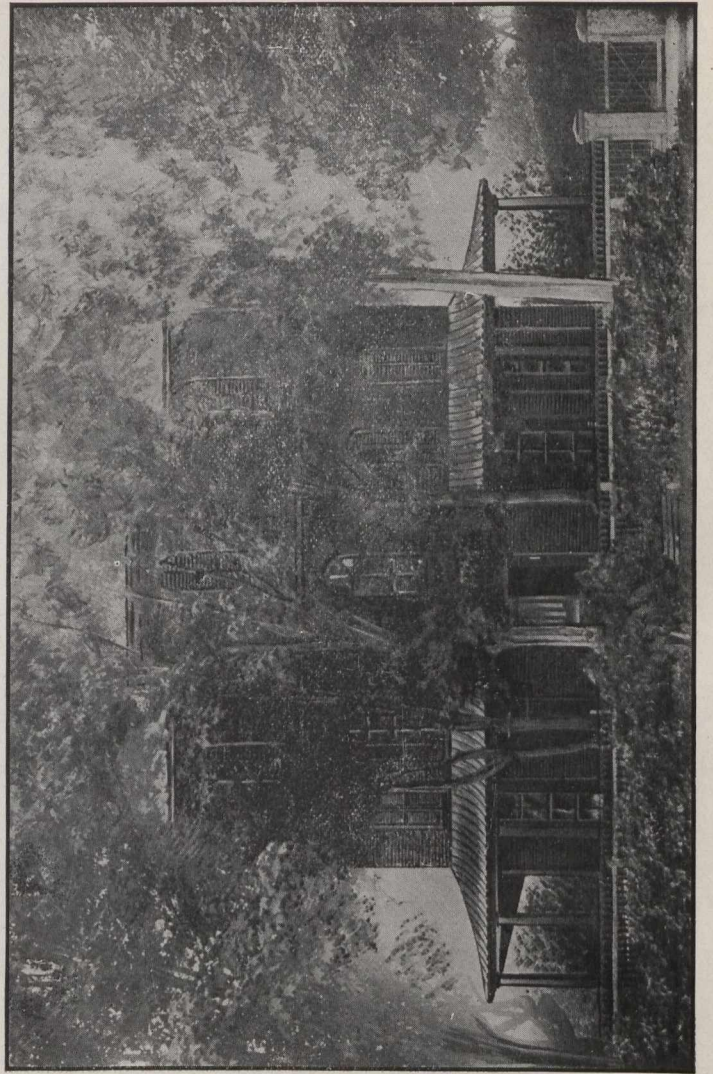


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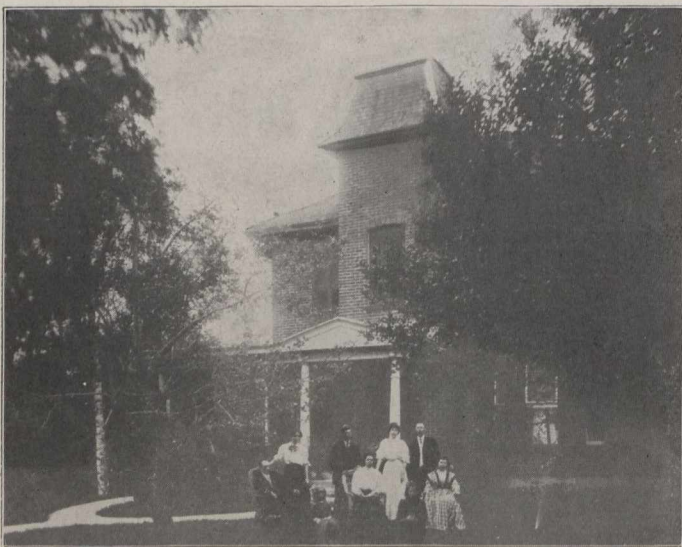




Residence of Mr. F. Abbott.



“Prospect House,” Residence of Mr. M. W. Murdoff.



Residence of Mr. H. A. Thomson  
Former Home of Ex-Mayor A. W. Hawley, who  
is seen in photograph with his family  
and some visitors



Residence of Mr. Robert Weddell.





JESSE FUNNELL, ESQ., MAYOR OF TRENTON, 1912.

His Worship has been Chief Magistrate of Trenton seven years, at five different municipal elections being elected by acclamation, and at the other two by good majorities. He also served on two previous occasions as Councillor.



# Municipal Council and Officials

See also pages 35, 47 and 48.

## Trenton Council, 1913

Mayor—Dr. E. Kidd

Council—B. W. Powers, J. H. Dickey, R. A. Lewis, R. H. Spencer, H. Curry, W. H. Waldorf.

Clerk—G. W. Ostrom

### JESSE FUNNELL.

To serve any town of the importance of Trenton as its Mayor for seven years is no small distinction, and the honor conferred upon Mr. J. Funnell, Trenton's Mayor, during so many years, mostly by acclamation, by the citizens of the town, is indeed a marked expression of the esteem he is held in by his fellow citizens. Still, while they have been so frequently and so emphatically bestowed upon their Chief Magistrate, the valued services rendered by him to Trenton have merited all the kindly manifestations of confidence repeatedly accorded him at the municipal elections. Not only has he given freely of his time in the promotion and advancement of the interests of the town presided over by him, but his business ability has added considerably to the progress Trenton has made during the past few years.

In 1886 he was elected a Town Councillor, but, owing to his large business interests demanding his entire time, he declined nomination again until 1901, when he received a larger vote than was ever given for the same office. He was elected Mayor by acclamation in 1902 and 1903, and by popular vote in 1904. Again in 1908 and 1909 he was elected by acclamation. In 1910 he was not a candidate, but was elected in a contest in 1911, and in 1912 again by acclamation. He contested West Hastings for the House of Commons some years ago, and proved a strong candidate.

Mayor Funnell is the eldest son of the late Jesse Funnell, and grandson of Thomas Funnell, who came to Canada in 1832, settling at Kingston. He was born in Portsmouth, but came to Trenton in 1881, starting in business as a dealer in coal, wood, hides, tallow and wool, in which he has been very successful. From a comparatively small beginning his business became one of the most important in the district. His warehouse has held great quantities of hides and wool at different times.

### P. J. O'ROURKE.

Councillor P. J. O'Rourke has spent fifty odd years of his life in Trenton, much of which he has cheerfully devoted to the advancement of the various interests of his native town, and it is therefore not surprising that he should know Trenton's municipal affairs perhaps better than any other man. With him municipal matters are an interesting study. He has been a member of the Town Council for twenty odd years, having represented the people as both Mayor and Councillor, being Chief Magistrate in 1890, and serving continuously, excepting the year in which he was married, and the year 1910, when he was not a candidate. He was also a member of the Board of Education for about fifteen years, being also an ex-chairman of the board, and was a member of the Separate School Board and its secretary-treasurer for over twenty-five years. He has been a member of the Board of Health of which he was a chairman. He was also a License Commissioner for six years, and was chairman of that board for one year. Ex-Mayor O'Rourke is a Trentonian who has always held decidedly optimistic views as to the future of his town. Like his brother, the present Police Magistrate of the town, he started out to study law, but he drifted into the publishing business and has been publisher of the Trenton Advocate for nearly twenty years. He, however, became a member of the Law Society of Ontario, and had the degree of B.A. conferred upon him by the Ottawa University. He has been secretary of the Trenton Liberal-Conservative Association, and also president of the West Hastings Liberal-Conservative Association. Having been so long identified with public life and being a good public speaker, it is quite probable that his career will close with even greater honors, as his genial qual-



P. J. O'ROURKE

## Board of Education, 1912

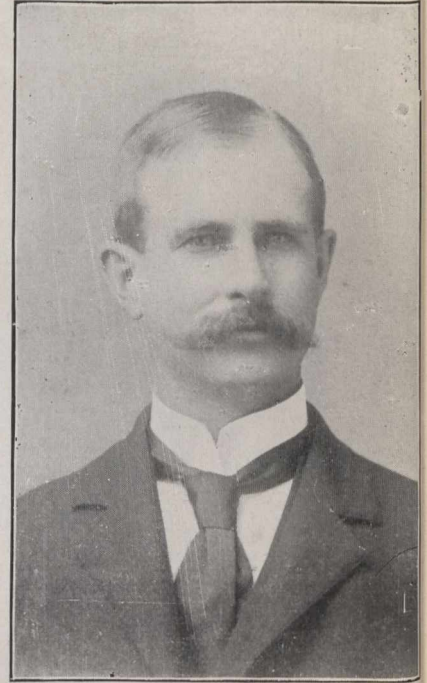
Rev. F. W. Armstrong, Chairman; Geo. F. Auger, A. Abbott, R. M. Foster, W. H. Gill, T. Goodsell, J. Harry, L. W. Hyde, S. B. McClung, H. E. Mayhew, C. B. Meyers, J. D. Rowe, J. V. White, Rev. W. T. Wilkins, S. J. Young.

ities have found popularity on all sides. Capable of a broad vision extending beyond the confines of a municipality, and familiar with provincial and national affairs as well as civic problems, he has never allowed himself to follow the "narrow rut." Personally, Mr. O'Rourke is gifted in many respects. His real estate holding in Trenton include a beautiful home overlooking the bay. His wife is the eldest daughter of the late J. D. Macaulay, one of Trenton's earliest citizens, who carried on an extensive grain business. He is a consistent member of the R. C. Church, a member of the C.M.B.A., Knights of Columbus.

His eldest son, H. L. O'Rourke, B.A., is practising law in Toronto.

### O. E. FORTUNE.

Councillor O. E. Fortune was first elected six years ago and was honored again in being returned a year ago, with the other members of the Council by acclamation. He was looked upon at first as being a desirable representative of the citizens, and his service in their interests at the council board has fully justified this belief. He quickly acquired a thorough grasp of the municipal affairs of the town and its general welfare has always been uppermost in his mind. Councillor Fortune is the right calibre of man to represent the people at the present important stage of the town's career; a man of progressive ideas, broad in his vision, able to focus the entire situation, above petty village harpings, yet careful of all details, and of the highest integrity. What better qualities could a town Councillor possess? Nothing would be more natural than that there should be even greater honors in store for such a man than serving his native town as a Town Councillor. Being a liberal, he has been prominently identified with the Reform interests of Trenton. Mr. Fortune is in the prime of life, having been born here forty-five years ago, his father being one of the oldest residents of the town, coming to Trenton in its early lumbering days from Quebec. He was educated in the home schools, after which he entered the employ of Gilmour Co., with whom he held responsible positions, until the firm of which he is now a member was formed to take over the lumber business of the old concern. Messrs. Gill and Fortune are now carrying on an extensive business. Mr. Fortune



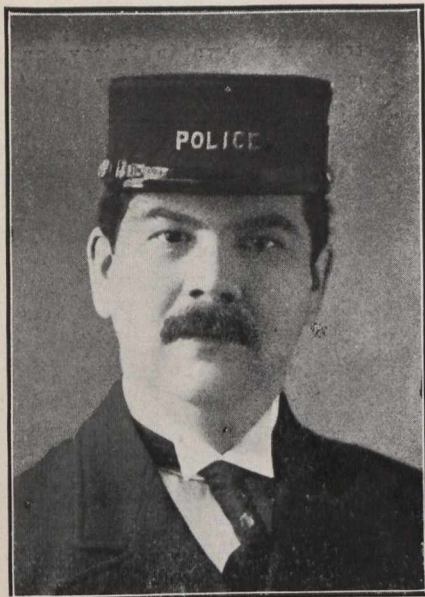
E. T. MARSH

who is a member of the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains, was a member of the Separate School Board for several years and President of the local branch of the C. M. B. A. for several years. He is also a member of the Belleville branch of the Knights of Columbus.



O. E. FORTUNE

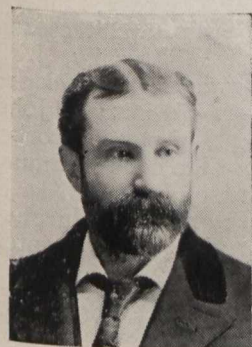




MR. MOFFAT  
Chief of Police

TRENTON'S POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Trenton's Police Magistrate, Mr. T. A. O'Rourke, who was appointed in 1901, and whose familiar features and genial face may be recognized on this page, is a well-known Trentonian of native birth and Irish descent. His educational attainments, legal reputation and kindly disposition are an influence in the town. As Police Magistrate he adds dignity to the bench and justice is administered so that law and order prevail in the community. Mr. O'Rourke is an honor graduate of Toronto University, where he obtained his degree of B.A. He obtained first-class honors at Trinity University, Toronto, with the degree of B.C.L. He is also an honor graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, where he had the degree of LL.B. conferred on him honoris causa. In his examination for Barrister-at-law he stood second on the list. Mr. O'Rourke was for several years a member of the Trenton Board of Education. Mr. O'Rourke is a consistent member of the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains.



A. ABBOTT, B.A.,  
Town Solicitor

A. ABBOTT, B.A.  
Mr. A. Abbott, B.A., barrister-at-law, is a well-known and popular citizen of Trenton. He is a native of the adjacent township of Murray, and received his education in the schools here, subsequently graduating with a degree of B. A. from Toronto University. He practised law in Toronto for a couple of years, after which he returned to Trenton, and has since followed his profession here. In politics he has always evinced a keen interest, being at the present time an officer of the Trenton Conservative Association. As an organizer, he possesses abil-

T. J. ARTHUR.

One of the members of Trenton's Town Council, elected by acclamation at last year's municipal elections, is Councillor T. J. Arthur, who has lived in Trenton since he retired, and purchased a home in Trenton, where he has since acquired other properties. Mr. Arthur is possessed of considerable business ability. Several of his daughters have graduated from the university, and two are at present engaged in teaching. The Arthur family is one of the oldest in Prince Edward County, where Councillor Arthur was engaged in farming until he moved to Trenton some years ago.

J. SANSOM.

Councillor John Sansom has lived in Trenton for a number of years, being a builder and contractor. He was elected at the 1912 municipal elections by acclamation and has proved a good Councillor.



T. A. O'ROURKE, LL.B.  
Police Magistrate



J. W. DELANEY  
Town Treasurer

E. T. MARSH.

Councillor E. T. Marsh is one of Trenton's leading merchants, carrying on an extensive business in groceries, provisions and feed. He has always evinced a keen interest in the affairs and the advancement of the town. He has been a valued member of the Town Council for several years. He is a Liberal in politics and a member of the Masonic order.

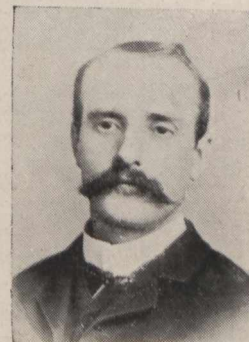
J. G. SQUIER.

Mr. J. G. Squier is at present collector of taxes for the town. He has been a well-known and much-respected citizen in the community for a considerable number of years, having been engaged in the grain business. For twenty-two years he was a member of the Trenton fire brigade, being captain for fifteen years and its chief for seven years. He served as a License Commissioner for West Hastings for ten years. He is a Liberal in politics, and a member of the A. F. & A. M. and A.O. U.W.

ity that counts for much. His literary talents are appreciated by many, and there are few residents of the town more conversant with literature. He is solicitor for the municipality, and a license commissioner.

H. CURRY.

Councillor Henry Curry was elected a member of the Town Council at the municipal elections of 1912, by acclamation, and has devoted considerable time to advancing the interests of Trenton this year. He was a farmer in the adjacent township and moved into the town several years ago.



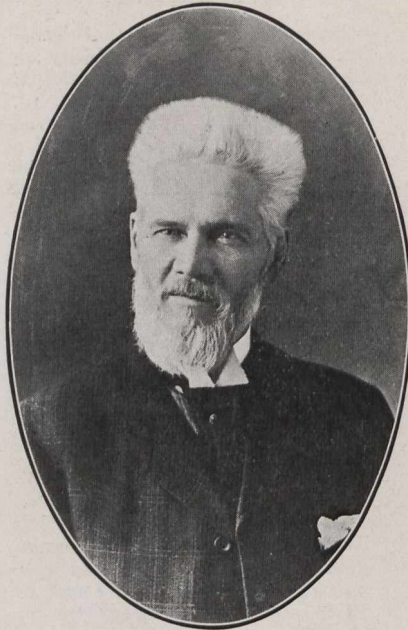
Ex-Mayor A. W. HAWLEY  
From an early photograph



G. W. OSTROM, EX-M.P.P.

No citizen of Trenton is better known and more highly respected than Mr. Gilbert W. Ostrom, Trenton's Town Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Trenton Board of Education, two offices he has filled most acceptably for a considerable number of years. In his earlier days, he was Mayor of Trenton. That was in 1886, and four years previous to that he was Reeve. He was also honored in being elected a member of the Legislature for West Hastings. By profession, Mr. Ostrom is a Barrister-at-Law. Personally he is a gentleman of many excellent qualities and has always been considered one of the best public speakers on most any subject in the county. He is a Conservative in politics, and a Presbyterian in religion, and also a mason.

Paul Ostrom was the son of John Ostrom, one of the sixty-seven original freeholders of Dutchess County. Two of his grandsons, John Jacob and Gilbert Ostrom, came about 1790 and located at Trent Port at the head of the Bay of Quinte. John Jacob was a veterinary surgeon and a man of some means. Both of these men returned to New York.



G. W. OSTRAM, EX-M.P.P.  
Town Clerk  
and Sec.-Treas. Board of Education

John Jacob was a bachelor and died at Rhinbeck, on the Hudson; Gilbert returned to Canada in 1800 and lived near Port Trent for some years, and then located in Sidney. He had three sons and three daughters, namely, Gilbert, Luke and John, and Sarah, Catharine Auley and Rebecca, some of

whom married and left descendants. Luke married Nancy Duxtator, John died a bachelor, Gilbert married Hannah Lawrence of the Sidney pioneer family, and raised a family of six sons and three daughters, all of whom are now deceased, but left numerous descendants.

One of the sons, Sylvester Ostrom, was born in Sidney, and married at Belleville Margaret A. Frett, who emigrated from Montgomery County, New York, with her brother, the late Dr. Frett of Stouffville. He had a woolen mill in Belleville for many years, and resided there until his death in 1883 at the age of seventy-five. His widow, who, at nearly one hundred years of age, bright and sound of mind and memory, but with a frail body, lived with her son, Gilbert W. Ostrom, at Trenton, until her death a few years ago.

Sylvester had four sons and two daughters; both of the daughters are dead, and one son died in infancy. One of the three sons living is Gilbert W. Ostrom, barrister. He is quite familiar with the family history, and having some taste for such matters has gathered together and sifted the family traditions, records and other sources of authority; he has some curious heirlooms given to him by his grandfather, including a number of five and ten dollar bank bills brought to Canada after a visit to the Ostroms in Poughkeepsie.

WHEN SOME OF TRENTON'S OLDER CITIZENS PASSED AWAY.

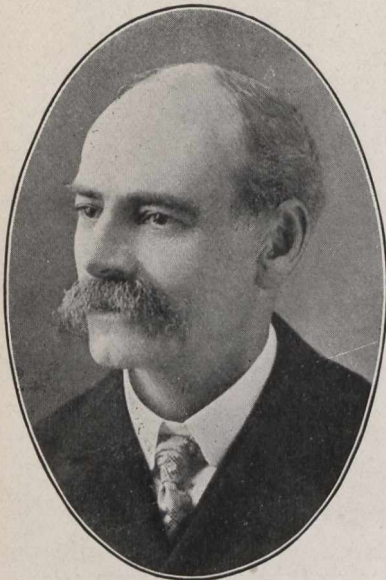
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Louis Cruickshank.....	Sept. 27, 1898
Terrance McCabe.....	Nov. 22, 1898
D. R. Murphy.....	Aug. 5, 1901
T. H. James.....	Dec. 27, 1901
James Crowe.....	Mar. 3, 1902
J. W. Cunningham.....	April 17, 1902
G. H. Gordon.....	April 21, 1902
O. H. Bonter.....	Dec. 21, 1902
Dr. H. W. Day.....	Jan. 11, 1903
Robert Sansom.....	Feb. 7, 1903
Alfonse Parent.....	Feb. 9, 1903
P. Neurefic.....	Sept. 17, 1903
George Young, M.A.....	Nov. 11, 1903
Angus Urquhart.....	Jan. 18, 1904
Jesse Funnell, Sr.....	Jan. 27, 1904
Adolphus Filion.....	June 7, 1904
S. J. Cooley.....	Aug. 24, 1904
Rev. Father Twohey.....	Oct. 25, 1904
Anson J. Raymond.....	Dec. 10, 1904
James A. Delaney.....	Mar. 22, 1905
H. W. Delaney.....	Mar. 23, 1905
S. L. Mayhew.....	Oct. 10, 1905
D. E. Clarke.....	Nov. 1, 1905
W. H. Austin.....	Mar. 2, 1906
James Richardson.....	June 10, 1906
John D. Macaulay.....	July 18, 1906
Alonzo Flindall.....	1906

Name	Date of Death
Dennis Macaulay.....	Sept. 12, 1906
F. J. McGuire.....	Sept. 17, 1906
S. S. Bonter.....	Oct. 26, 1906
Dr. A. R. McDonald.....	Dec. 28, 1906
T. H. Coleman.....	Mar. 18, 1911

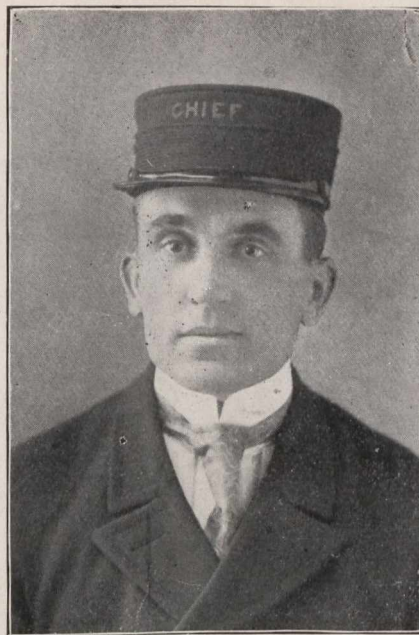
IN 1851.

An old directory gives the names of some of Trenton's business men in 1851. Among those given were: Geo. E. Bull, general merchant; J. Cummings, general merchant and postmaster; Jacob Ford, hotel; George Francis, general merchant; A. D. C. Hawley, druggist; Henry S. Hubbell, barrister; W. G. Macaulay, general merchant; Macaulay & Hodge, tanners; Adam H. Meyers, barrister; Charles Meyers, architect and builder; D. R. Murphy, lawyer; John V. Murphy, J.P.; James Robinson, barrister; Jeremiah Simmons, town clerk; William Shea, tinsmith; Cyrus Weaver, distillery; John Weaver, hotelkeeper; G. W. Ranney, supt. of public works, River Trent; William Davis, collector of slide dues; Samuel Cooley, general merchant; Joseph Gothard, carpenter; Asa J. Hill, tanner; John Keller, blacksmith; Arthur Murphy, bailiff; Elijah W. Meyers, lumber; Henry Meyers, carpenter and builder; Charles Marsh, saddler; James Marsh, grocer; Rev. Wm. McMadden, R.C. Priest; Joseph S. Paterson, Prov. Land Surveyor; John Sayer, hotel-keeper; N. S. Rowe, carpenter and builder; Jacob Macaulay, merchant; Dennis Macaulay, tailor; Stephen Ostrom, innkeeper.





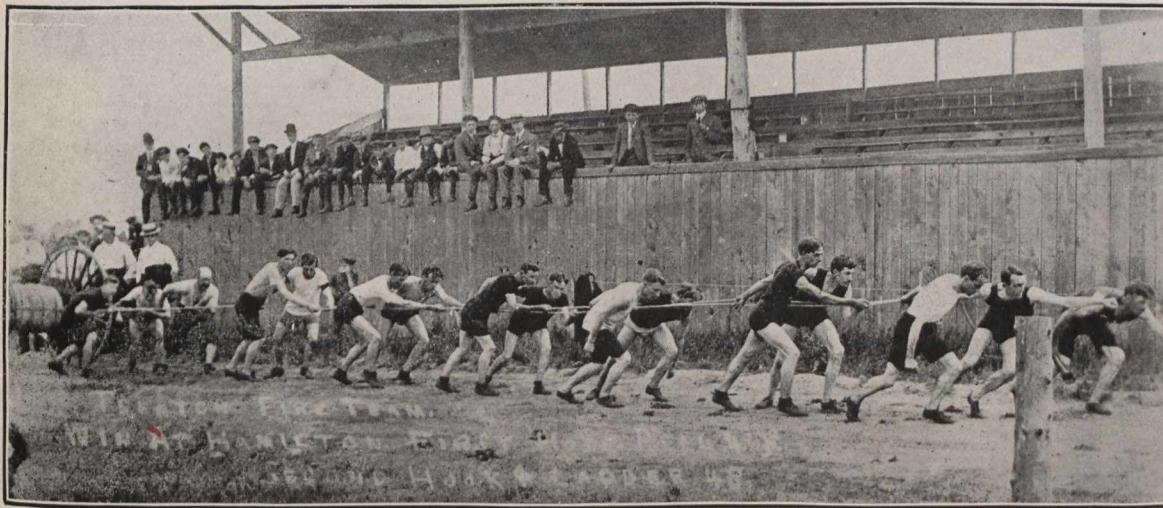
H. COLBOURN  
Chief of the Trenton Fire Brigade



G. NOLAN  
A former chief of the Brigade



WALTER SMITH  
A former chief of the Trenton Fire  
Brigade, and an ex-President of  
the Ontario Volunteer Fire-  
men's Association



Trenton Firemen, Winners of the Championship in the Hose Reel Race at Brockville in 1901

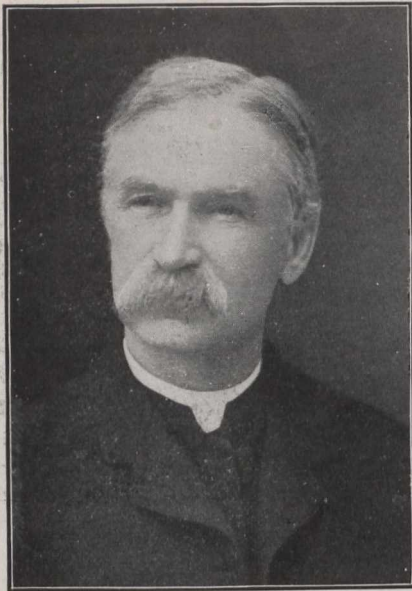


Trenton Firemen Ready for a Tournament.



Trenton Firemen and Citizens' Band.

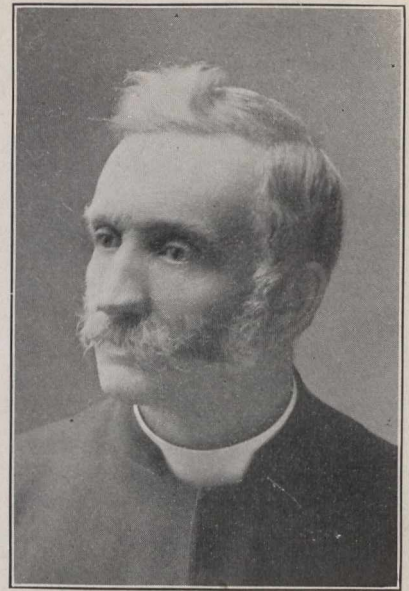




REV. W. T. WILKINS, B.A.



## TRENTON'S CHURCHES



REV. F. W. ARMSTRONG

### REV. W. T. WILKINS, B.A.

For nearly thirty years, Rev. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., has been prominently identified with the life and progress of Trenton taking a keen interest in all that has concerned the well being of the town. During most of that time he has been an active member of the Trenton Board of Education, being an ex-chairman of that body. It was in August 9th, 1883, that he was inducted as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, having accepted a call to Trenton a short time prior to that date. Rev. Mr. Wilkins has, however, been more to Trenton than a Presbyterian clergyman ministering to his congregation. With a clear conception of citizenship, public-spirited ideas he has always evinced a commendable interest in all that has pertained to the welfare of the town and its people; broad in vision, generous in impulse, kindly in disposition, and possessing a strong personality he is esteemed by all classes of the community. Few citizens of Trenton are more widely known

throughout the Dominion than the Rev. Mr. Wilkins. The interest he evinced in the Masonic Order and his recognized ability were the chief factors in the conferring upon him the honor of Grand Chaplain for Canada some few years ago, an office he filled with dignity and most acceptably. Four years ago, he was again honored outside of the local sphere in being elected by acclamation as Moderator of the Synod of Kingston and Toronto.

In 1891 Mr. Wilkins was appointed to the important office of clerk of the Presbytery of Kingston. His extensive experience and marked ability in deliberative bodies have always been recognized. He was born at St. John, N.B., 15th July, 1843, and graduated from the University of N. B. in 1863. He studied theology at Queen's College, Kingston, and at Princeton, N.J., and was ordained in 1866. He was Minister of St. Paul's Church Truro, N.S., for several years and afterwards of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, prior to his appointment at Trenton.

### REV. F. W. ARMSTRONG.

The rector of St. George's Church, Trenton, Rev. F. W. Armstrong, is no ordinary clergyman, for he finds time for many things in the interests and betterment of the community, other than his ecclesiastical duties, and if any priest was ever devoted to his parish and the welfare of his parishioners it is the rector of St. George's. Still he finds time to devote some attention to the education and other affairs of the town, being at present Chairman of the Trenton Board of Education. In the summer time, he might be found sailing a yacht on the bay, accompanied perhaps in the earlier days by one of his sons, and possibly competing in a regatta, or in the winter time he would probably be found frequently encouraging the boys in a game of hockey, and at one time the Trenton team numbered several of his sons as players. In much that would add to the enjoyment of the young people, and advance the welfare of the

community he has been active at all times.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1849, was educated at Uppingham and came to Canada in 1869. Studied at Toronto for Provincial Land Surveyor, which profession he practised in Orillia until the year 1885, when he was made deacon by the Bishop of Toronto in St. James' Cathedral. He was appointed Curate to the late Canon Bleasdel in Sept., 1885. He was ordained priest in May, 1886, in Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, by the Bishop of Ontario, and was regularly licensed to the curacy at Trenton. On the death of Canon Bleasdel in 1889, he was appointed Rector of Iroquois, though he never took up residence there. Canon White who had been appointed Rector of Trenton died suddenly shortly after his appointment and in the same year. Rev. F. W. Armstrong received the preferment as Rector of St. George's Church, Trenton. He was appointed Rural Dean of Prince Edward in 1901 by the present Bishop of Ontario

### St. George's Church

The history of St. George's Church is preserved in records now on file, and reveals many interesting facts.

Trenton was formerly an outstation of the Carrying Place, and was given occasional services by the Rev. Messrs. Greer, Rogers and Boillett, incumbents in turn of that mission from the year 1828 to 1845. During the latter's term an effort was made to erect a church here. Sheldon Hawley and the Rt. Rev. J. Strachan, Bishop of Toronto, gave generous and beneficent grants of money and land. In 1846 the building was completed, and in 1847 the Rev. Wm. Bleasdel was appointed its first rector, and regular church services and Sunday School were established. From 1848 to 1889 the church and parish were under the charge of the Rev. Wm. (afterwards Canon) Bleasdel, who was assisted by the following as curates at various periods: Rev. T. Stanton, M. G. Poole, H. Gilbert Parker (now Sir Gilbert), and the present rector, Rev. F. W. Armstrong, from 1885 to 1889. Canon

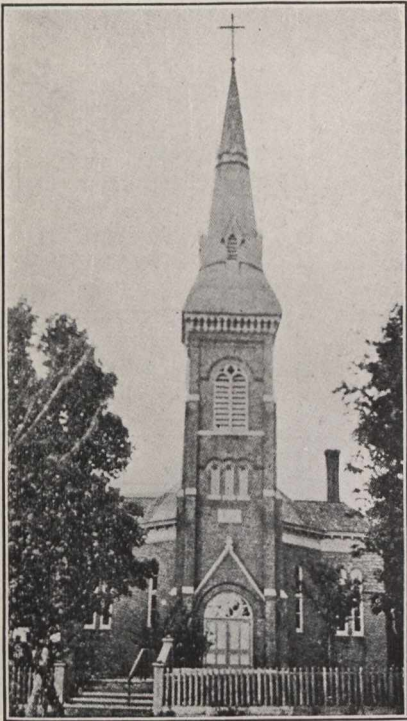
Bleasdel died on August 11th, 1889, and on November 14th, 1889, the present rector, Rev. F. W. Armstrong, Rural Dean of Prince Edward, was appointed.

The edifice has been enlarged three times, the last and principal one being made in 1889. It is considered to be now one of the best equipped and prettiest churches in the Diocese of Ontario.

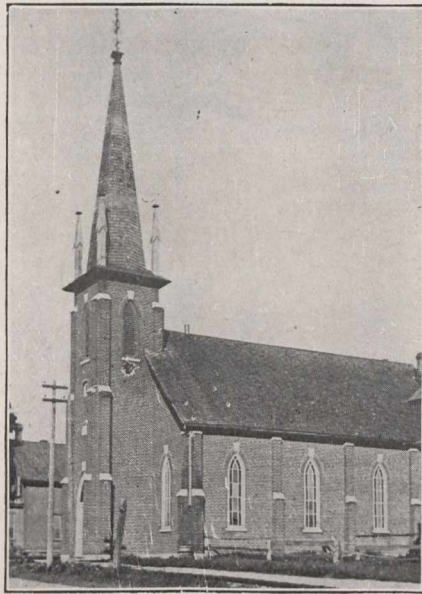
For some years St. George's Church was the only sacred edifice where religious services were held, and its old and pretty burying ground around the building itself contains the remains of most of the old inhabitants and of those who fell victims to the epidemic of 1862.

The erection of a rectory on the government grant of land on the west side of the river took place in 1854. Canterbury Hall was erected alongside of the rectory about the year 1883, and the rectory was rebuilt and enlarged in 1891.

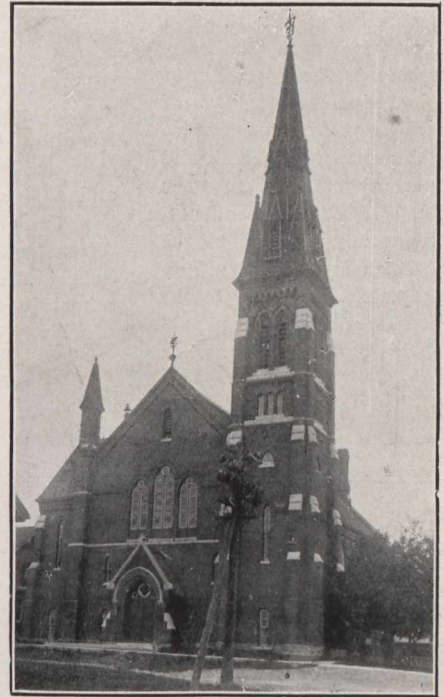




CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-CHAINS  
Rev. A. J. Connolly, P.P.



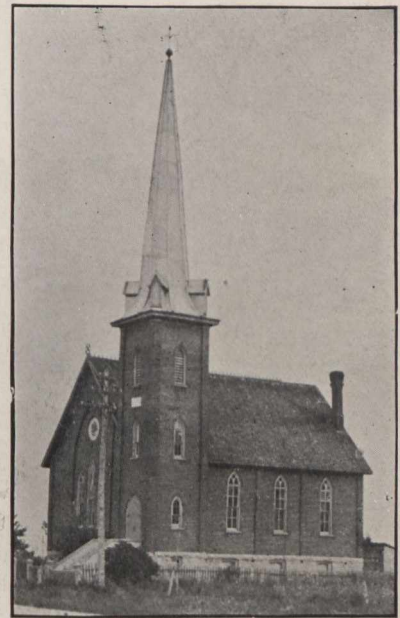
GRACE METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. W. A. Bunner, Pastor



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. W. P. Rodgers, Pastor



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH  
Rev. F. W. Armstrong, Rector



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Rev. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., Pastor



## MR. P. W. FAIRMAN.

The Principal of the Public School is Mr. P. W. Fairman, who was appointed to that position over fifteen years ago. Mr. Fairman was born in the Township of Huntingdon, in the County of Hastings, being of United Empire Loyalist descent, with Scotch and Irish parentage. After the American War of Independence, his grandparents removed to the Eastern Townships in the Province of Quebec, and later to the County of Hastings. His grandfather on his mother's side, when

only twelve years of age served in the War of 1812. Principal Fairman did not have all the advantages of early education enjoyed by some of his pupils of to-day, and did not pass his entrance examination to the High School until the age of twenty. He obtained a third-class certificate at Belleville High School and a second class certificate at the Campbellford High School. After attending the Normal School, Toronto, he secured a school in the second Concession of Sidney, where he remained for

a period of over twelve years, and until he was appointed Principal of the Trenton Public School. Such a record of teaching for so many years in only two schools speaks much for the recognized ability and fitness of Principal Fairman for his chosen profession. It is worthy of mention that during the first ten years Principal Fairman has taught in the Trenton School he has sent up 272 pupils for entrance for the High School and of these 248 were successful, or about 91 per cent., which is a

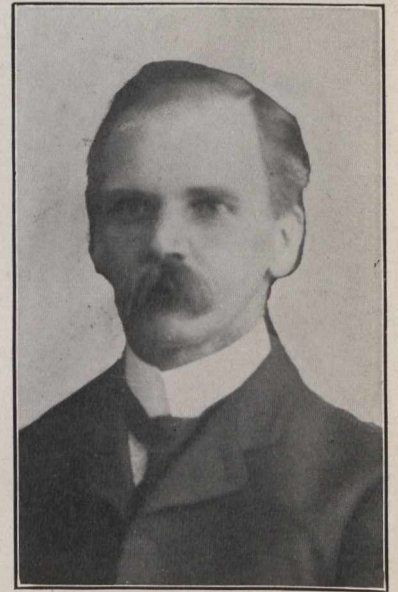
record as far as is known unequaled in the Province. What better evidence of successful teaching could be found? As a citizen Mr. Fairman has been ready at all times to promote the good of the community and lend his efforts to any worthy cause. Since coming to Trenton he has been identified with the King St. Methodist Church, where he has rendered excellent service in various official capacities and he is looked upon as one of its most useful and consistent members. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.



P. W. FAIRMAN  
Principal Public Schools

## ROBERT WHYTE B.A.

Trenton is very fortunate in having as principal of the High School one so well fitted for the important position as Mr. Robert Whyte, B.A. whose training and ability combine to make him a successful teacher and principal. The Trenton High School has maintained its high standard during the past few years under his direction. Mr. Whyte was previously principal of the Deseronto High School. He married Miss Crews, a former teacher in Trenton Public Schools.



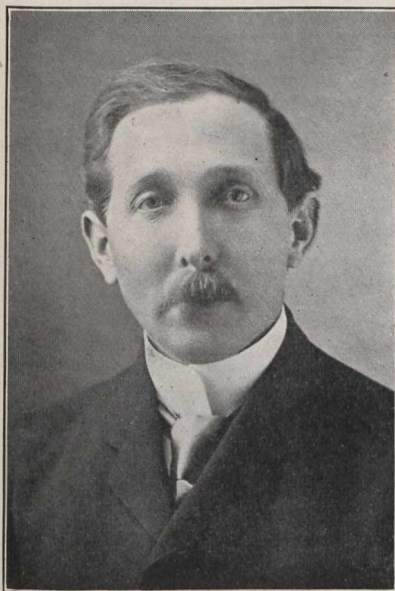
ROBERT WHYTE, B.A.  
Principal, High School



Trenton High and Public School.



## Banks and Bankers of Trenton



B. H. SIDDALL  
Manager Bank of Montreal



E. V. ILLSEY  
Manager Standard Bank



H. A. THOMSON  
Manager Molson Bank

## BANKS SINCE 1877.

The evolution of Trenton is no more marked than in connection with the banking facilities of the town. In 1877 the Trenton branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which had served the business and farming interests of the town and vicinity for some time, was removed to Belleville, and for a year Trenton was without any banking accommodation. Contrast this with the present convenience of three chartered banks. Conditions have certainly greatly improved in this respect in recent years. In 1880 the late J. H. Stewart came to Trenton and commenced a private banking business, which he carried on until his death in 1910. In October of 1880 the Molsons Bank opened a branch in Trenton, and in 1903 moved into its present quarters. Mr. R. Fraser was its first manager, Mr. H. B. Wilson, who succeeded later as manager, being then accountant. The late C. A. Pipon succeeded Mr. Fraser, and afterwards Mr. Wilson became manager, and following him came:—J. E. Fidler, T. B. Phefoe, J. H. Campbell, H. Lockwood, T. A. G. Gordon and H. A. Thomson, the present manager. It should also be mentioned that S. Graham, J. A. Little—now manager at Port Arthur—W. S. Naylor, H. H. Gilmour, A. Jones and A. D. MacIntyre, have been accountants at the Molsons Bank here in succession. No further change occurred in Trenton's banking institutions until the Trenton branch of the Ontario Bank was opened in 1903, with Mr. B. H. Siddall as manager. The next important change was when the Bank of Montreal took over the Ontario Bank in October, 1906, Mr. Siddall remaining as local manager. In 1910 its present new building was erected. In 1907 the Farmers Bank opened its branch in Trenton. In 1911 the Standard Bank opened a branch in the former Farmers Bank premises, under the management of Mr. E. V. Illsey. The magnificent buildings occupied by the three banks, and erected within the past few years, all serve to mark the substantial growth of Trenton.

## THE MOLSONS BANK.

No account of Trenton's progress would be complete without due mention of the Molsons Bank, which has been identified in no small way with the history of the town for more than a quarter of a century. It is a favorable sign when such a bank decides on opening a branch in a town, as they do not generally locate in places that are not likely to become good business centres. The Molsons Bank, however, made no mistake in opening a branch here, as the Trenton business transacted has more than proved the wisdom of the directors' de-

cision a score and ten years ago. The best proof of the business interests of the community being well cared for in a financial way by the Molsons Bank is in the fact that the one bank sufficed for so many years, while many places of much less size had two and even three chartered banks. No bank occupies a more prominent place in the Dominion, and few are on a stronger financial basis than this well-known monetary corporation. It is one of the oldest banking institutions in Canada. The head office is in Montreal. It was incorporated as far back as 1855 by members of the Molson family, who were at that time numbered among the merchant princes of Canada, and their representatives have ever since exercised a strong influence in guiding the destinies of this institution. Its policy has always been to extend to its patrons the most liberal treatment consistent with sound banking principles, and at the same time to encourage commercial expansion. From its inauguration it has adapted itself to extension of the area of Canadian business.

## THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

To have a branch of the oldest—and it might be said the strongest, for it is first on the list of Canadian chartered banks—banking institutions of Canada located in any town means much to the general prosperity of the community. Therefore, when the Bank of Montreal, with its well-known financial standing, replaced the old Ontario Bank in Trenton at the time of its being absorbed by the former, the people of Trenton accepted the change with satisfaction. With the additional advantages of a bank of the standing and capital of the Bank of Montreal, and the greater prosperity the community is enjoying, the bank's business has continued to grow. It is a very fortunate thing for any town to have an institution of the financial standing of the Bank of Montreal identified with it. Dating back to 1817, when it was established in Montreal, in days when Canada was nearly a century younger, it has grown to occupy a leading position among Canadian banks, and, in a sense, is to Canada what the Bank of England is to the Old Country.

## STANDARD BANK.

About three years ago the Standard Bank opened a branch in Trenton, acquiring the fine building erected by the Farmers' Bank. Since the opening of the branch Mr. E. V. Illsey has been local manager.





Bank of Montreal

MAIN STREET

Post Office

#### H. A. THOMSON.

Mr. H. A. Thomson, manager of Molsons Bank, has been in charge of the bank's Trenton branch for five years. In that time he has acquired a thorough grasp of the bank's extensive interests centred in Trenton, which, on account of waterpower matters, included more than the ordinary affairs of the bank. He has won a place in the business circle of the town which would have taken many men years to attain. His quiet, unassuming manner and courteous treatment at all times, behind which can be discerned keenness and firmness in the discharge of his official duties, are quickly recognized. Mr. Thomson had, however, gained a reputation as a banker of considerable ability prior to his promotion to the management of the Trenton agency. His work at Ridgetown, where he had charge of the bank's branch for fifteen years, furnished ample proof of his special fitness for the important position he is now filling. When Mr.

Thomson first entered the service of the Molsons Bank, at its head office in Montreal, years ago, he was fully determined by close application to his duties to win the confidence of the officials in command, and he has had a highly creditable career, being promoted from time to time in recognition of his ability and sterling qualities. Mr. Thomson's effective work as secretary of the Trenton Board of Trade has contributed largely towards turning the tide in the direction of Trenton's prosperity, and the citizens have good cause for appreciation of the valued services he has rendered the town.

#### B. H. SIDDALL.

The success of a bank not only depends on its standing, but very much is dependent upon the man under whose supervision the bank's business is conducted. A bank manager who thoroughly understands the pulse of the business world in which his bank is

doing business not only adds prosperity to his surroundings, but acts as a physician to stimulate the community. Mr. B. H. Siddall, the local manager of the Trenton branch, has now been a resident of Trenton about ten years, and in that time he has become thoroughly conversant with the affairs of the town, and is familiar with local conditions, and acquired the reputation of being a banker of the right calibre. That he should have been the manager sent here when the new branch was opened was a most fortunate thing for Trenton, for, although it was an opportune time for another bank, yet a less capable man might have failed to have achieved the success which has marked Mr. Siddall's management. Indeed, it is generally admitted that in his own prudent way he saved the town from what would otherwise have been a serious time for some. Much credit is due to Mr. Siddall for the successful policy he has always pursued. He has

made many friends since his arrival, and is respected by all classes of the community. He is a gentleman possessing many qualities that fit him for the important position of bank manager, and the efficiency of the Trenton branch of the Bank of Montreal is the best evidence of this fact. Mr. Siddall was engaged in banking about thirteen years before coming to Trenton, having first entered service at Whitby, where he became teller. Subsequently he filled the position of accountant at Lindsay and Cornwall. Much might be said concerning Mr. Siddall's fine personality, methodical ways, keen business insight, and the commendable interest he has evinced at all times in the welfare of the community, but it is scarcely necessary to enlarge upon these well-known facts. No better compliment could be paid Mr. Siddall than the continually increasing business which has steadily grown to its present extent under his management.





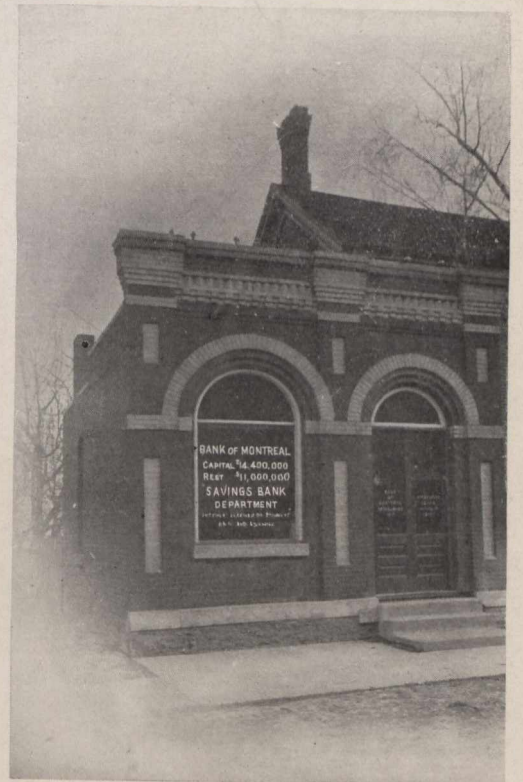
Molsons Bank, Trenton.



Standard Bank, Trenton



TEMPLE BUILDING.

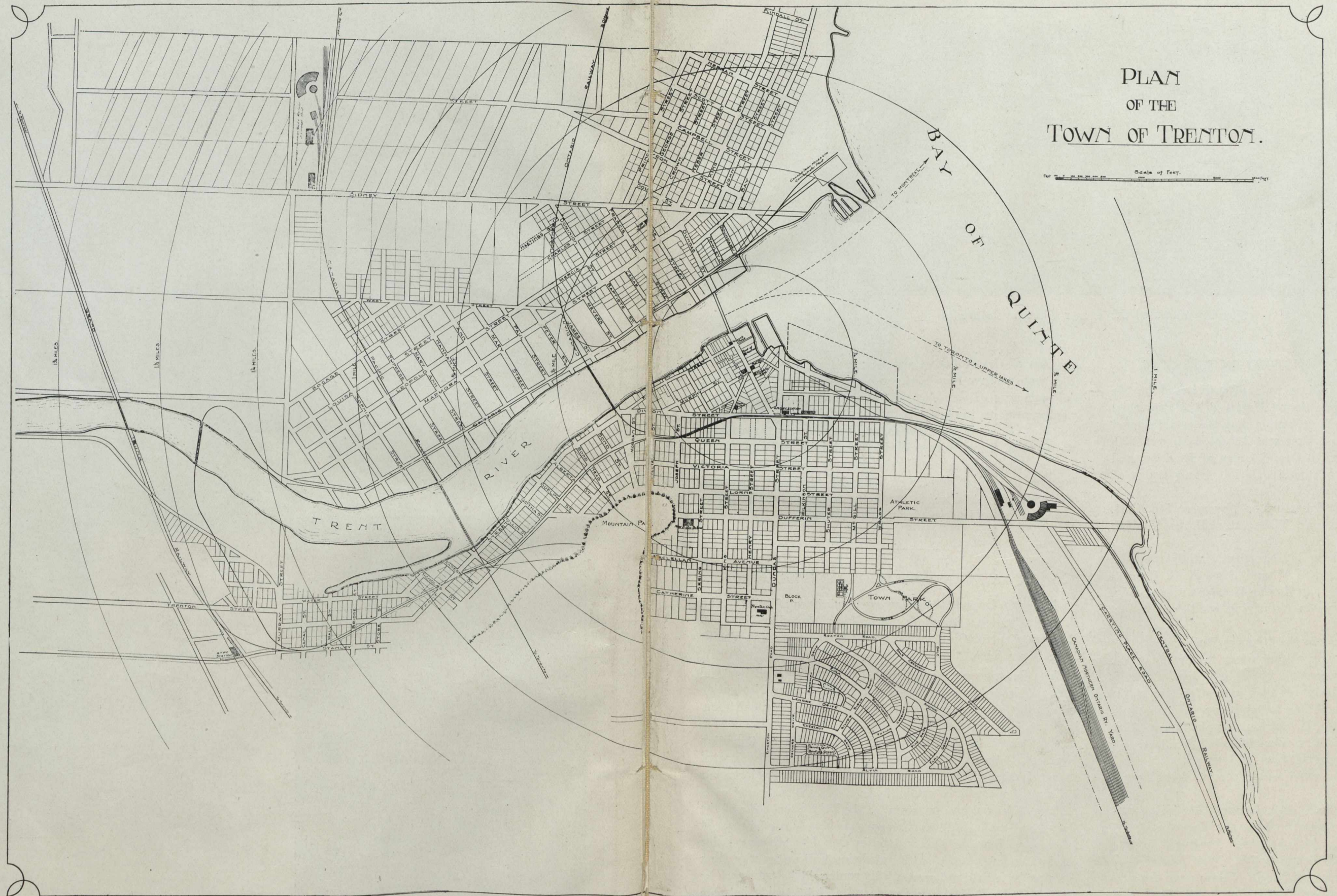


This old building was formerly occupied by the Molsons Bank, the Ontario Bank, and lastly by the Bank of Montreal, before its new building was erected.



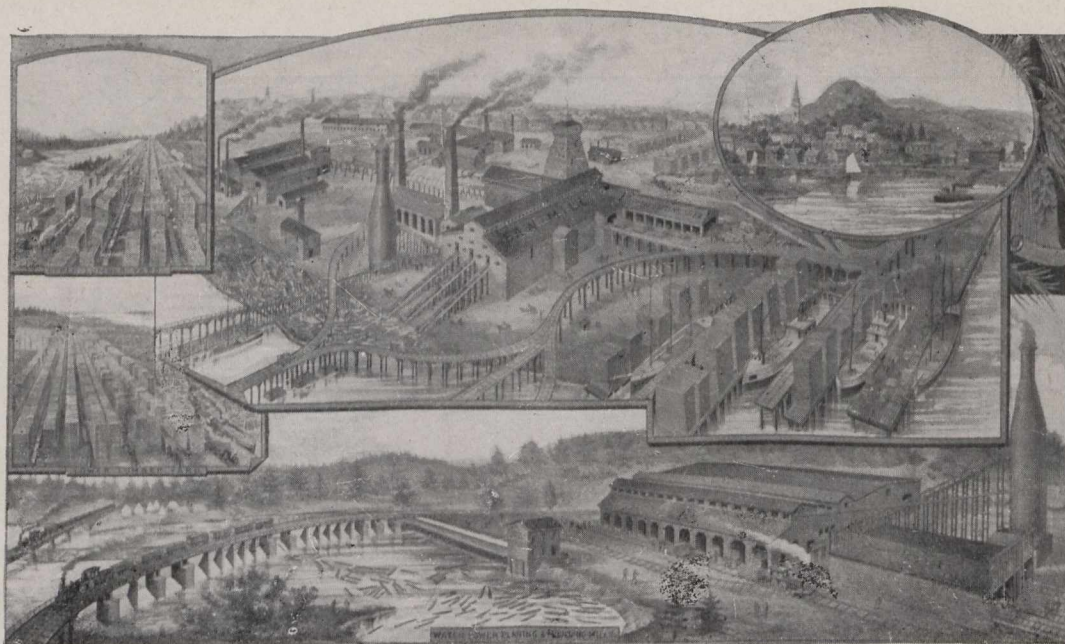
PLAN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF TRENTON.

Scale of Feet.



This map of Trenton shows the Railways, with "Trenton Heights" and the Canadian Northern Railway Yards on the South or Right.





Showing Views of the former Gilmour Industries

#### A BIT OF MASONIC HISTORY IN TRENTON.

On September 29th, 1851, a warrant was issued by Sir Allan MacNab, at that time Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, authorizing the establishment of Trent Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, 890, on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England, and No. 32 on the Register of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West.

The Lodge held its first meeting on November 5th, 1851, with W. Bro. Edward Fidler, W.M.; Bro. H. S. Hubbell, S.W.; Bro. C. G. Baker, J.W.

At the election of officers in December of the same year Bro. J. B. Hall was elected W.M. and Bros. H. S. Hubbell and C. G. Baker as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

In 1855 the Lodge was in a thriving condition, with a membership of 55.

The meetings were held in the Hanover Building, a stone edifice standing on the site now occupied by the Cooley estate, the premises being lately vacated by the late firm of W. H. Berkinshaw & Co., and about this time names familiar to the present citizens of Trenton began to appear on the Lodge roll, such as James H. Peck, Geo. H. Gordon, Joseph Bryant, J. B. Young, Francis Peck, and Rev. Wm. Bleasdel, besides many other brethren, enterprising citizens and true friends, who have long since been summoned to the courts of the Grand Lodge above.

In 1858, when Worshipful Bro. George H. Gordon was Master, the Lodge was transferred to the Register of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which had been instituted to take the place of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Wm. Mercer Wilson, father of our ex-townsmen, H. B. Wilson, was the first Grand Master, and it was very largely due to his efforts that the independent Grand Lodge of Canada was organized.

When the Hanover Building was destroyed by fire the records and most of the papers belonging to the Lodge were destroyed, and the information to be gleaned from the

archives of Grand Lodge are very meagre; however, its affairs seem to have been in a prosperous condition until about the beginning of the seventies, when, owing to bad business management on the part of the officers, it narrowly escaped oblivion. Early in the eighties, and very largely through the efforts of W. Bros. Robert Weddell and John S. Dench, business matters were adjusted, the finances looked after, dead branches lopped off, and Trent Lodge No. 38 put on the sound and enduring basis which has been so largely conducive to its usefulness and prosperity in later years.

#### A TRANSPORTATION CENTRE.

The main lines of the following trunk lines of railway run through Trenton: Grand Trunk Railway, Canadian Northern Railway, Central Ontario Railway, and the Canadian Pacific Lake Shore Line.

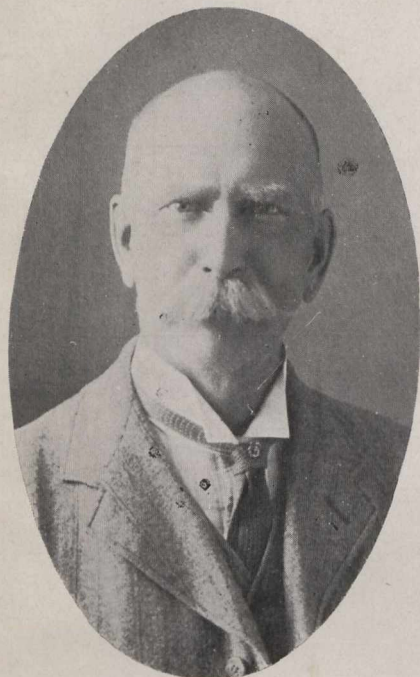
The fine passenger and freight boats of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation and the Ontario and Quebec Navigation Companies, as well as many independent freighters, call regularly at Trenton.

Trenton is the divisional headquarters for the Canadian Northern Railway Company. This company has also located its repair shops here, and it is hoped that later on large car building shops will be established.

The divisional headquarters for the Lake Shore Line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is also located here. It is expected that the line will be in complete running order inside of a few months, work now being well under way from Trenton both east and west. This route will be traversed by all the C. P. R. fast passenger and freight trains between Toronto and Montreal, and it is estimated that not less than forty trains will pass through Trenton daily. The company expects to spend \$12,000,000 on this new line, which will be built now to accommodate double tracks at a later date.



## Physicians Who Practise in Trenton



DR. E. KIDD, Mayor

### DR. E. KIDD.

Dr. Edward Kidd is one of Trenton's leading medical doctors. He had the honor of being Trenton's Mayor during the year 1911. The doctor moved to Trenton about ten years ago from Kingston. He is a native of Lanark County, but for a number of years practised his profession in Prince Edward County. He is a graduate of Queen's University, and holds the rank of Lt.-Col. in the militia.

Dr. Kidd accepted nomination for Mayor for 1913, and was elected by a good majority.

### DR. A. C. DRISCOLL.

Dr. A. C. Driscoll is a native of Trenton, having been educated at the Trenton schools and graduating from Queen's College, Kingston. Dr. Driscoll has a growing practise in the town. He is a member of the K. of C., C. M. B. A., I. O. F. and C. H. C. He has been Medical Health Officer for several years.



DR. A. C. DRISCOLL

### DR. F. J. FARLEY.

Among Trenton's prominent citizens is Dr. F. J. Farley. Eighteen years have elapsed since the genial doctor first hung up his sign in the town, and in that time many changes have occurred in the community, and improvements are conspicuous in many parts. Perhaps no better evidence of this could be found than in the case of Dr. Farley's own beautiful residence and its environments. Some years ago he bought the Dr. Day property on Dundas St. and expended considerable money in rebuilding the house and improving the grounds, with the result that Dr. and Mrs. Farley now have one of the finest homes in Trenton.

Frank, as the doctor was known in his boyhood days, went to the little "Red School House" of the village where he obtained his elementary education, which was supplemented by a course in Brighton High School. Having matriculated from that school, he commenced his studies at Queen's University, Kingston, and after a brilliant course at that seat of learning he graduated with his degree of M.D. Being determined to have the best foundation obtainable, before commencing the practice of his profession,



DR. F. J. FARLEY

he made a trip to the old country and took the degree of L.R.C.P. & S., Edinburgh, and L.F.P. & S. Glasgow, and also spent several months in special hospital work in London. His practice in and around Trenton has been a very successful one. His citizenship has been a most useful one, as he has always been prominently associated, if not leading in every good work for the advancement of the town and the betterment of the community. Dr. Farley was a valued member of the Trenton Board of Education for six years, being an ex-chairman of the board. His interest in educational affairs has always been commendable, and he has aimed at maintaining the Trenton Schools on a high standing. Among other honors credited to Dr. Farley is that of being a P.M. of the Trenton Lodge A.F. & A. M. He has also been President of the Trenton Liberal Club.

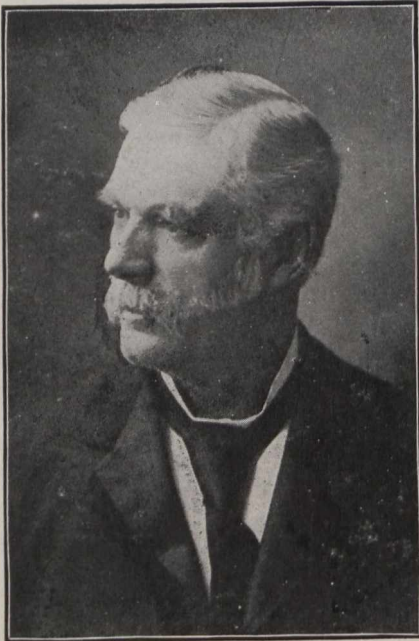
Dr. Farley is a Coroner for the County of Hastings.

He married Miss Ethel Porte, daughter of the late Capt. Porte, who was the pioneer in steamboat navigation on the bay of Quinte. Personally, Dr. Farley possesses many estimable qualities; large hearted and generous, able and progressive.



## DR. J. A. STEVENSON.

Dr. J. A. Stevenson is not only one of Trenton's leading physicians and surgeons, and in point of residence and age the senior member of the medical profession in Trenton, but the genial doctor is one of the few citizens of the town that have for years past fully appreciated the great natural advantages of the place and immense possibilities for the future if the citizens utilized their opportunities. No citizen of Trenton is more highly esteemed by all than Dr. Stevenson.

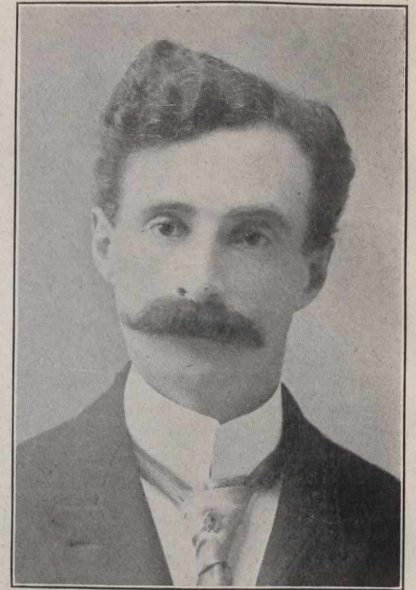


DR. J. A. STEVENSON

## DR. W. B. CROWE.

Dr. W. B. Crowe, whose father, Mr. George Crowe, the well-known Trenton contractor, is a descendant of one of the early U. E. Loyalists. His grandfather was Rev. J. Brooks Crowe, M.A. After receiving his early education in Trenton schools, Walter Crowe attended Trinity College, Toronto, and graduated from that university in 1896 with honors. The following year he went to the old country and took post-graduate courses at Edingburgh, Glasgow and London. Being well equipped for the practice of his chosen profession he returned home and went west to Manitoba,

where he practised for a couple of years. He then came home again, and in 1900 he began practising in his native town. In that year he was first appointed Medical Health Officer for the town, and was re-appointed several succeeding years. He is Associate Coroner for Hastings. He is also an examiner for several insurance companies and societies. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., I. O. F., and K. G. T. M. His success as a practitioner has been marked, and he is looked upon as a skillful physician. Dr. Crowe has a large circle of friends. He married Miss Alice M. Stevenson, daughter of a prominent physician of the town.



DR. W. B. CROWE



DR. J. S. FARNCOMB  
and his two children  
With his brother, Rev. Canon Farncomb

## NOTES ABOUT TRENTON

It is understood that the municipality of Trenton contemplate a large expenditure during 1913 on the construction of sewers and other local improvements.

The ratepayers will vote on an important by-law for a big new industrial establishment in the nature of a pulp mill, at the ensuing municipal elections.

Trenton is to have a new opera house, which is now in course of erection. It will be a fine building midway between the Post Office and Market. Mr. R. W. Weller, a well-

known Trentonian, has undertaken the enterprise.

The old bridge, which made East Trenton and West Trenton one town, was first built in 1833. In the same year the British Government commenced work at Trenton on the construction of the Trent Canal the Trenton end of which is now nearing completion.

The 28th day of June, 1911, should be recorded in the history of Trenton as the date of an important event. On that day the ratepayers of the town carried the C.P.R. Divisional Point By-law by a vote of 415 for, and only 29 against.

## TRENTON'S GOOD WATER

Good drinking water is a blessing to any community. Trenton is fortunate in this, as in other respects. From some mysterious depth beneath Mount Ossa, which is a natural sand filter, flows the most pure spring water which furnishes the town's water supply.

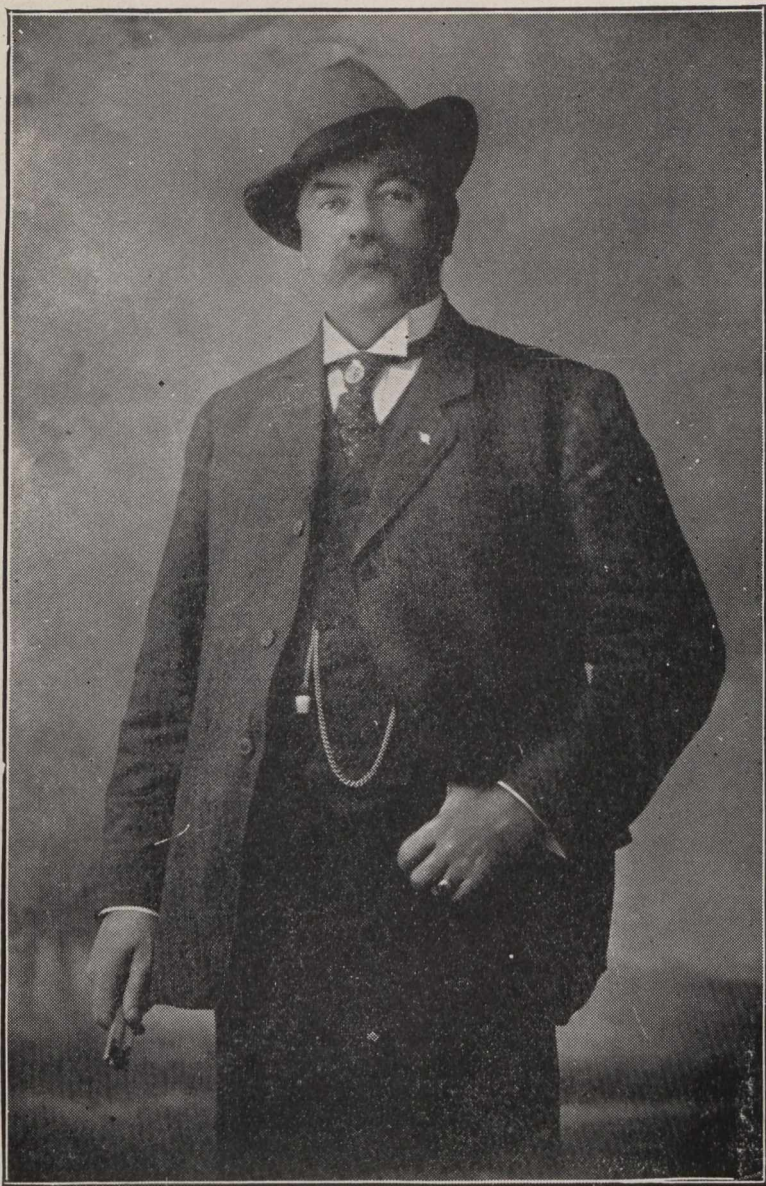
## FORMER CITIZENS OF TRENTON.

Mr. W. R. Phillips, who was Mayor of Trenton during 1901, and at that time a leading dry goods merchant of the town, is now conducting an extensive real estate business in Vancouver B.C.

Mr. B. N. Davis B.A. a well-known barrister of Toronto was about twenty-five years ago principal of the Trenton High School. He married a daughter of the late W. H. Austin who was one of Trenton's early and esteemed citizens, carrying on an extensive grain business.

Mr. S. S. Young who was at one time engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Trenton and a Town Councillor in the years 1884 and 1887 is now a representative business man of Toronto, carrying on a wholesale coffee and spice business. Mr Young still owns a cottage at the "Grove" where himself and family spend the summer vacation.





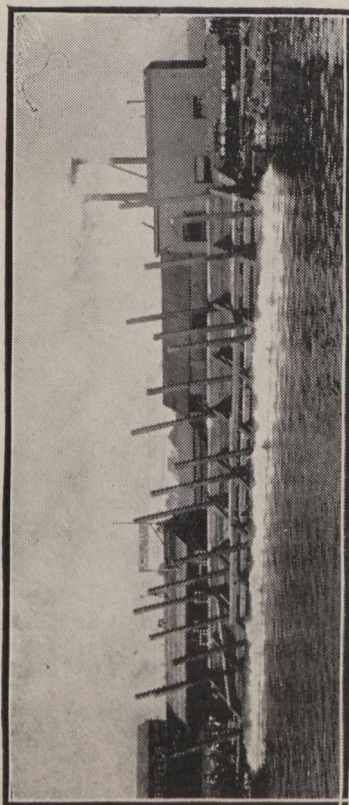
Robert Weddell

## R. Weddell & Son

Whose Business Enterprises and Extensive and Widespread Operations have added much to Trenton's Fame throughout Canada

### ROBERT WEDDELL.

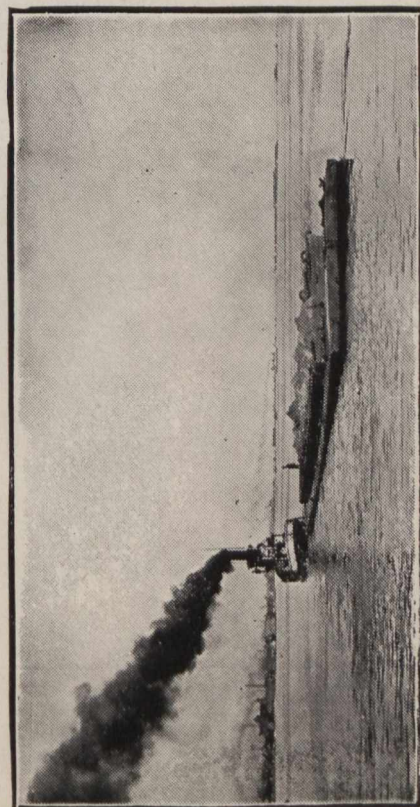
Trenton has frequently been brought into prominence in all parts of Canada through the enterprise and business undertakings of Mr. Robert Weddell, and, although he has spent his life in Trenton, and this town has been the seat of his extensive business operations, Mr. Weddell is known from one end of the country to the other. As a contractor, he has had numerous government, municipal and other contracts entrusted to him, which have won a wide reputation for him. He has built bridges, constructed railroads and dredged waterways; in fact, his dredging contracts keep his dredges always busy. For many years his machine shop and foundry has been one of the important industrial establishments of the town. Associated with him is his son, Mr. Rob. G. Weddell, whom he took into partnership a few years ago. As a business man Mr. Weddell is enterprising, energetic and practical. As a citizen he occupies a prominent place, and his progressiveness and manifest interest in the welfare of his town, together with many other good qualities, have won him the esteem of his fellow-citizens, by whom his public-spirited disposition has been much admired. He has frequently been urged to accept a public office, but his own business has always prevented him in the past from doing so, for Mr. Weddell has always been a very busy man, never content with small things. He was, however, chief of the Trenton Fire Department at one time, in which he evinced much interest. He was a large shareholder in the Trenton Electric and Water Co., Ltd., and other corporations. He is the honored president of the St. Andrew's Society of Trenton and Murray, a Past Master of the A. F. and A. M., holding the highest degree in the order, and is also a member of other societies. Mr. Weddell is an associate of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. Trenton would have been a city long ago if it had had a few more such men as citizens. He owns a magnificent residence, and his home is one of the finest in Trenton.



Building a Pier at the Murray Canal

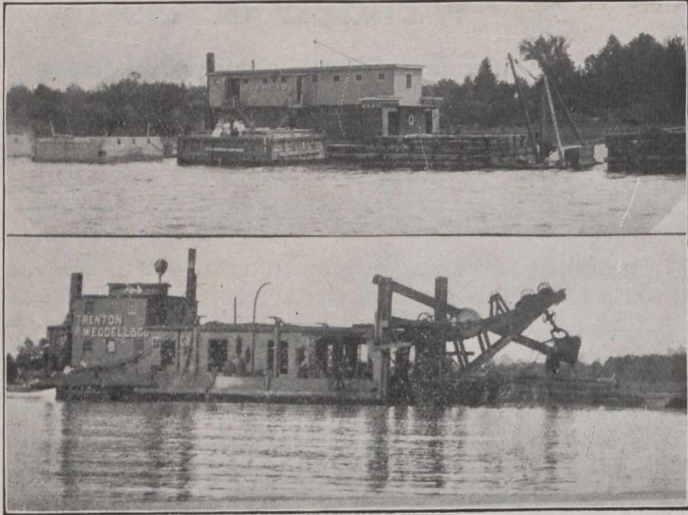
### A LOCAL ENTERPRISE OF WHICH TO BE PROUD.

At the present time R. Weddell & Son have their big submarine driller at work in the Trenton harbour, on a contract for the Dominion Government, doing bottom rock excavation, which is done by drilling and blasting. The monster machine that is deepening the Trenton harbour is not only a credit to its owners, but also to Trenton, where Mr. Weddell has made the headquarters of his extensive and wide operations. Since 1873, when he established the first foundry and machine shop in the town, to afterwards build bridges and undertake big dredging contracts. From its small beginning in 1873, the Weddell plant and equipment has grown to be worth half a million dollars.

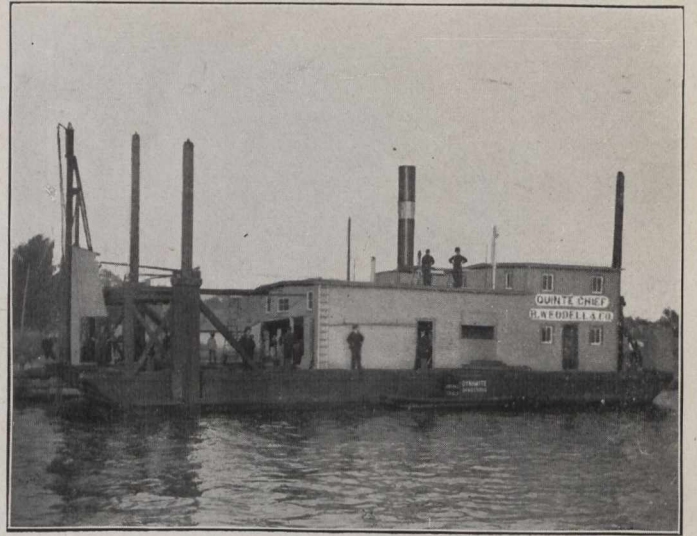


One of Weddell's Tugs with a Scow

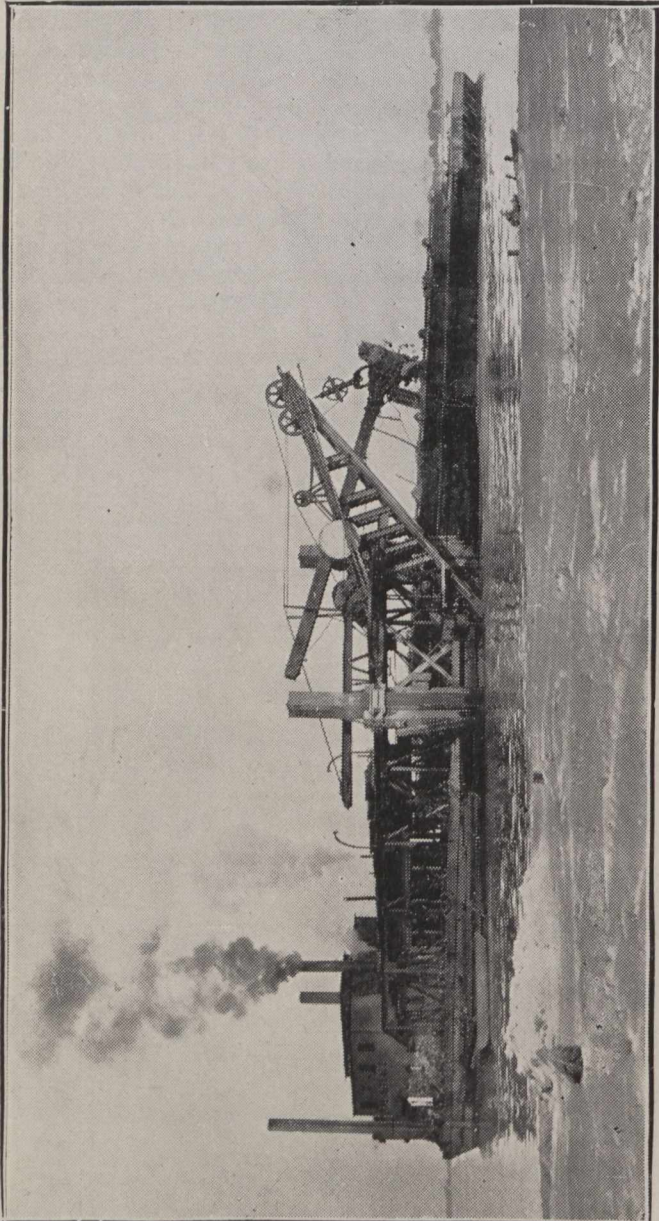




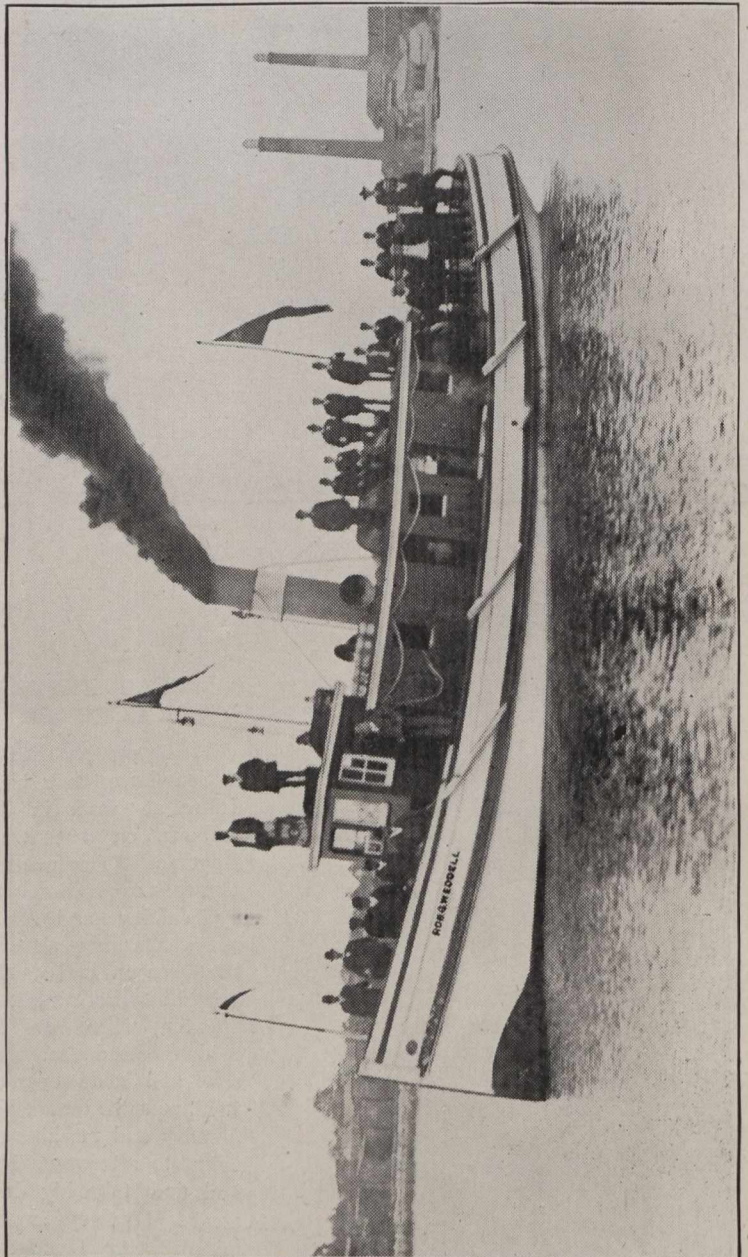
Dredges "Trenton" and "Aye Ready," Owned by R. Weddell & Son.



"Quinte Chief," Another of the Weddell Dredges.



One of the Weddell Dredges at Work at Murray Canal.



Initial Trip of the Tug "Rob. G. Weddell."



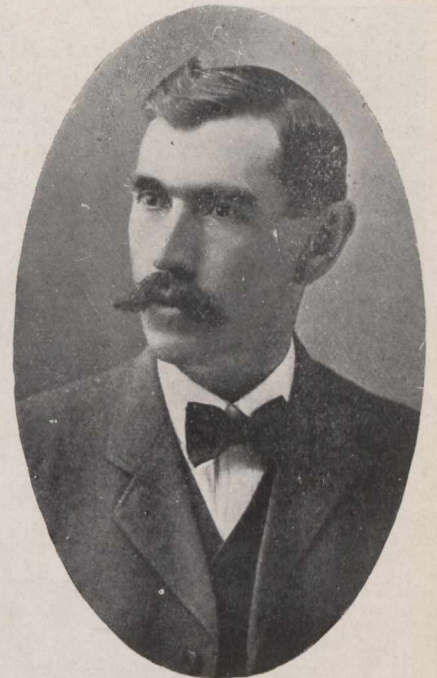
# Central Ontario Railway



J. D. ROWE  
Treasurer



GEO. COLLINS  
General Manager



G. A. HOAG  
Superintendent

## GEORGE COLLINS.

No citizen of Trenton occupies a more prominent and important place in the community than Mr. George Collins, General Manager of the Central Ontario Railway. Like many another railroad man, Mr. Collins gradually climbed to the chief post in the direction of the affairs of the Company, and for some years past, he has practically been filling his present office. Possessed with ability, sound business judgment and years of railroad experience, he is well fitted for the important task of managing a railway. Mr. George Collins was born in Ameliasburg and was educated in the Trenton schools, and in 1882 accepted a position as clerk on the construction of the Central Ontario Railway. Three years later he was appointed agent for the company at Trenton, which position he held for seven years, when he became Secretary-Treasurer. From 1894 to 1903, he was General Superintendent and Secretary. He was later made General Manager, and is also a director since 1896. Mr. Collins married Miss Annie Snook. He is the oldest son of the late James Collins, whose parents came from Ireland, settling in Montreal, and early in life located in Kingston, where he married Francis Elizabeth Knobs on August 9th, 1859. Soon after his marriage he removed to Ameliasburgh, and afterwards purchased fifteen acres in the village of Smithfield in Northumberland county for horticulture purposes.

## J. D. ROWE.

Mr. John D. Rowe, who has been Treasurer of the Central Ontario Railway for a number of years past, has spent most of his life in the railroad's service. He is a fine type of citizen, and enjoys the esteem of all. For some years he served on the Trenton Board of Education, being its former Chairman. He also served on the Public Library Board at one time.

## G. A. HOAG.

In Mr. G. A. Hoag, Trenton has that fine type of citizen so valuable to the community in which he is located. Born in Walters

Falls, County of Grey, May 31st, 1866, Mr. Hoag spent his early days there, and in 1873 removed to Cardinal, Ontario, and from there to Kingston, Ontario, in 1877, which place he adopted as his home. After a successful career through the Public School, Collegiate Institute and Business College, he worked for a short time in a local drug business, subsequently learning telegraphy, and associating himself with the Grand Trunk Railway in 1884, with whom he remained until October, 1905, in the various capacities of Telegraph Operator, Agent and Yard Master at numerous different stations. Mr. Hoag resigned his position with

the Grand Trunk to accept the office of Train Master of the Central Ontario Railway, where his marked ability and skilful application to his duties secured for him the superintendency, which office he has held with no small amount of credit several years. In religion a Methodist, Mr. Hoag has taken an active interest in church work and in the welfare of the young people of the town. He was President of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which organization he was a staunch supporter and was also a member of the Public Library Board. Mr. Hoag is an enthusiastic sportsman of the purest type, being a firm believer in the good that results from all sports if conducted in a clean and sportsmanlike manner.

## J. D. EVANS, C.E.

Trentonians have been honored on several occasions in connection with various offices of a provincial character, and among the honors conferred on citizens of Trenton was the election of Mr. J. D. Evans, C.E., to the office of president of the Entomological Society of Ontario. Mr. Evans became a member of the society in 1875, and a director in 1891-2, and again from 1897 to 1901, being elected vice-president in 1902. Mr. Evans has always manifested a deep interest in entomology and has a very valuable collection of insects of all kinds at "Springbank," his beautiful residence here. He is the chief engineer of the Central Ontario Railway and is one of Trenton's highly esteemed citizens.



J. D. EVANS, C.E.  
Engineer



## TWO C.O.R. CONDUCTORS



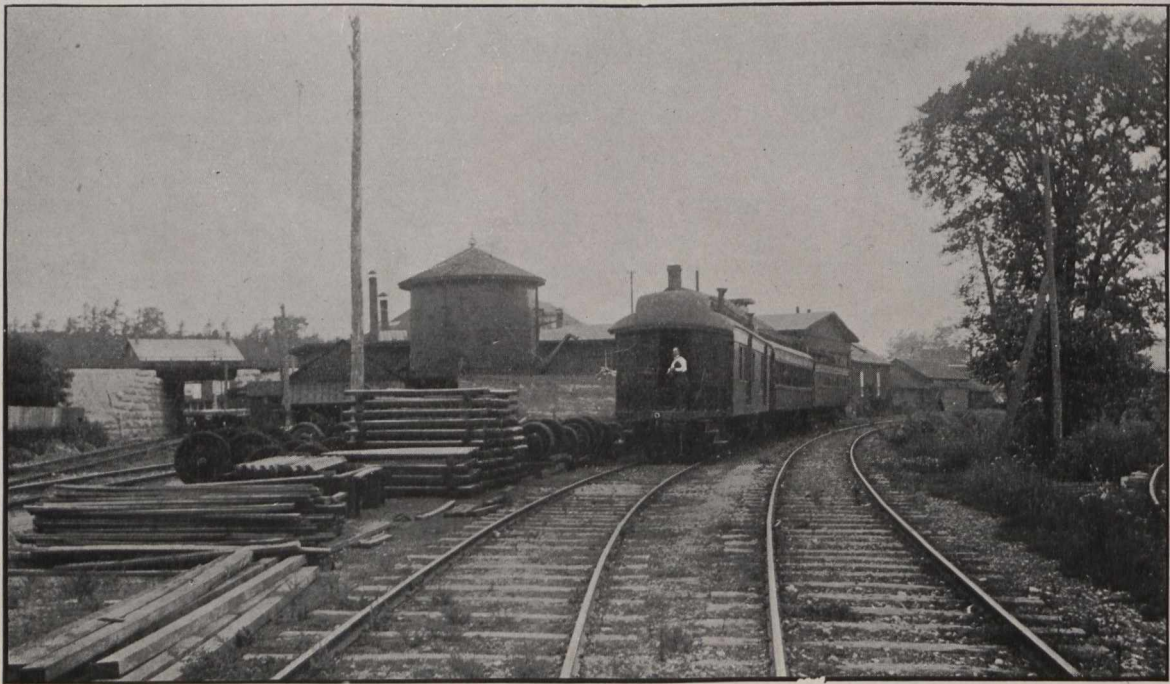
G. R. ROBERTSON



P. J. SHANNON



Union Station of C.N.O. and C.O.R. with General Offices of the C.O.R.



In the C. O. R. Yards at Trenton

## P. J. SHANNON.

Mr. P. J. Shannon is another well-known citizen of Trenton. He has served the people of the town well and faithfully for three years as Councillor. Mr. Shannon has a great many friends and is popular in all quarters. He is a conductor on the Central Ontario Railway, and is one of the most genial employees on the road. He is a member of the congregation of the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains, the Separate School Board, and of the C.M.B. A., and other organizations. In politics he is a Reformer.



G. T. R. Station, Trenton



## Some of Trenton's Manufacturers



A. E. CUFF

Vice-President, Trenton Board of Trade

### THE CANNING FACTORY.

No industry has been of greater importance to the town than the canning factories, as they have not only furnished employment to a class of labor that would perhaps otherwise be unemployed, but have also created a market for the products of much of that grown by the farmers in the vicinity, and generally where he sells he buys also. At the time of the consolidation of about forty canning factories in the country, the two in Trenton passed under the control of the Canadian Cannery's Consolidated Companies. Mr. G. E. Matthews is local manager of the Trenton factory.

### F. ABBOTT

Mr. Fred Abbott has been running the coat factory at Trenton established by the W. R. Johnston & Co. of Toronto, some years ago. He built a new factory a couple of years ago, which is well suited for the purpose of manufacturing clothing. Here a large number of women and girls find employment. Personally, Mr. Abbott has made many friends in Trenton.

### A. E. CUFF.

The clothing establishments located at Trenton about eight years ago by Messrs. W. R. Johnston & Company, Limited, the wholesale clothing manufacturers of Toronto, have proved most valuable industries to the town. The pant factory, operated by Mr. A. E. Cuff, was established in rented premises by the Johnston Company, and a couple of years ago a fine new factory was erected on the east side of the river, where now nearly one hundred employees find employment. Mr. Cuff has been with the Johnston Company for about ten years. When a resident of Toronto he was a member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, and has done much in Trenton to enliven interest and enthusiasm in yachting and aquatic sports, for which such excellent opportunities are



F. ABBOTT



W. H. MATTHEWS

President, Trenton Board of Trade

### THE BARR REGISTERS, LIMITED

The Barr Registers, Limited, was established at Trenton within the past few years, by Mr. Wilson Barr. The concern employs about twenty-five employees. W. H. Matthews is president and G. E. Matthews is secretary.

### LLOYD'S BABY CARRIAGE COMPANY

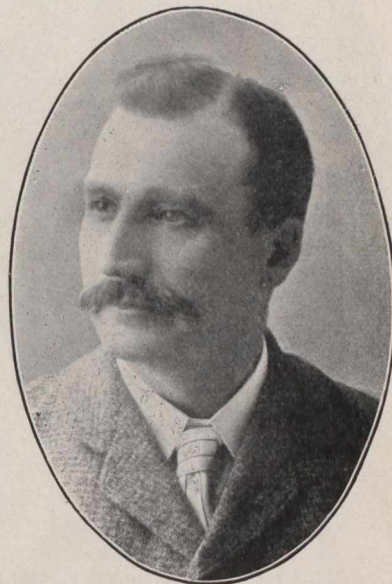
Another industrial establishment employing about twenty-five employees at present, is Lloyd's Baby Carriage Company, which is under the direction of J. H. Sills. Capt. A. E. Bywater is also interested in the concern.

### THE CANADIAN PEARL BUTTON CO.

An important new industry that has developed at Trenton within recent years is the Canadian Pearl Button Company, which employs about one hundred employees. R. Weddell is president, W. H. Matthews, vice-president, and W. H. Gill, treasurer.

### THE TRENT MANUFACTURING CO.

One of Trenton's industries is the Trent Manufacturing Company, which is run by Messrs. Desjardines and Duquette. The factory manufactures egg-fillers and employs a large number of women and girls. The members of the Company were formerly employed in the same line by the former Gilmour Company, and have resided in Trenton for many years.



W. H. GILL

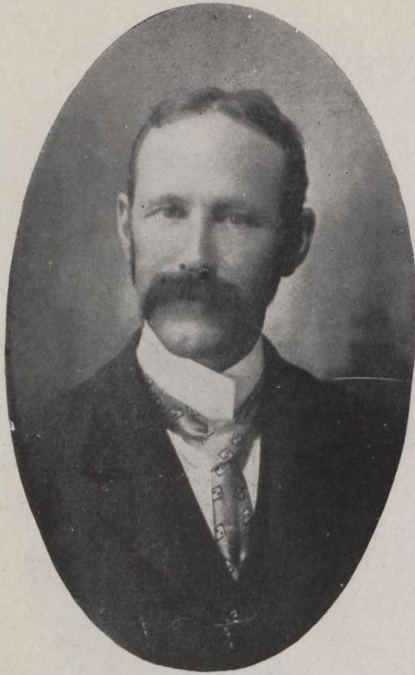
W. H. GILL

Mr. W. H. Gill, of the firm of Gill & Fortune, wholesale and retail lumber merchants, of Trenton, is a son of one of the earliest residents who served in the Town Council in 1883, and is an Englishman by birth. For many years he was engaged in the Gilmour lumbering business, prior to the present firm succeeding Gilmour & Co. He is one of the most successful business men of the town, and has always taken considerable interest in the welfare of the community. For the past four years he has been a member of the Trenton Board of Education. Mr. Gill is treasurer of the Canadian Pearl Button Co. He is an Odd Fellow and a Mason.

### W. H. MATTHEWS

Mr. W. H. Matthews, the president of the Trenton Board of Trade, is one of Trenton's well-known business men, being identified with several business enterprises since coming to Trenton eighteen years ago from his native town, Colborne. He is a son of H. I. Matthews, of the Canadian Cannery's Consolidated Co., Ltd., and has been more or less identified with the canning business, but his other business has occupied the greater portion of his time. Personally Mr. Matthews has manifested a commendable interest in the affairs of the town, and has had municipal honours conferred upon him, having been elected a town councillor some years, and his retirement from the council board was generally regretted. He was chosen as chairman of the finance committee for 1904. He has also been president of the Trenton Conservative Association, and is a member of the different fraternal societies. Mr. Matthews is managing director of the Trenton Cooperage Mills Company; president the Barr Registers, Limited, and vice-president the Canadian Pearl Button Company.





C. M. RICHARDSON

Mr. Charles M. Richardson was identified for many years with the former Gilmour concern having first started with the old company in 1881. At a later date he became secretary-treasurer of the Company, an important position he filled many years. His father was at one time filling an important position with the same concern, and was Mayor of Trenton in 1884 and 1885.

TRENTON COOPERAGE MILLS CO.

The Trenton Cooperage Mills Company now control all this line of business in and near Trenton. The concern employs from one hundred to one hundred and fifty employees, which means much to the town. The officers of the company are Eben James, president; William A. Fraser, secretary, and W. H. Matthews, managing director, all of whom have been engaged in the cooperage business in Trenton for some years.

he undertakes to do is bound to be carried out, and in such a manner as will not only reflect credit on himself, but will bring success in his enterprises. He has spent



EBEN JAMES

A. T. HICKS.

Mr. A. T. Hicks, the local manager of the Trenton Electric and Water Company, is a man of good business ability and a popular citizen. He has been Vice-Commodore of the Trenton Yacht Club and Secretary of the Eastern Yacht Racing Circuit. He is a native of Canada, having been born at Humber Bay in 1878. At an early age he entered the power house of the Toronto Electric Light Co., of Toronto, working in the different branches of the trade. Then for several years he was in the employ of one of the largest contracting firms of New York City, and this firm brought him in touch with some of the best electrical engineers of America. In 1897 he returned to Toronto, and soon after was engaged by the Trenton Electric and Water Company to come to Trenton on the construction of their power line to Belleville. After completing this line he was engaged for the general construction work of the company. Later he was appointed general superintendent of the company, and afterwards he was appointed local manager for Trenton and Belleville, making his headquarters at Trenton and tri-weekly trips to Belleville.



A. T. HICKS

EBEN JAMES.

Mr. Eben James, the manager of the Atlantic Cold Storage Company, Limited, and whose enterprise in connection with the establishment of the Cold Storage Company at Trenton has won him much well-merited praise, is a gentleman in whom the people of Trenton are proud. The business ability he demonstrated in this connection and the success with which his efforts have been crowned, entitles him to a prominent place among the successful operators in his line. Mr. James is a worker, and anything



W. A. FRASER

about twenty years of his life in the apple business and possesses an extensive knowledge of the trade. For about seven years, he has been the Canadian represen-

tative of Messrs. Woodall & Co., of Liverpool, England, perhaps the largest exporters of Canadian apples and who are said to be the first firm to import Canadian ap-

ples into the Old Country. Mr. James is also President of the Trenton Cooperage Company, Limited. During 1910, he served in the Town Council as Councillor.



Trenton Cooperage Mills and Yards



## A Pioneer Family of Trenton

(From the "Pioneers of the Bay of Quinte")

John R. Bleecker, the Trenton pioneer, came from near Albany, in which city his father was a merchant. Shortly after his father's death his mother brought him and his sister to Kingston in company with a McKenzie family. John R. studied surveying, and at the age of eighteen was employed by the Government to assist in laying out the townships in the Bay of Quinte district. His mother married the McKenzie pioneer. His sister married George Finkle, a merchant and distiller and founder of the Canadian family of that name. She was a woman of business ability, and when left a widow engaged in the steamboat business with Henry Gildersleeve. Young Bleecker, while acting as assistant surveyor, became acquainted with Captain John Walton Meyers, who was at the time living in Montreal. He located his own land on both sides of the Trent, recognizing the importance of the situation as an Indian trading station. During those early years of his bush life he had much to do with the Indians, and was recognized as a man of authority among them. Like all the old pioneers he looked upon rum as a panacea for every ill that human flesh is heir to, and always kept a good supply on hand. The red men who were dispossessed of their God-given inheritance were exceedingly fond of the fire water, not because it tickled their palates, but because it gave them dare-devil spirit and made them "big injuns" in their own estimations. It is related how on a certain occasion before the magisterial club of British authority had reduced Bleecker's red neighbours to a passive condition of law-abiding citizenship, they resolved to attack the Bleecker castle and fill their red skins with Bleecker's rum. But as they had to scale walls of logs, Bleecker saved his rum by pounding on the knuckles of each red hand as it grasped the uppermost log in its owner's attempt to get inside. T. Howard Bleecker, of Trenton, a grandson of the old pioneer, says that when the home was attacked his grandmother stood guard at

the door. An Indian approached her with a spear, but his grandfather, perceiving him, drew her aside, thus saving her life, as the spear was thrust through the door. He had her conveyed to a cabin about a mile distant, and that same night she gave birth to her first born.

The following tradition relating to the legend which gave the small island at the head of the Bay the name of "Fighting Indian" Island is derived from the same source. A band of Mississaugas were in pursuit of a band of Mohawks. They had gone up the great lakes to Georgian Bay, and thence down the usual route by way of Lake Simcoe to the mouth of the Trent River. Arriving there, the Mohawks secreted

the ball entering a log just above his head. Bleecker rushed to the shore, sprung into his own canoe and gave chase. As he neared the Indian's canoe the one who had fired the shot jumped overboard. But Bleecker caught him and gave him a thrashing, for in a rough-and-tumble combat he was a match for three or four Indians and they were all afraid of him.

He died, comparatively a young man, in 1807. Among his many enterprises was the building of a mill on Rawdon Brook near the present village of Stirling. It was while engaged at this work that he contracted the cold which caused his death. He died intestate at the age of forty-five years. His eldest son acquired all the property, and his widow with the

Captain John's Island, they reached home the following day. Three months later the young bride had occasion to go to Bath to visit her parents. She went alone and on horseback, fording every stream between Trenton and Bath, with the exception of the Trent and Moira, over which she was ferried. She followed the bay and found her way through long stretches of tangled forest. T. Howard Bleecker has two sons—William Adam and George Henry. The former is now proprietor of the "Gilbert House," the latter, a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, is a medical doctor. Both are leading, progressive young men, highly respected in the community.

Captain Walter Meyers, father-in-law of the pioneer Bleecker, gave each of his thirty-nine grandchildren a farm or an equivalent in money. Henry Bleecker received a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, on lot 13, of the 3rd concession of Sidney. He married Sarah, daughter of Peter Leavens, one of the pioneers of the Hollowell family of that name. He was clerk of the Division Court for Trenton and Sidney for many years. He assisted the early surveyors in their surveys of Sidney, and in later years was looked upon as quite an authority when such matters were in dispute. His son, Henry G. Bleecker, was partly educated in the Bloomfield Quaker Seminary. He married Ella Lawrence, a granddaughter of Rueben White. They have two children—Douglas L, who married Lillie Chapman, daughter of the Postmaster at Frankford; and Ina who is unmarried. Henry G. Bleecker ran for member of the Ontario Legislature in 1898, but was defeated by a comparatively small majority. At the present time he is a road commissioner of Hastings County. In this connection it may be mentioned that few townships in Ontario can boast of better roads than Sidney—a fact due to such men as Henry G. Bleecker and his predecessors.



T. H. BLEECKER



W. A. BLEECKER

themselves on the Island at the head of the bay. In due time their pursuers discovered their encampment, and one foggy night, fastening their canoes one behind the other in a straight line, stealthily approached the island and attacked the sleeping Mohawks. Although one squaw awakened and gave the alarm, only one Mohawk warrior managed to escape, and, for several days after, he was to be seen skulking about the Bleecker store and house.

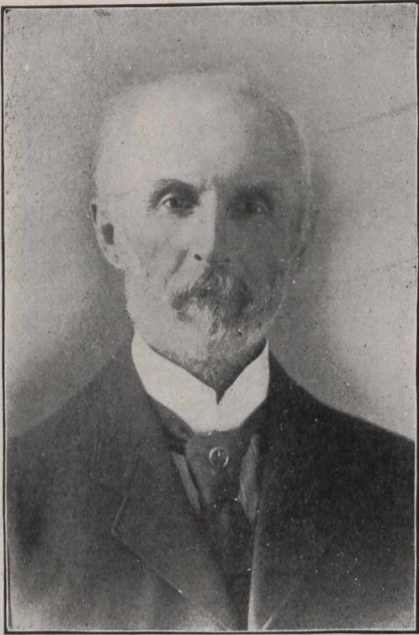
Another member of the family relates how the old pioneer sat on a bench outside his cabin smoking a pipe when two Indians came paddling by in a canoe, and when directly opposite him one took deliberate aim and fired at him,

remaining children returned to the mouth of the river, where she opened an hotel and operated a ferry. In this way she supported her family and made money over and above their needs. She attained to the ripe old age of ninety-five years.

For over a quarter of a century, Thomas Howard Bleecker, a grandson of the pioneer, was proprietor of the "Gilbert Hotel," at Trenton, well known as one of the most comfortable and well kept hotels in the Dominion. He has lived in Trenton since 1834. His mother, Elizabeth Ritchie, was only fifteen when she was married to John R. Bleecker, at Bath. Directly after the ceremony they started in a canoe for Trenton. Camping over night on



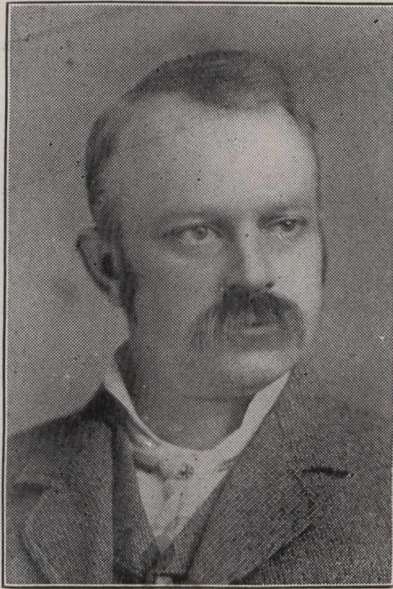
## Some Well-Known Citizens of Trenton



GEO. CROWE

### GEORGE CROWE.

Mr. George Crowe is the youngest son of the Rev. John Brooks Crowe, who arrived in Canada in 1831, when he purchased two hundred acres of farm land in the 5th concession of Murray, which he had cleared, making it his permanent home; he afterwards bought two hundred acres more, selling it later again. He took an active interest in the welfare of the neighboring farmers, being instrumental in having fall fairs established. He was a large shareholder in the gravel road built between Trenton and Frankford, superintending its construction. Three of his sons became contractors, John in Bruce County, Thomas in Frankford and George in Trenton. Mr.



G. A. WHITE

George Crowe has been one of the largest contractors and builders in Trenton. Many of the principal buildings in the town and district being built by him.

Mr. Crowe is one of the leading citizens of Trenton, and at various times has been prominently identified with the public institutions of the town. For many years he served on the Trenton Board of Education and was one of its most useful and respected members.

### P. POMERY.

Mr. Peter Pomery is an old and respected resident of Trenton, having resided in town and vicinity for nearly fifty years. For twenty years he held an important position with Gilmour & Co. and he has always been identified with lumber operations. Mr. Pomery is a member of the Independent Order Oddfellows and attends King St. Methodist Church. Mr. Pomery was a member of the Town Council for a couple of years.

### G. A. WHITE.

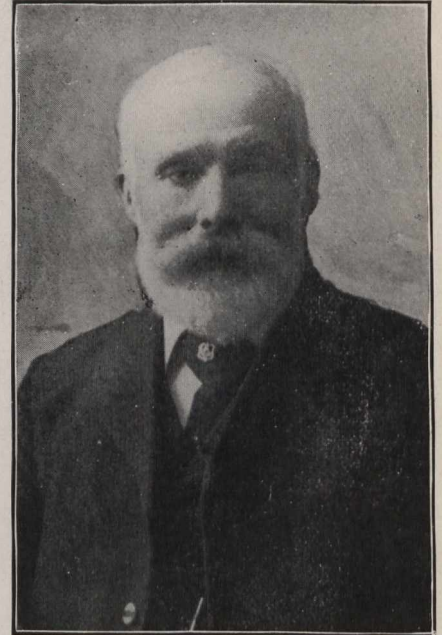
In Mr. George A. White, the town has a citizen who will be a distinct gain to the municipality. Mr. White has been one of Trenton's representative business men for upwards of thirty-five years, having carried on a long and successful trade in the hardware line, in fact his store is one of the finest in town. Mr. White is also a large property owner here, his own residence on Dundas Street being among the finest in town. Mr. White is not without considerable experience in muni-

cipal affairs, as he served in the town council in former years, and was re-elected several years ago, without any personal exertion on his own part. He did not seek the office, but after being urged to accept nomination, he consented, and was elected. Personally, ex-Councillor White is a gentleman who always has the courage of his convictions. He is a staunch reformer in politics and has been nominated on different occasions for parliamentary honors, but has always declined.

### J. P. SHURIE.

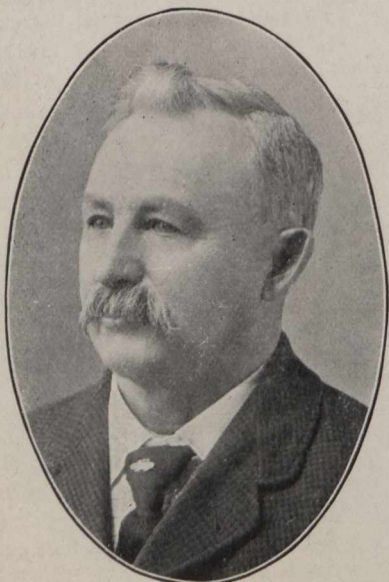
John Shurie was a boot and shoe dealer in Dirkswall, Orkney, Scotland. He married Annie Rendall and they had nine children.

William Shurie became a captain in the mercantile marine service, which took him to all parts of the Globe. The family, with the exception of John, Josiah P. and Alexander, remained in Scotland. These three sons emigrated to Canada. John had followed the sea and had also learned the tailoring trade, in Scotland, and this trade he followed after settling in Trenton, finally carrying on a merchant's tailoring and gents' furnishing business of his own. He was very popular and widely known. He married Sarah E. Davis of the Carrying Place, and is survived by one daughter, Mary A. Shurie. Alexander died at Kingston, shortly after coming to the country. Josiah P. Shurie was born in 1838 in Kirkwall, Orkney County, Scotland, was educated there and learned the trade of a mason and stonecutter. As he afterwards became a contractor and builder, he followed that business after coming to

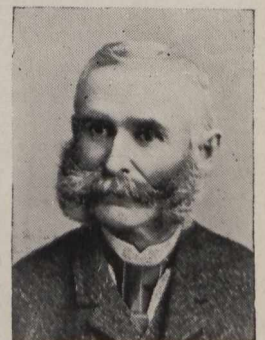


J. P. SHURIE

Trenton. He married, in 1862, Barbara Fea, of Kirkwall. In 1866 he went to New York for the purpose of finding a favorable place in which to make a home for himself and his family. That was at the time of the Fenian Raid, and he became disgusted, and chose Trenton as his future home. Here, he prospered, and three years later returned to Scotland for his wife and family, bringing them back with him in 1871 to Trenton, where they have since resided. At that time, Trenton had only one brick house and brick block. The family have always been highly respected and have taken an active interest in the town. In politics he is a Liberal. Dr. Josiah S. is a graduate of Toronto and Queen's universities, and also a graduate of Trinity Medical School. He is now a practising physician in the West, but for several years he was a popular physician of Trenton. James graduated at the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and carries on the drug business in Trenton. John is a proprietor of a drug store at Wellington.



P. POMERY



T. GERMAN

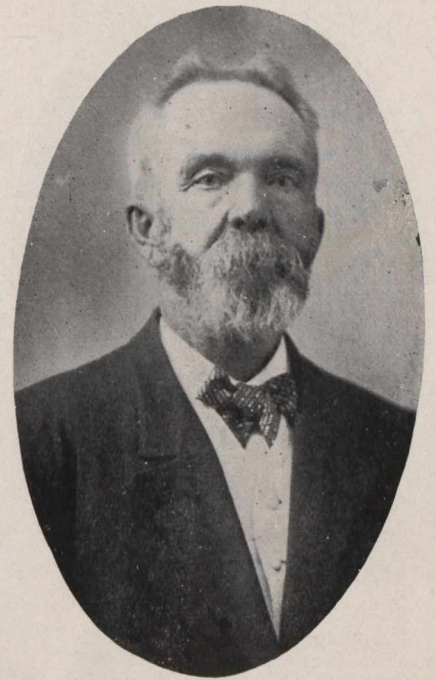




A. W. HAWLEY



W. S. JAQUES, M.D., J.P.



G. J. CHADD

A. W. HAWLEY.

In the beginning of "The Evolution of Trenton," necessary mention is made of the earlier members of the Hawley family, who were among the pioneers of Trenton. They were associated to such an extent with the early days of Trenton that their names will always have a place in its history. One of the grandsons of one of the early pioneers of that name is Mr. Albert William Hawley, who for nearly the last fifty years has been prominently identified with the progress of the place, evincing at all times a keen interest in the affairs of the community. In 1891 he was chosen Mayor of Trenton. For about twenty-five years he was a member of the Trenton Board of Education, and at one time was its chairman. No one did more during his long service on the board to advance the educational interests of the town than him. Few Trentonians have enjoyed such high esteem of the citizens generally as Mr. Hawley, and his personal qualities are admired by all. He has achieved marked success in his business enterprises. For many years he conducted a drug and stationery business, succeeding his father, who was Trenton's first druggist and chemist. Several years ago he bought a residence and other property in Toronto, where he has business interests, but he continues to devote considerable time to his Trenton interests. Mr. Hawley is a Conservative in politics, and from his boyhood has been connected with St. George's Church, being a church warden at one time.

W. S. JAQUES, M.D., J.P.

W. S. Jaques, M.D., J.P., one of Trenton's most widely known and prominent citizens, filled the important position of Mayor of the

municipality for six years, including 1892-3-4, and 1905-6-7, being re-elected on several occasions by acclamation, which in itself serves to show the high esteem in which Dr. Jaques is held by his fellow-citizens, and the appreciation entertained by the citizens of the valuable service he has rendered the town. Ex-Mayor Jaques devotes much of his time to the affairs of Trenton, and is thoroughly conversant and in touch with all matters relating to the town. He presided over the municipal affairs in a highly satisfactory manner, adding dignity to the important office. Dr. Jaques has always evinced a commendable interest in all matters of a public nature pertaining to the welfare of the town. He has been conspicuous in connection with the public institutions of Trenton by reason of the fact that his fellow-citizens have urged him from time to time to accept various offices, and no doubt he would have yielded to the solicitations of his friends more than he has, had not his own interests prevented, and, as he has retired from active life, he is not disposed to be encumbered too heavily. It was during his first mayoralty term that the canning factories, which have proved such valuable industries to the town, were secured. Dr. Jaques has also been chairman of the Board of Education and is an honorary president of St. George's Society, a prominent Mason, and a member of several other fraternities, and was a director of the Central Ontario Railway. Although his fortune was accumulated principally in the United States, he is practically a Trentonian by birth, having been born in Consecon in Prince Edward County, a short distance from here. When a young man he went to the neighboring republic, where he achieved considerable success. He grad-

uated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Mo., and also from the Eclectic Institute of Cincinnati, O. After practising his profession at Cincinnati for about seventeen years, and engaging in several successful business enterprises, he returned to Trenton, and built one of the finest residences in town, and has since been one of its most esteemed citizens. Among his extensive real estate possessions is the Temple building on Front street, perhaps one of the largest blocks in town. Personally, Dr. Jaques is one of the most genial and generous of men, and consequently has a host of friends.



J. B. CHRISTIE  
TRENTON'S POSTMASTER.

On the death of the late James Cummings, one of Trenton's early and prominent citizens, in 1873, Mr. J. B. Christie, who had been serving under Mr. Cummings as deputy for about twelve years was appointed post-master at Trenton, a position he retains today, and he has therefore had a good opportunity to see Trenton grow from a small lumbering village to an important town. Mr. Christie was born in Scotland

sixty odd years ago, coming to Canada when a child with his parents who settled on a farm in West Durham. He received his education in Montreal, and for a time was employed as telegraph operator at St. John's, Quebec. He has been identified with town affairs in many ways during his long citizenship, having evinced a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. For five or six years he was a town councillor, and was also a member of the Board of Education for a number of years, being an ex-chairman of that body. In the fraternal societies of the town he has been more or less prominent, having filled important offices in the A. F. & A. M., A. O. U. W., S. O. S. and St. Andrew's Society.

Mr. Christie married Miss Flindall, a daughter of the late J. F. Flindall, one of Trenton's prominent citizens in the early days.

G. J. CHADD

Mr. G. J. Chadd, Division Court-Clerk at Trenton, has been a resident of the town for many years, previously being Purchasing Agent for the Central Ontario Railway. Mr. Chadd has a museum at his house which contains a collection of relics and curios not to be seen in any other museum, and it is the best private collection in Canada. It has taken Mr. Chadd a good many years to acquire it.

THOMAS GERMAN

For over thirty-three years, Mr. Thomas German has been engaged in business in Trenton, and although advanced in years, he is still active. Mr. German was a member of the Town Council in 1885, and from 1888 to 1899. He has always been a Conservative in politics, and in his earlier years took a keen interest in public affairs.





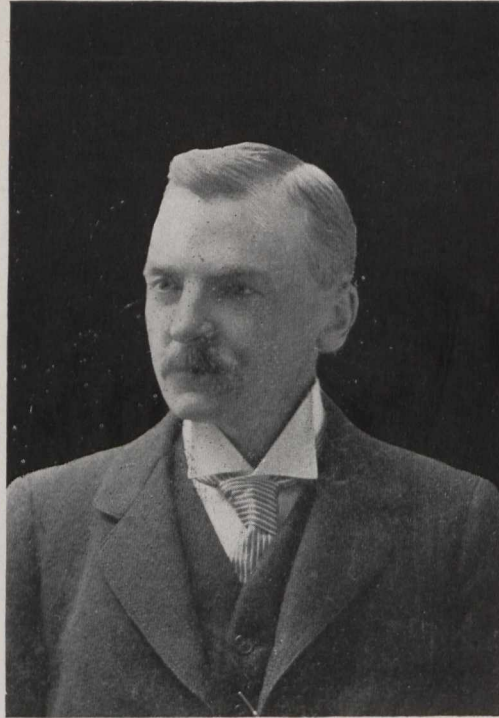
H. BULL

## HENRY BULL.

Probably Trenton's oldest citizen at the present time is Mr. Henry Bull, who, although eighty odd years of age, is still active in many respects. For upwards of sixty years he has made Trenton his home, and in the early days of the town carried on an extensive mercantile business. In more recent years, Mr. Bull was for a considerable time Collector of Taxes for the town. He has three sons who have been prominent in Trenton, but who have been residing elsewhere for several years. George L. T., who practised law in Trenton, is now a Barrister at North Bay. Harry, who taught school in Trenton, is now a druggist at Manitoulin Island, and Fred, who was Division Court Clerk at Trenton, has been in the West lately. The late George H. Gordon, formerly Town Clerk and Police Magistrate, of Trenton, and a cousin of Mr. Bull's, was associated in business with him in the early days of Trenton.

## S. J. YOUNG, B.A.

For twenty-two years Mr. S. J. Young, B.A., has practised the profession of law in Trenton, and enjoys an enviable reputation as barrister and solicitor. In the public life of Trenton Mr. Young has always taken some interest and been prominent in the public eye. He served as Town Councillor in the past, entering the Council in 1900, and for some years past has been a valued member of the Trenton Board of Education, and was formerly chairman of the Public Library Board. Twelve years ago he contested West Hastings for the House of Commons, and always has been very popular. Mr. Young has held the post of United States Consular Agent for some years. He is also solicitor for the Bank of Montreal. He is a descendant of a U. E. Loyalist family which settled in the township of Murray, Northumberland County, last century. He was born on his father's farm in the



S. J. YOUNG, B.A.

township of Murray, about two miles west of Trenton, in 1858. His father was Benjamin Young, who died some years ago in Los Angeles, Cal., and his mother was Catherine Weller, of Carrying Place, who resided with his grandfather, the late Stephen Young, of Murray. Mr. Young entered the old grammar school at Trenton in 1871, which he attended, with the exception of two years, until he proceeded to University College at Toronto, where he graduated with the degree of B.A. in the honor department of mental and moral science and civil polity, in 1881, and after his final studies and examination in May,

1885, he commenced practice at Trenton, where he has since resided. Mr. Young is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know, and his high attainments and excellent qualities are admired by all.

## C. L. HAWLEY, L.D.S.

Charles L. Hawley, L.D.S., is a leading citizen of Trenton and one of the well known and highly respected Hawley family. He was born in Trenton forty-nine years ago and has seen the town pass through its transition stages. He has been prominently identi-

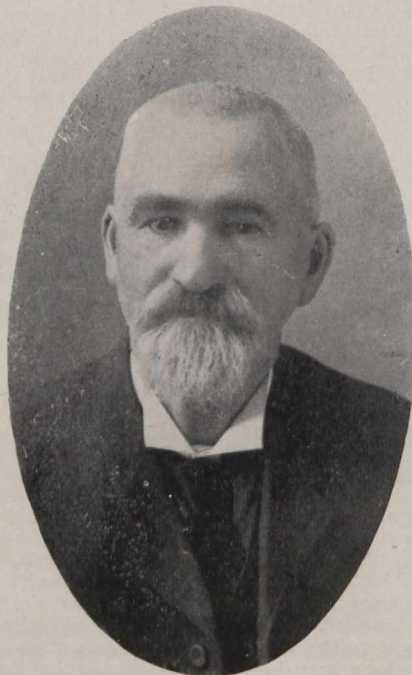


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fied with its life and progress in various ways. He has always evinced a keen interest in all kinds of clean sport, and in his younger days was actively associated with lacrosse and cricket, having in 1878 organized the first lacrosse club of importance in the town. He was also interested in the toboggan slide on the mountain side and was fond of snow shoeing. The Independent Order of Oddfellows is the chief fraternal society he has taken an active interest in, and in the Trenton lodge of that order he has filled the highest offices in the gift of his brothers and has represented both the lodge and encampment at Grand Lodge meetings. Mr. Hawley is of English descent, and is honorary president of the St. George's Society of Trenton. He attends St. George's Church, and is a Liberal-Conservative in politics. Dr. Hawley graduated from the Royal School of Dental Surgeons in 1881, and has since practised his profession in Trenton, having a very large practice. He is a gentleman possessing fine qualities that make his worth felt in whatever circle he moves, and, being of a large-hearted and genial disposition, he has a host of friends. Progressive in all that has pertained to the advancement of Trenton, his fellow-citizens have on several occasions honored him by election to the municipal council of his native town. He first served three years as Councillor twenty odd years ago, and served another three years about five years ago.

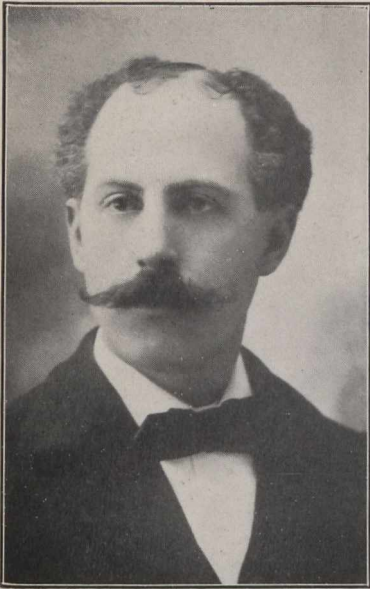
## W. H. IRELAND.

Among the older residents of Trenton is Mr. W. H. Ireland, who has resided in Trenton since 1873, when there was only one brick building in the place. He has carried on a grocery business for a number of years, being assisted by his sons, R. S. and W. H., Jr. Mr. Ireland has served on the Trenton Board of Education. He has been prominently identified with King Street Methodist Church. In politics, he is a Liberal.



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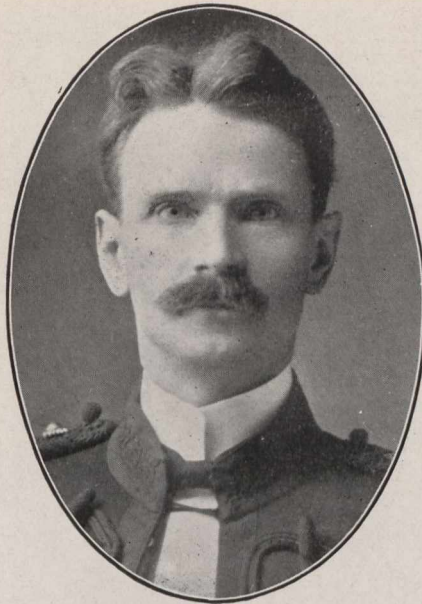
J. H. DICKEY.

MR. J. H. DICKEY.

For over twenty-five years, Mr. J. Harvey Dickey has been engaged in business in Trenton, and for a number of these years he has been prominently identified with the affairs of the town. In 1901 he first entered the Town Council, and in all served as Councillor for nine years, being Chairman of the Harbor and Public Works and Finance Committees, and always being accorded a big vote by the electors. His quick conception of the requirements of his position and all matters pertaining to municipal government made him a valued member of the Town Council, and it was generally regretted when he decided to retire.

He has filled the important position of President of the West Hastings Reform Association for several years. While not a biased partisan, Mr. Dickey comes of good reform stock and has always taken pride in being a reformer in the broadest sense. When a boy at home he had the privilege to meet on different occasions with the Hon. Edward Blake, who was a personal friend of his father. It is therefore not surprising the Liberals of the west riding of Hastings honored him in electing him as President of their Association. Mr. Dickey is a man of fine sterling qualities and his integrity, progressive ideas and genial disposition all combine to make him popular, and he is the most generous of men. It must be mentioned that he has an ear for music and possessing a fine voice he is also popular in musical circles.

He was born at Newtonville in the west riding of Durham county, in the Province of Ontario, on January 6th, 1862. He is a U. E. Loyalist and of Scotch descent and a thoroughly representative Canadian. His early education was received at the Public and High Schools in his native village. In 1879 he removed to Toronto and was soon studying drugs, graduating from



CAPT. A. E. BYWATER

the Ontario College of Pharmacy in 1883 with honors. Having acquired his profession he went to Philadelphia in quest of experience, and also spent some time in Hamilton and Guelph perfecting his knowledge.

In 1886 he purchased the drug and stationary business of H. Meade at Trenton, and has since that date been a public spirited and highly esteemed citizen of the town, being looked upon as one of the most successful men in eastern Ontario. For several years Mr. Dickey represented District No. 13, which extends from Trenton to Kingston, on the Council Board of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and has ever evinced a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the council of the college, and while he always forecalled "a spade a spade" he has not only enjoyed the confidence of his associates, but won their good will and esteem.

Mr. Dickey was nominated as Councillor for 1913, and was elected by a big majority.

W. SAYLOR.

The big departmental store of Mr. W. Saylor was one of Trenton's chief places of business until he sold out several years ago



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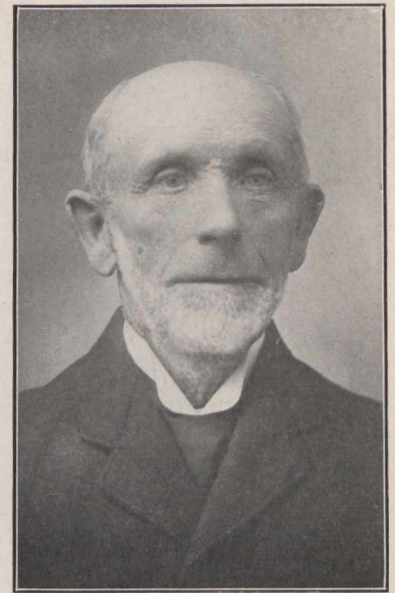
and retired from business. Mr. Saylor is a public-spirited citizen, enjoying the esteem of all. He

served for several years in the Town Council on different occasions. During his municipal term he demonstrated much ability, and his business methods were of great assistance to the corporation, and he always takes an intelligent and prominent part in the affairs of the town, being one of its largest property owners.

Caleb B. Saylor, son of the pioneer of that name, was a man of great personal activity and a good business man. During his residence in Sidney he took a leading part, and had the confidence and respect of the whole community. He was active in church as well as secular matters, holding the offices of trustee, steward, etc., for many years, and was one of the promoters of Grace Church, Trenton. He died in Trenton, May 19th, 1898, aged seventy-three years. His son, Caleb W. Saylor, was born in Prince Edward County, April 20th, 1863, and was educated at the old historical No. 2 School, Sidney. He spent his early days on the farm, but in 1880 his father, Caleb B. Saylor, sold his farm on the front of Sidney and removed to Trenton, where he opened a general store and ran it successfully for about five years, when he retired from active business, being succeeded by Charles Wesley Saylor, who since then has more than quadrupled the stock and greatly enlarged the store.

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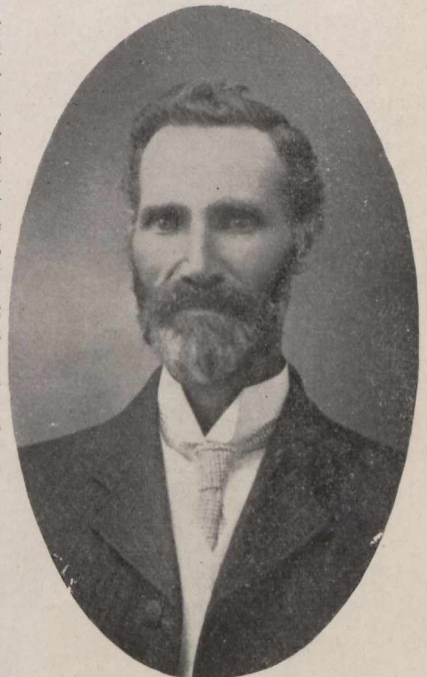
Capt. A. E. Bywater has acquired much success since he came to Trenton in 1887 from Colborne. For a number of years he conducted a jewellery business, but having extensive property interests, he sold out to another jeweller, Mr. T. F. Rixon, several years ago. Capt. Bywater attended the Brighton High School. He has been Captain for about ten years of "F" Company 49 Reg. H. R., which is located in Trenton. He served several years as Town Councillor.



GEO. SIMPSON

R. M. FOSTER.

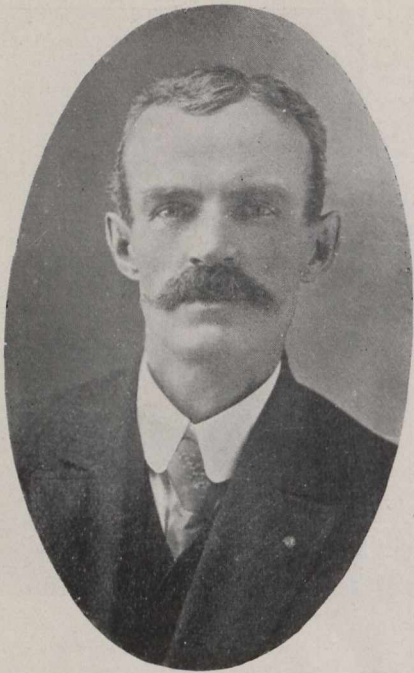
Among Trenton's representative citizens is Mr. R. M. Foster, a gentleman who enjoys the confidence of all and whom all admire. He has carried on a successful bakery and confectionery business for the past twenty-seven years. He has always been identified with educational and church work in the town. For



R. M. FOSTER

many years he has been a member of the Board of Education, and is an ex-Chairman of the Board. On one occasion, when he allowed his name to go before the electors for Public School Trustee, he headed the poll and never solicited a vote. Mr. Foster has been recording steward of Wesley Methodist Church for a number of years.





J. FITZPATRICK

## J. FITZPATRICK.

Mr. J. Fitzpatrick is among the younger business men of the town, but has resided in Trenton for many years. He is prominently identified with the K. of C. and C. M. B. A., and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

## H. E. MAYHEW.

Among the younger business men of Trenton is Mr. H. E. Mayhew, a citizen who enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and the public generally. He succeeded his father, the late S. L. Mayhew, in the Trent Valley Flour Mills, which has more than



B. W. POWERS

a local reputation for manufacturing high grades of flour. In politics he is a Reformer, being at one time secretary of the local Reform Club. In 1904 Mr. Mayhew was elected a member of the Town Council, and as Councillor served his town well and faithfully. He is now a member of the Trenton Board of Education.

## JAMES SHURIE.

Among Trenton's enterprising business men is Mr. James Shurie, who is a local druggist and town agent for the Canadian Northern Railway. He served three years as a member of the Town Council. The first year he was a candidate for municipal honors he headed the poll at the municipal election, and his will-

ingness to advance the best interests of the town at all times is appreciated by the citizens. His drug store, which is located in the Hooley Block, is one of the best, and in business he has been very successful. He is a Trenton boy by birth, a son of Mr. J. P. Shurie, and learned the business in Mr. A. W. Hawley's pharmacy and subsequently graduated from the College of Pharmacy. Mr. Shurie has been secretary of St. Andrew's Society of Trenton for a number of years.

## GEORGE SIMPSON

Mr. George Simpson has been a resident of Trenton for a good many years, and was for some years Town Assessor. He is a Builder and Contractor, and has had every oppor-



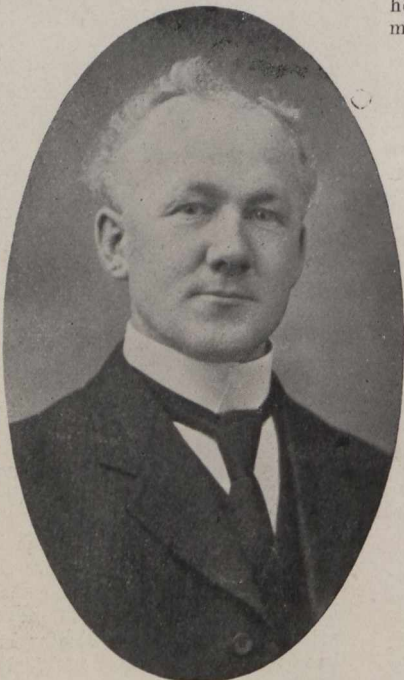
W. POWERS

tunity to watch Trenton pass through its several stages of progress and development. His son, Dr. J. F. Simpson, is a Dentist in the town.

## B. W. POWERS

Bruce W. Powers, the senior member of the firm of B. W. Powers & Son, Grain Merchants, and also dealers in coal, is one of Trenton's successful business men. Mr. Powers has lived in the town the greater part of his life, and served in Town Council for several years preceding 1901. A few years ago he also served as License Commissioner for West Hastings. In politics he was always a staunch Conservative, and he is prominent in the Masonic Order.

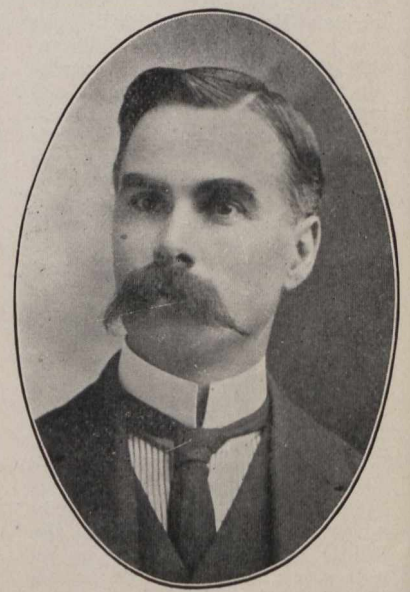
Mr. Powers was nominated as Councillor for 1913, and was elected at the head of the poll.



J. SHURIE

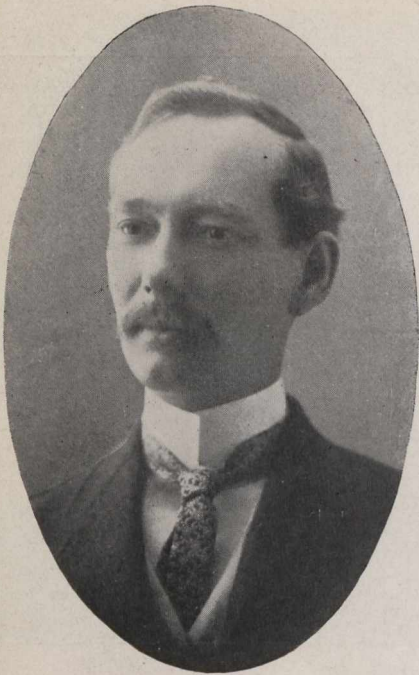


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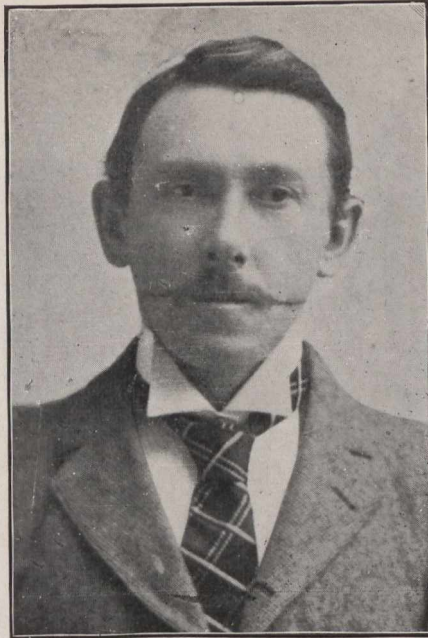


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C. E. YOUNG



J. V. WHITE



C. E. DEVINEY

W. W. WHITE.

Mr. W. W. White, who has been a citizen of Trenton for the past twenty years, has served in many useful capacities in connection with the life of the town. For six years he was a member of the Board of Education, manifesting a commendable interest in the work of the board and the educating of young Trenton. In fraternal orders he has figured somewhat prominently. For nearly twenty years he has filled the important position of Record-keeper and Financier of the Trenton Tent of the K.O.T.M. and is greatly esteemed by the membership. He has attended five different provincial conventions of that order as representative from Trenton Tent, and for three terms held the office of Provincial Sergeant of the order, no small honor. He has been also prominently identified with the Protestant Association of Prentice Boys, having been elected a Grand Lodge officer of that order in Canada, and is a member of the C.O.F. Mr. White comes of U. E. Loyalist descent, and was born in Brighton, Northumberland County. He attended school in the village, and having learned his trade as a baker in later years, he engaged in business there. Since last coming to Trenton he has been engaged in a bakery business, and supplies much of the bread used in the town. Previously, however, he spent a short time in other parts. Mr. White has many sterling qualities that once known are always appreciated.



W. W. WHITE

school, which he attended for two years. At seventeen, he attended the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto for two years. During those two years he attended the Observatory of Technology School two terms and also Professor

Buckler's night lectures on breeding and raising stock, and special lectures on the horse mouth or horse dentistry. In 1880 he graduated in all three schools, from which he has the diplomas. In December, 1880, he went to the United States to seek a fortune, and commenced practising his profession at Lewis, Michigan, for a short time, but, not liking the States, he returned to Canada. In 1881 he came to Trenton, where he has been practising the profession of treating the different domestic animals with success. In politics he is an Independent, and in religion he is a Methodist. He is also a prominent member in different societies, including the A. F. & A. M., the Canadian Home Circles, and the A.O.U.W. Mr. Preston resigned a seat on the Board of Education about ten years ago to run for the Town Council, of which he was a valued member. As chairman of the Streets Committee he has rendered excellent service, devoting a great deal of time to the personal supervision of the work on the streets. Trenton now has about ten miles of granite walks, nearly all of which has been put down under the supervision of ex-Councillor Preston.

C. E. DEVINEY

Mr. Charles E. Deviney has been the Local Manager of the Bell Telephone Co. for about twelve years. Since he assumed the management there has been marked increase in the number of subscribers to the local exchange. There were only seventy-seven subscribers on January 1st, 1900. To-day there are over three hundred using 'phones in Trenton.

T. N. CARTER.

Mr. T. N. Carter has been engaged in the boot and shoe business at Trenton for twenty-two years. Prior to his coming to Trenton, he was engaged in the same line at Deseronto for thirty years. He is a native of Coventry, England, and with his parents and brothers, George and Walter W, they took up residence and business at Deseronto, where one of Mr. Carter's sons still conducts a boot and shoe business. Another son is associated with him in the Trenton business, and still another one is in the same line in Toronto.

W. J. PRESTON, V.S.

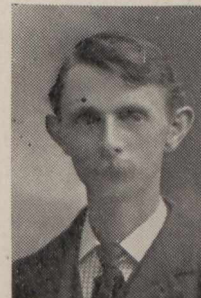
W. J. Preston, V.S., was born in Markham Village in 1863. There he received his public school education. At the age of fifteen he passed the entrance at the Richmond Hill grammar



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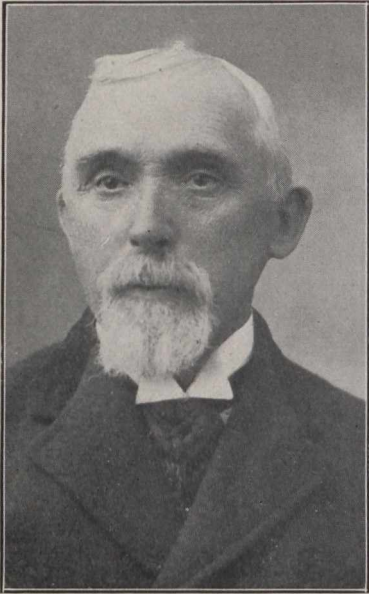


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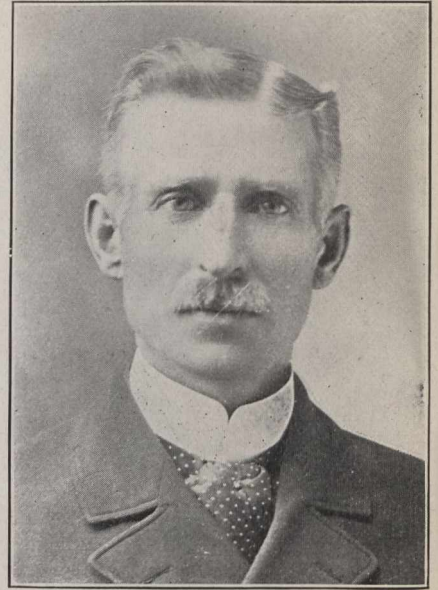




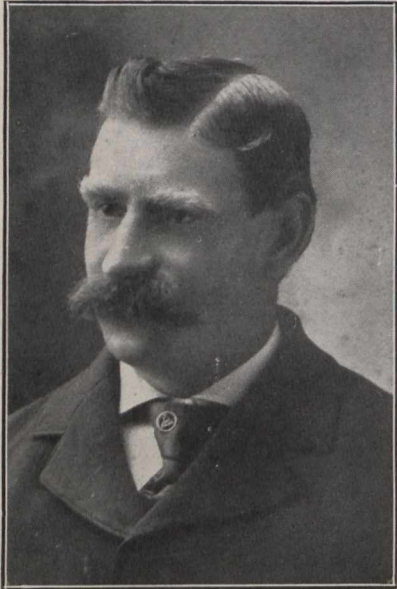
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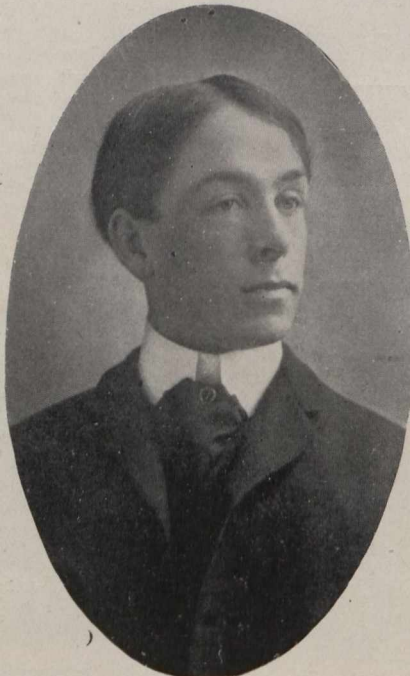
## LOUIS ROENIGK.

Mr. Louis Roenigk was born in Belleville in 1862, where his parents who came from Germany, resided, and where his father carried on a furniture business, which he moved to Trenton in 1888. While living in Belleville Louis became a fireman and was Captain of Hook and Ladder Company. He was also a musician, and always took a leading part in the Trenton Citizens Band, of which he was manager for some years, and later he played trombone in the Gilmour Band of

Trenton. About nineteen years ago he took an active part in the organization of the Central Ontario Musical Association, which held annual musical festivals in the various towns. Mr. Roenigk has served in the Town Council on two occasions, in 1892 and 1900. He was also a member of the Trenton Public Library Board. He has always enjoyed a large circle of friends, who admired his good qualities and public-spirited interest. He is associated with his sister Mrs. McCullough in the furniture business.



J. R. CUNNINGHAM

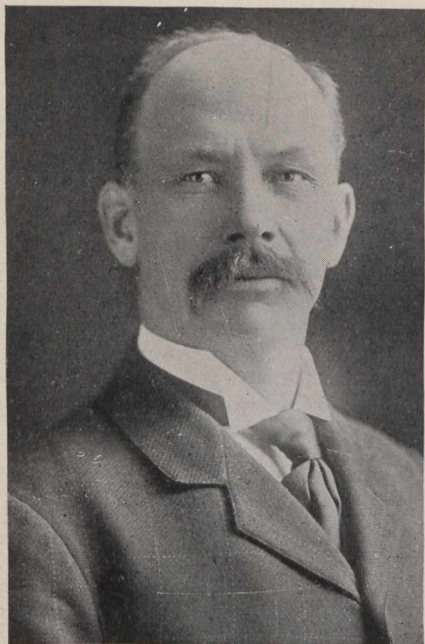


JOHN TINNEY



CAPT. J. RATHBONE





J. S. DENCH

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Mr. J. S. Dench has been a resident of Trenton and vicinity all his life. In 1908, he entered the Town Council, in which he served for several years. Prior to that he had served as a member of the Trenton Board of Education and Warden of the County of Hastings. Twelve years ago, he was elected Supreme Leader of the Order of Canadian Home Circles. His father, the late Capt. John Dench, was among the early residents of Trenton.

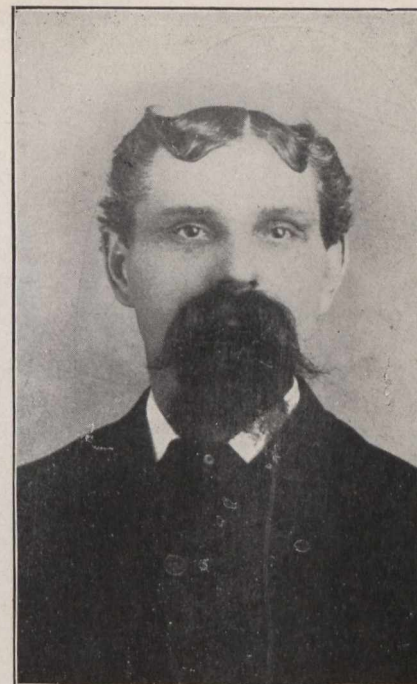
G. A. IRELAND.

During 1907, Mr. G. A. Ireland presided over the Trenton Board of Education, as its chairman. Mr. Ireland had served on the board for five years, and was always looked upon as one of its valued members. His keen interest in the educational affairs of his town and his close attention to the work of the board soon won for him the esteem of his fellow-mem-



T. D. BOWERMAN

bers. Mr. Ireland takes a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the town, and is generally to be found co-operating in all good movements. Although still a young man he has had considerable business experience. He has spent the greater part of his life in Trenton, and is to-day one of its successful business men and respected citizens. He was born in the County of Northumberland, but received his education in Trenton, and later graduated from the Ontario Business College, Belleville. His first position was as bookkeeper for the old Lumber Cutting Machine Co., which had a rather short career in Trenton in consequence of the fire that destroyed their factory. After



P. J. PETERSON

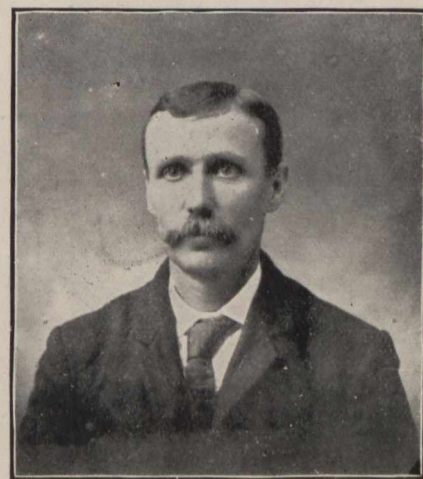
that he was with Young & Co., wholesale grocers, for about four years, going from that firm to S. C. Chown of Trenton and Belleville, with whom he remained about four years, two of which were spent at the Belleville store. In 1898, however, he went to Deseronto, where he carried on a bicycle business for a year and then removed it to Trenton, and has since conducted the business here on a somewhat more extensive scale. Several years ago he married Miss Delong, who taught school in Sidney. Mr. Ireland is a member of King Street Methodist Church, and is a Liberal in politics. His business is located on Front street in the former James premises, which he purchased some years ago. Bicycles and insurance are the lines he is engaged in. In connection with his bicycle business, where there are wheels both for sale and for hire, he has a repair shop where he does all kinds of repairing for bicycles, automobiles, gasoline launches, and other machine work.



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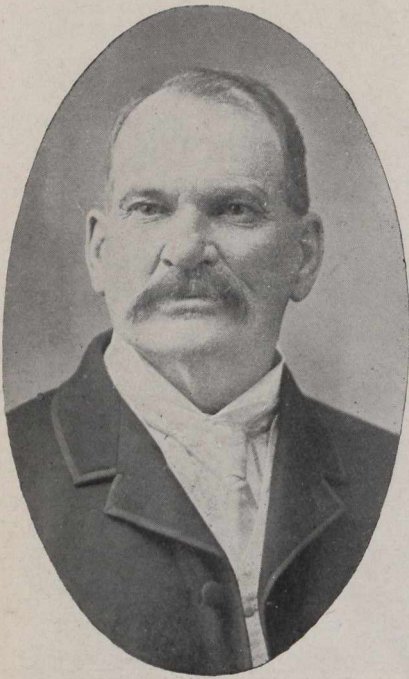


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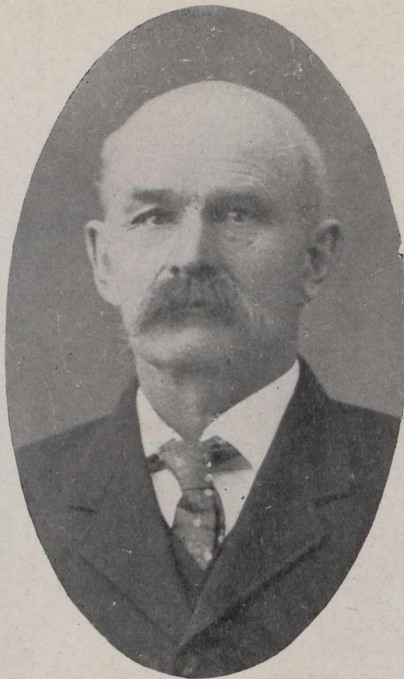
T H BRENTON

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Mr. Thomas H. Brenton was born in Cornwall, England, and came to Canada in his infancy with his parents, who settled near Montreal, afterwards removing to Cobourg and later to Marmora in 1856. At the time of the gold discoveries at Delora, in North Hastings, in 1866, he was engaged prospecting for J. W. Gatling Company of the gun fame. In 1874 he moved to a fine farm in Perry township, and for the last twenty years he has lived in Murray Township, of which he has been both Councillor and Reeve, owning a valuable farm on the York road.

RANDALL CRONK.

Mr. Randall Cronk has spent about forty-five years in Trenton, and during much of that time he



R. CRONK



H. DEMPSEY

has been prominent in many ways. He was born in 1851 in Prince Edward county. After coming to Trenton he engaged in various lines of business, and about thirty years ago he purchased Indian Island, which he has for some years past cultivated for market garden purposes and small fruits for the canning factories. Mr. Cronk served about twenty years on the Trenton Board of Education and was its chairman one year. He has always taken a prominent part in several of the fraternal orders, the A. F. & A. M., A. O. U. W., I. O. F. and Home Circles, holding district appointments in the latter three and filling various high offices in these orders.

CHARLES CROWE.

Mr. Charles Crowe is a son of James G. Crowe, who was the eldest son of Rev. John Brooks Crowe, born in the township of Murray about forty years ago, and educated at the Murray and Trenton schools. He made his first venture in the marble business, but in 1886 sold out and went into the coal and wood business, which he sold recently. He married Miss Addie Peterson in 1884. Mr. Crowe is conservative in politics, and a member of the Eng-

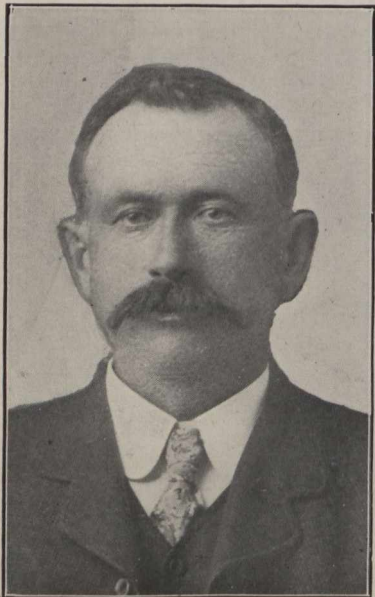
lish Church. He was a member of the Town Council in 1892, and later of the School Board. Mr. Crowe takes a nactive interest in town affairs, and is a member of the I. O. O. F.

HARRY DEMPSEY.

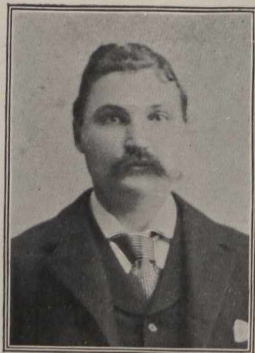
Mr. Harry Dempsey is well known in Trenton. He is a son of W. R. Dempsey, ex-M.P.P., and has served his native County of Prince Edward as its Warden. He also served previously as Councillor and Reeve of Ameliasburg, where the family homestead has been since the days of the U. E. Loyalists.

H. McCORMICK.

Mr. Hugh McCormick has been a resident of Trenton for a number of years. He was engaged in the lumber business. For ten years he was in the employ of the Rathbun Company, and for twelve years with the Gilmour Company, having charge of a large number of men for both companies. More recently he was foreman in charge of the crib work on the Trent Canal. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and their grown-up family are esteemed by all in the community.



H. McCORMICK



ED. J. SWEET



J. A. PELKEY



MR. DUNCAN MACLELLAN  
Barrister and Solicitor  
in his Highland dress





Barry &amp; Company's Dry Goods Store

**KING GEORGE HOTEL**

The King George Hotel, of which Mr. H. Cook is proprietor, has recently undergone some extensive changes and improvements, and has been newly furnished throughout, making it one of the best hotels in any town.

**CAPT. J. L. MACLEAN**

Dr. J. L. MacLean, one of Trenton's dentists, while a resident for only a few years, has many friends in the town. He holds the captaincy of the Marmora Company of the H.R. 49th Batt.

**E. H. SIMMONS, L.D.S., D.D.S.**

Dr. E. H. Simmons, a dentist of Trenton, belongs to one of the well-known families of that name, near Trenton. He is identified with various institutions of the town.

**W. H. POLLY**

Mr. W. H. Polly is Collector of Customs at Trenton. He has resided in the town for a number of years, and was formerly engaged in business with Mr. G. S. White, in the evaporating and exporting of apples. He was an active worker in the Conservative interests, and took a deep interest in politics.

**R. J. RICHARDSON**

Among the well-known citizens of Trenton is Mr. R. J. Richardson, an Englishman by birth and resident of Trenton since the lumbering activities of the town, in which he was formerly engaged. For some years past he has been principally engaged in agency work, in which he has been very successful.

**GEORGE AUGER**

Mr. George Auger succeeded his father in business in Trenton, having always resided in the town. He is at present a member of the Trenton Board of Education.

**A FORBES**

Mr. A Forbes, Barrister-at-law, has spent many years in Trenton, being formerly in partnership with the late Charles Francis. He has been solicitor for the Molsons Bank since 1881.

**H. F. WHITTIER.**

Mr. H. F. Whittier, the town agent for the Grand Trunk Railway, is a young Trentonian whose geniality and many other excellent qualities ensure him popularity in all quarters. In fact, he possesses the essential qualifications for business with the travelling public. Besides selling tickets over the G.T.R. system, he does a general ticket office business, acting as agent for several navigation companies for lake and ocean travel. He also does a large insurance business, and represents some of the best fire, life and accident companies. He is identified with different outdoor recreation organizations and fraternal orders. Mr. Whittier was at one time a member of the Trenton Board of Education. He is an active member of the Trenton Board of Trade, and its treasurer. His father, the late A. G. Whittier, was at one time Town Clerk of Trenton, having come to Trenton from Prince Edward County, where Harry F. was born.

**C. W. LONDON.**

Mr. Charles W. London was born in the city of London, England, about fifty-three years ago, and has resided in Canada about twenty-eight years, six of which he spent in Deseronto before removing to Trenton. In fraternal societies he has evinced some interest. He was Chairman of the Trenton Public Library Board for a while. Mr. London served a year in the town council, and has been a resident of Trenton for twenty odd years.

**R. ROBERTSON.**

Mr. Robert Robertson is a well-known business man of Trenton, having resided in the town for about thirty years. He was formerly in the employ of the Rathbun Company, Deseronto, but for seven years was employed by the Gilmour Company. Mr. Robertson served in the Town Council some years ago.

**ROBERT FRASER.**

Mr. Robert Fraser was born in Paisley, Scotland, 1850, and was educated at the John Neilson Institute, Paisley. After completing his education, he obtained a position in the Union Bank of Scotland. In 1872, he came to Canada, and immediately found employment in the Toronto branch of the Molsons Bank, and later on was appointed manager of the Molsons Bank at Smith's Falls, Morrisburg and Trenton respectively, opening the Trenton branch. He was also cashier of the late James H. Stewart's bank, Trenton. He subsequently accepted the position of secretary-

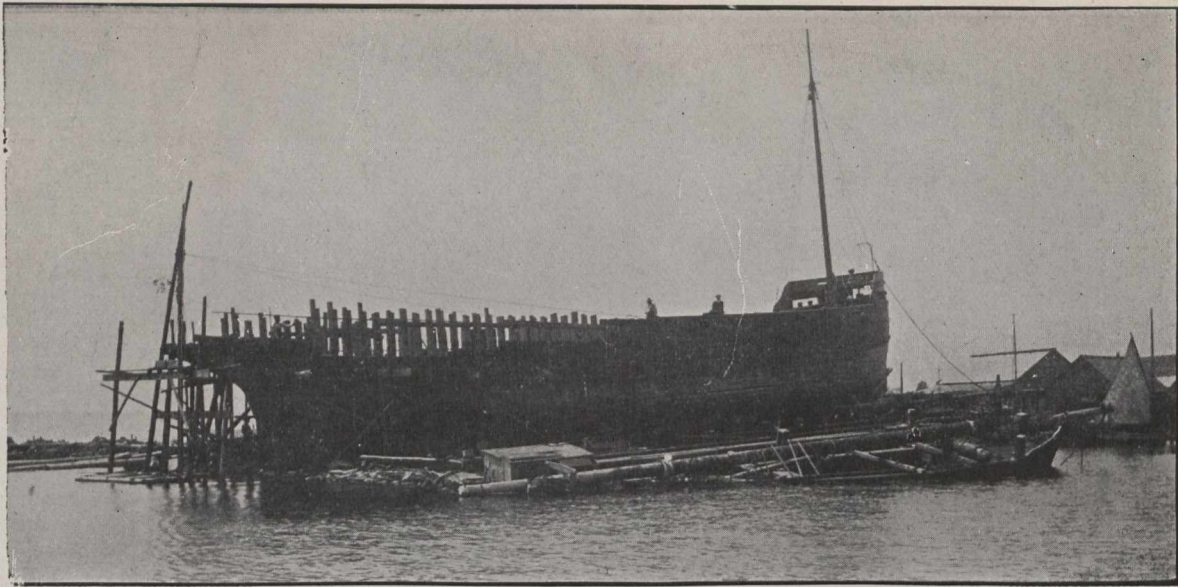
treasurer of the Central Ontario Railway, and later on became general superintendent of the road. He is also secretary-treasurer of the R. M. Mowat Hardware Company of Trenton. In December, 1903, he was appointed Collector of Customs, for the port of Trenton, but recently resigned.

Mr. Fraser is one of Trenton's most esteemed citizens, and is an able business man and financier. In politics he is a staunch Liberal. He married Miss Harriet Thompson. They reside in Trenton, and their pleasant home is situated in one of the most attractive parts of the town. They have had five children, William, Jeannie, James, Robert and Donald. Their son Robert died at the age of nine years.

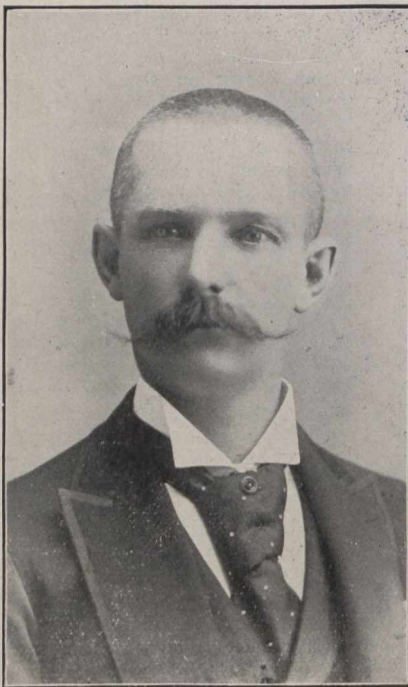
**THE MOWAT HARDWARE CO. LTD.**

In the hardware line, the Mowat Hardware Co., Ltd., is one of the largest businesses in the whole district. Their big store and warehouses at the foot of Front Street on Dundas Street, would do credit to any city, as it is replete with everything in their line. The concern carries a most extensive stock of shelf and heavy hardware, besides paints, oils, glass, carriage hardware and blacksmith's requisites, sporting goods, house furnishings and contractors' supplies of all kinds. The company has filled some big orders for supplies for railway contractors, lumbermen and shipbuilders and has supplied considerable of the Portland Cement used in the new granolithic walks in Trenton. Here the fishermen and the sportsmen secure their supplies before setting out for a few days' fishing on the Bay of Quinte, where bass are plentiful, or in one of the many brooks in the neighborhood, where trout abound; or a hunt in the woods of North Hastings which is reached by the C.O.R. from here, and where deer and other game are plentiful. Miners in North Hastings are also supplied from here, as the company carries everything in this line, including explosives. The farmers of the district also buy their harvesting tools, binder twine and other goods to advantage at this store. The company was incorporated ten years ago, having taken over the business of R. M. Mowat & Co., which has been one of the best known hardware firms in this section for upward of twenty-two years. Mr. R. M. Mowat—why by the way is a nephew of the late Sir Oliver Mowat—is manager of the business, and had had a long experience in this line. He is one of Trenton's most esteemed citizens and is always interested in anything that pertains to the welfare of Trenton. Mr. R. Fraser, another of the town's respected and public-spirited citizens, is secretary-treasurer of the company.





A Steam Barge Being Rebuilt on the Ways at Trenton.



S. HOOEY

MESSRS. S. & B. S. HOOEY

S. HOOEY.

Mr. S. Hooley commenced business in Trenton in 1888, and for a number of years carried on a grocery and liquor business, until he was succeeded by his son, Mr. B. S. Hooley, about ten years ago. Prior to coming to Trenton he was engaged in business at Cobourg until 1876, and afterwards at Belleville. His success in business enabled him to retire and he has since lived a quiet life, enjoying an occasional trip elsewhere for the benefit of his health.



B. S. HOOEY



Interior of Hooley's Liquor Store.



Interior of Hooley's Grocery Store.





J. H. Dickey's Drug and Stationery Store.



Interior of J. Shurie's Drug Store.

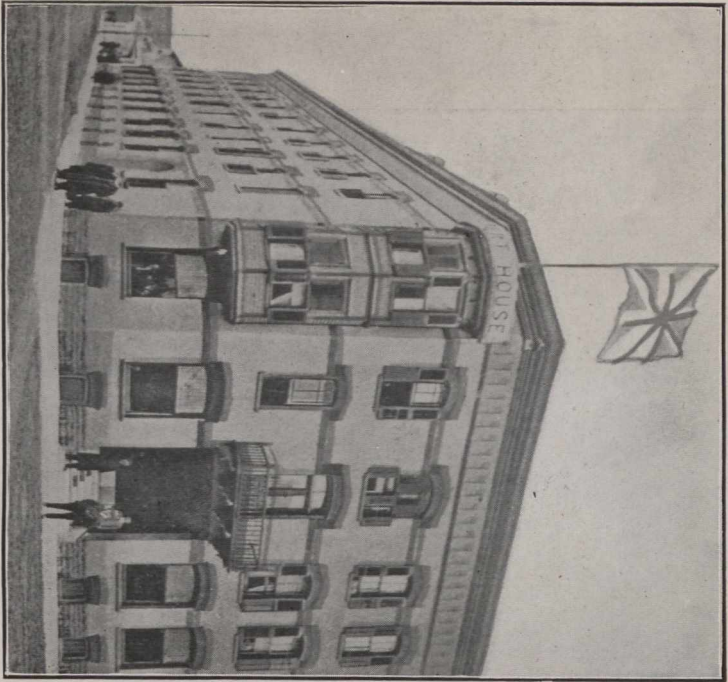


S. B. McClung & Co.'s Hardware Store.



Interior of Carter's Shoe Store.





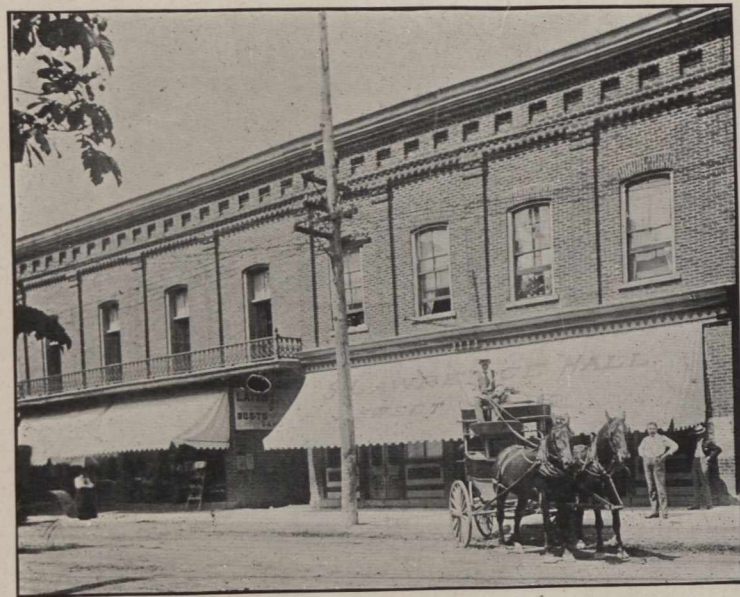
Hotel Gilbert  
W. L. Bleeker, Proprietor



Union Hotel, Trenton.  
P. Boruyea, Proprietor



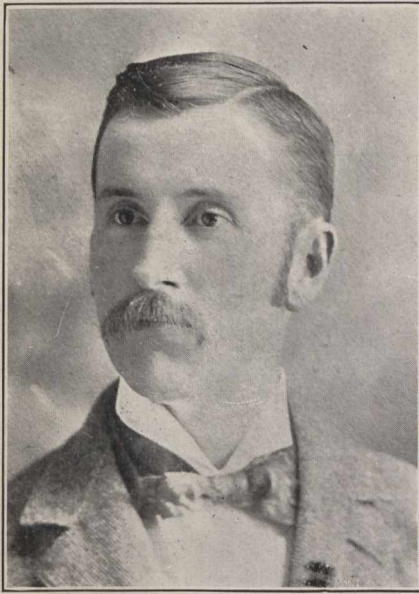
A Trentonian Deer Hunting in North Hastings



St. Lawrence Hall (Hotel).  
J. A. Pelkey, Proprietor



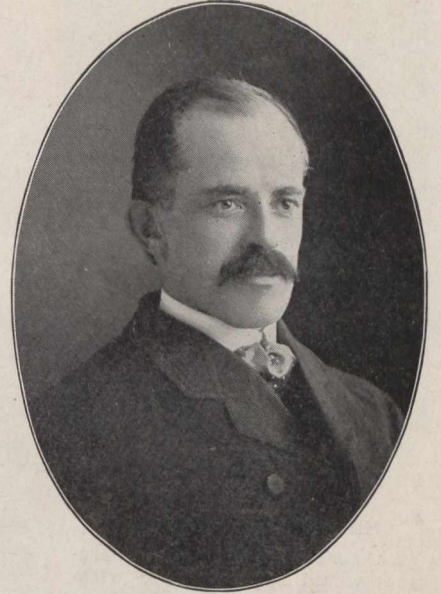
# Former Residents Now Residing Elsewhere



J. B. MURDOFF  
Toronto



T. McGEACHIE  
Peterborough



J. D. LOWERY  
Toronto

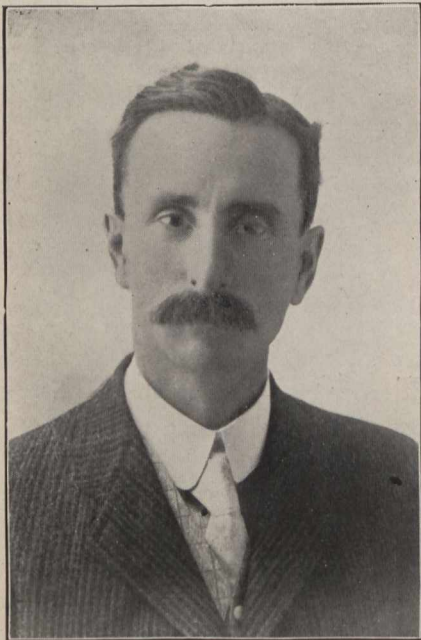
E. E. INGALL, B.A.

During the fifteen or more years Mr. E. E. Ingall, B.A., filled the important position of principal of the Trenton High School, much was done towards the present creditable standing of the school, not a little due to his commendable efforts. He saw the attendance of the High School increase from 70 to over 100, which is another indication of the development of the town. His personal interest in all educational work; his aptitude for his profession; his desire for knowledge

himself, and his willingness to impart it to others; his extensive learning and his ability to teach; his interest in his environments and the community generally, and personal qualities, all combined to make him a successful principal, and well fitted him for the appointment of Public School Inspector, for which he had already qualified, and to which he was appointed about three years ago—an appointment that enabled him to continue his residence in Trenton until his more recent appointment as Inspector of Bilin-

gual Schools at Ottawa. Mr. Ingall's home was in Galt, where he received his early education. He attended Toronto University and graduated with the degree of B.A. He also received the same degree from Queen's University. He has a specialist's standing in English and history. He taught four years in Elora, and later in Windsor Collegiate, coming to Trenton from that place. During his residence here he has taken commendable interest in many good works, and especially all that has

tended to promote the educational and allied advantages of the town. He was actively connected with the Public Library and the Y.M.C.A. As a member of King Street Methodist Church, he has ever been prepared to bear even more than his share of the burden of the church work, and has filled different important official positions in connection with the church. He has also been prominently identified with the Masonic order, being a P.M. of Trenton Lodge of the A. F. & A. M.



G. T. BISSELL  
Meaford

Formerly Chairman of Trenton Board of Education and also a member of the Trenton Council

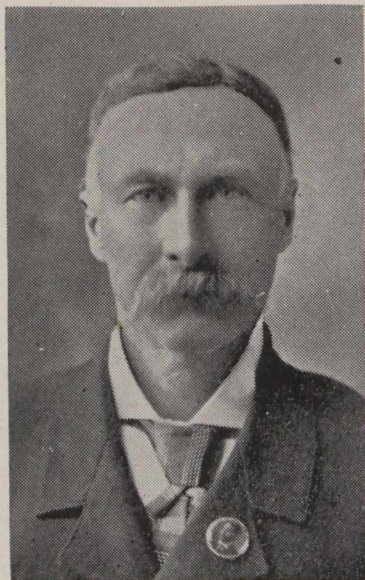


G. H. ALLEN  
Montreal



K. S. WHITE  
Toronto





M. B. MORRISON, EX-M.P.P.  
 Sheriff of Hastings  
 Belleville

SHERIFF MORRISON.

An account of Trenton's progress would be incomplete without reference to Mr. M. B. Morrison, ex-M.P.P. for West Hastings, as that gentleman holds the distinguished honor of having been Mayor of the town for a period of seven years, and a Town Councillor for several years, during which time the town of Trenton passed through many important stages. Mr. Morrison is a native of Consecon in Prince Edward County, but was a resident of this town for over thirty-five years, the latter part of which he was a representative business man and a prominent citizen and is well known throughout the district. His popularity may be judged by the fact that he was a successful Conservative candidate at two provincial elections. Mr. Morrison owns considerable real estate in Trenton. About ten years ago he was appointed Sheriff of Hastings County, and resigned his seat in the Legislature. Since then he has resided in Belleville.



I. N. DEFOE



THOS. JARRETT  
 Haileybury

THOMAS JARRETT.

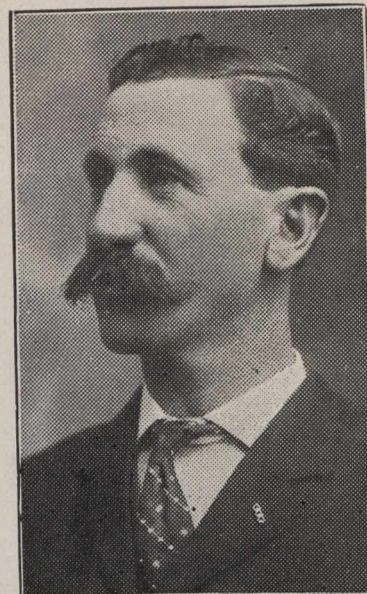
(By H. A. Day, in The Haileyburian, May, 1912.)

Councillor Thomas Jarrett, who is chairman of the Finance Committee this year, is serving his second year in the Municipal Council; having also previously served a year as a member of the Haileybury High School Board. He came to Haileybury between three and four years ago, with a ripe experience in public affairs, which was soon recognized by the people of the town, first in his appointment as a High School Trustee, and later by his election as a Town Councillor, in which capacity he was honored by reelection, with a greatly increased majority. On his removal to Haileybury he resigned as a member of the Trenton Board of Education, on which he had served for ten years, being an ex-chairman of that board; so that he was quite at home on becoming identified with the public institutions of Haileybury. Mr. Jarrett is a native of the County of Kent, England, but was quite young when his parents came to Canada.

He spent his early days in and near Toronto. Twenty years ago he married Ella May Strickland, a native of Brantford. Soon afterwards he went to Deseronto, where he was employed in the lumbering business of the Rathbun Company, and while there he was offered and accepted a position on the Belleville Daily Sun, and has since been engaged in journalism, being at the present time managing editor of the Haileyburian. He is identified with various public institutions of the town, being chairman of the Haileybury Public Library Board; secretary-treasurer of the Haileybury Horticultural Society; a member of the Board of Trade; treasurer of Court Haileybury, I. O.F.; secretary St. George's Society of Haileybury; and is identified with St. Paul's Anglican Church.

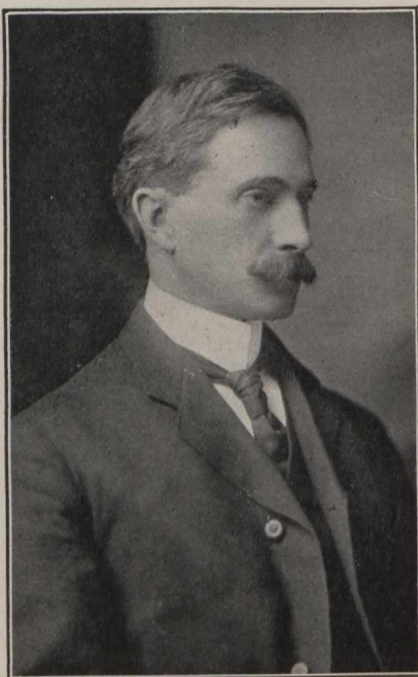
A MUSICIAN.

Miss Helen A. Dempsey, Mus. Bac., formerly one of the leading musicians of Trenton, and now of Toronto, is a native of Prince Edward County. Although raised in

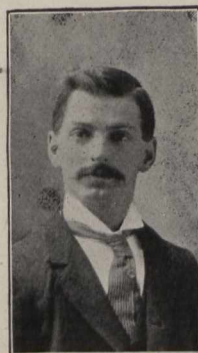


G. F. TURNEY  
 Haileybury

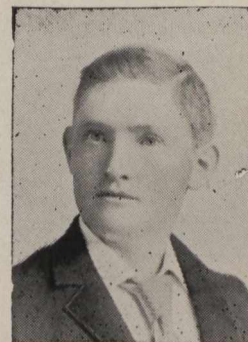
a musical atmosphere and passionately fond of music, Miss Dempsey did not turn her entire attention to the art until about fifteen years ago. Deciding then to study it for its own merits, she began with Mrs. McColl, of Belleville, with whom she studied piano, violin and theory for about four years. After passing the junior examinations in these branches, Miss Dempsey attended Toronto Conservatory of Music, studying principally with Mr. Klingensfeldt, Dr. Anger and Miss Gordon. Through hard work she took her final theory examinations and composition in three months' time, graduating with first-class honors. Miss Dempsey then began the University course for Bachelor of Music, but after a few weeks her studies were interrupted for nearly a year through bereavement and ill-health. Resuming her work, she completed in five months what is generally regarded as a two years' course—her composition and final examinations, passing successfully in both at Trinity University. Through her efforts Trenton was made a local centre for the Conservatory examinations, with Rev. F. W. Armstrong as honorary representative. Miss Dempsey is a daughter of W. R. Dempsey, ex-M.P.P., and Emily Boulter, and a sister of Mr. Harry Dempsey, Warden of Prince Edward County.



T. A. G. GORDON  
 Dryden



W. E. LABELLE  
 Ottawa



W. A. WARNER  
 Vancouver



## Deceased Trentonians

JOHN F. FLINDALL.

John F. Flindall came to Canada from London, Eng., with his father about 1793, and settled at the Carrying place, after that moving to Trenton and again to Sidney Township. He distilled whiskey for about twelve years, and then started a brewing and malting business. He was one of the first Councillors in Trenton and lived in Trenton from about 15 years old, until he died at 87 years of age.



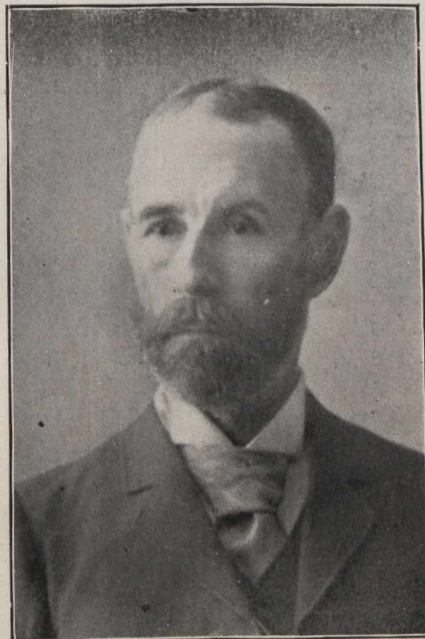
LATE DR. W. H. DAY  
Mayor of Trenton 1881-2



LATE D. R. MURPHY  
Reeve of Trenton 1856



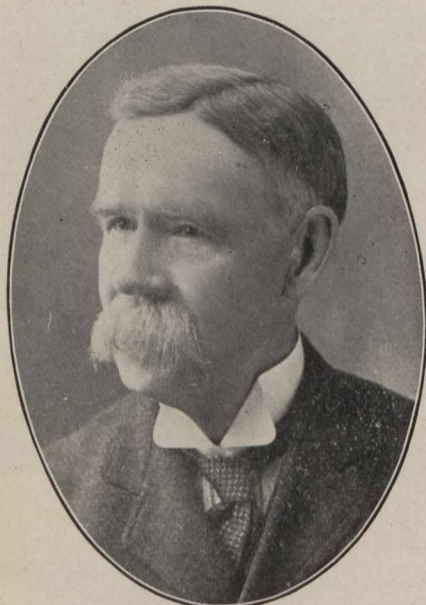
LATE IRVINE GLASS



LATE J. H. T. BLEASDALL



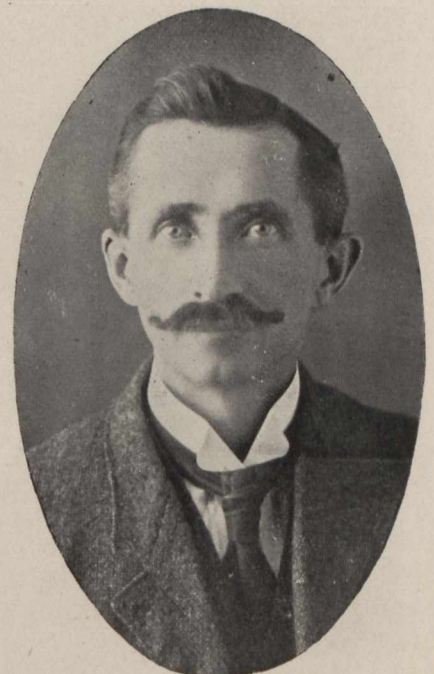
LATE CHARLES FLINDALL



LATE J. H. STEWART



LATE W. E. BLAKELY



LATE J. N. JAMES



# Hockey, Lacrosse and Baseball Players



The Trenton Lacrosse Club (1908).

Reading from left to right in picture: Top Row are: H. McWilliams, D. O'Neill; Thos. McGeachie, President; W. F. McClavey, N. McKim.

Centre Row—W. Powers, W. M. Robertson, C. McWilliams, F. Shannon, F. Pinner, J. Cumming, M. Feeto.

Bottom Row—A. Hatton, W. Whitty, H. Armstrong.



Trenton Hockey Team (1909).  
Rev. Rural Dean Armstrong is in the rear row.



Trenton Baseball Team (1908).  
Chief of Police Moffatt is standing in the centre rear.



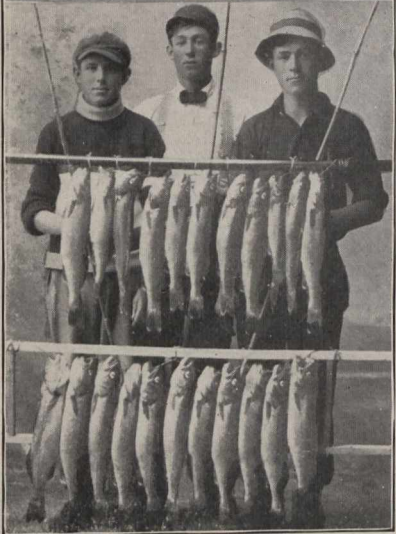
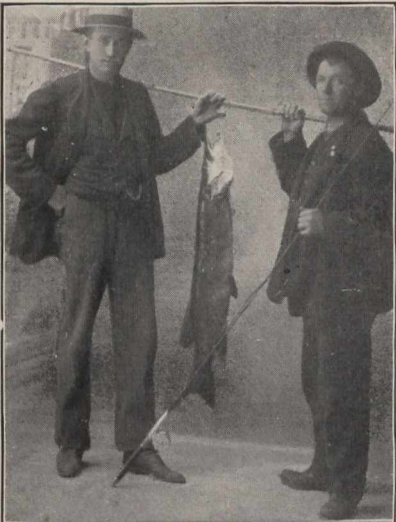
The Shamrock Hockey Team (1909).

Reading from left to right in picture: Top Row are: E. Billings, spare man; W. F. McClavey, Manager; N. Miron, President; W. M. Robertson, Sec.-Treas. and Cover Point.

Centre Row—W. Johnson, Right Wing; J. Cumming, Captain and Rover; A. Cumming, Centre; A. Armstrong, Left Wing.

Bottom Row—C. LaFleur, Cover Point; L. Tierney, Goal; L. Smith, Point.





Some Fish  
Caught near Trenton  
by  
Trenton People

The Bay of Quinte  
The River Trent  
and other nearby streams  
afford excellent  
Fishing



BLACK BASS.  
AN AFTERNOONS CATCH



## Trenton Sportsmen in North Hastings After Deer

IN THE HIGHLANDS NORTH OF TRENTON.

A widely travelled writer recently took a trip over the C. O. R. to Bancroft and returned overflowing with enthusiasm. Nowhere has he found finer scenery or a more attractive spot for the health-seeker than in the central highlands of this Province reached by that road. The land is studded with lakes teeming with fish, and especially attractive to the tourist, while the air is particularly invigorating and flavored with a resinous aroma which makes the tourist indifferent to the grain of his beefsteak, provided he can get enough of it. It would be impossible to here describe fully the inducements this fine country, which is tapped by the C. O. R., offers to the sportsman, but it is becoming more popular every year.

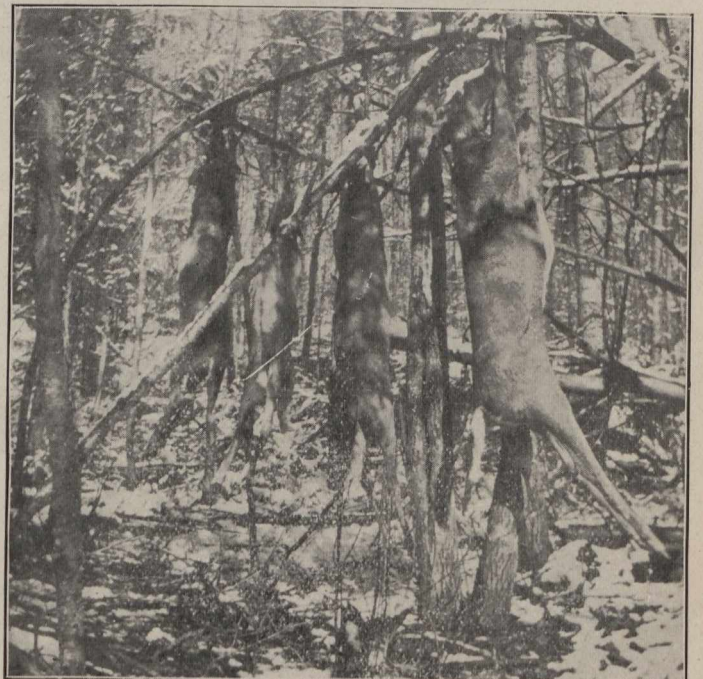
Few people too seem to realize what a change of altitude there is in this few hours' ride over the C. O. R. The road between Trenton and Maynooth climbs an incline of upwards of 900 feet, reaching an altitude of 1,200 feet above sea level, and beyond are still higher hills. The atmosphere, particularly at St. Ola, Bancroft and Maynooth, is especially exhilarating and salubrious, and physicians maintain that it is equal in its health-giving qualities to that of the famous Muskoka region. But there are still other advantages and beauties.

At St. Ola, both east and west, there are pretty chains of lakes, abounding in the choicest game fish, and cottages may now and then be seen peeping out from the steep and rocky hillsides. And then all along the line are trout streams, clear spring lakes, level farm land, hilly grazing land and rocks, bluffs from which the rolling country for many miles around may be viewed. In the fall deer are to be found on these slopes, and many a one falls a victim to the unerring aim of the sportsman's rifle. Then, if the traveller, camper, summer tourist, or wolf hunter longs to get still nearer to nature's heart, he has only to proceed upward still, but over a good road among the hills, and he arrives beyond the sound and toil of man in the midst of the primeval virgin forest, with its tall giants that have never felt the stroke of the woodman's axe or heard the voice of man, towering high above his head, while under his feet is the soft, pliant carpet of nature, composed of pine cones and needles.

Amid the masses of rock of various formations are found many minerals. At Deloro an extensive and expensive up-to-date plant is melting and reducing silver ore in paying quantities. At Eldorado there is located a copper mine and reduction plant; near Bannockburn lead is mined, while not far from L'Amable, with a branch line five miles in length, is situated the famous Bessemer mines, handling four to six carloads of excellent high-grade iron ore per day. These last mines are very extensive and the range is a particularly valuable one.

Although the people of Trenton live so near these many attractions and the C. O. R. furnishes such easy access for pleasure or profit, one often forgets what nature has done for us. When the full strength of the water-power of the majestic Trent is harnessed, Trenton should become the natural meeting place of the minerals and raw materials of the north via the C. O. R., of the products of the north-west via the Trent Valley Canal, and of the coal from the south shore via a fleet of ships.

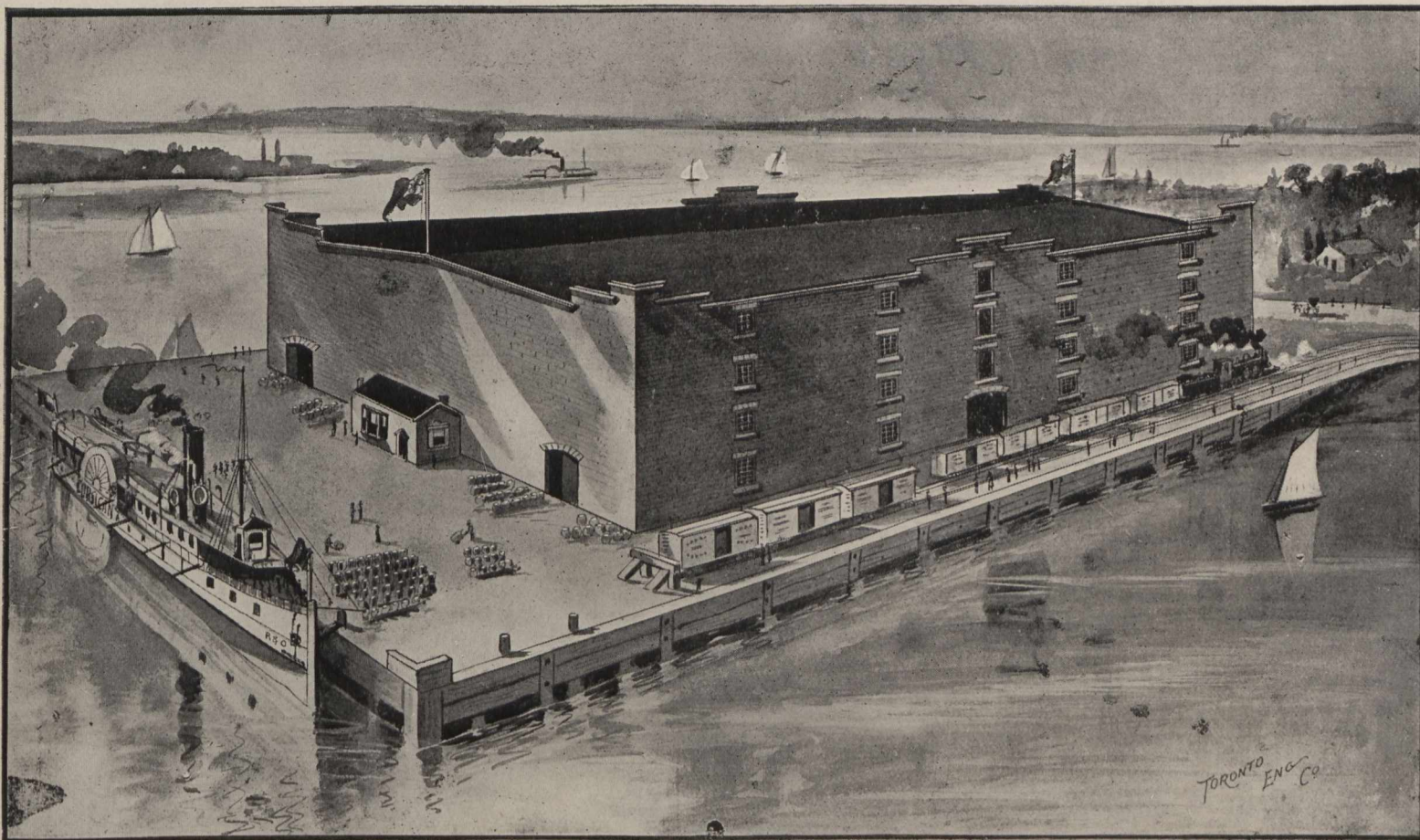
At almost every station of the C. O. R. the summer idler may find by lake or stream, beside hill or valley, cool recesses, pretty nooks and shady spots, pleasantly situated and well adapted for tent or cottage.







Cunningham's Livery and Undertaking Establishment.



The Atlantic Cold Storage Company's Establishment

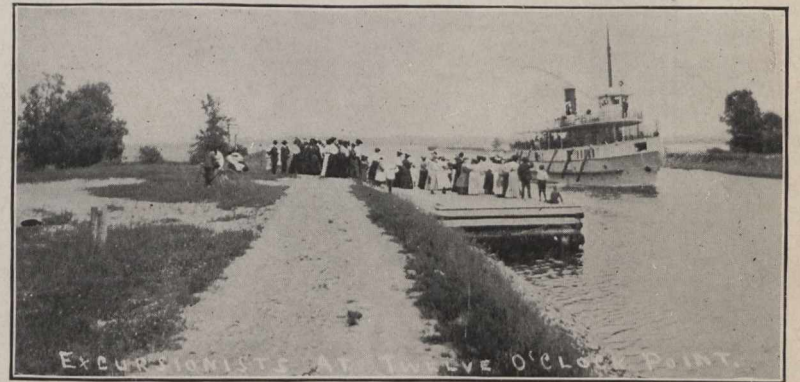
TORONTO  
ENG. CO.



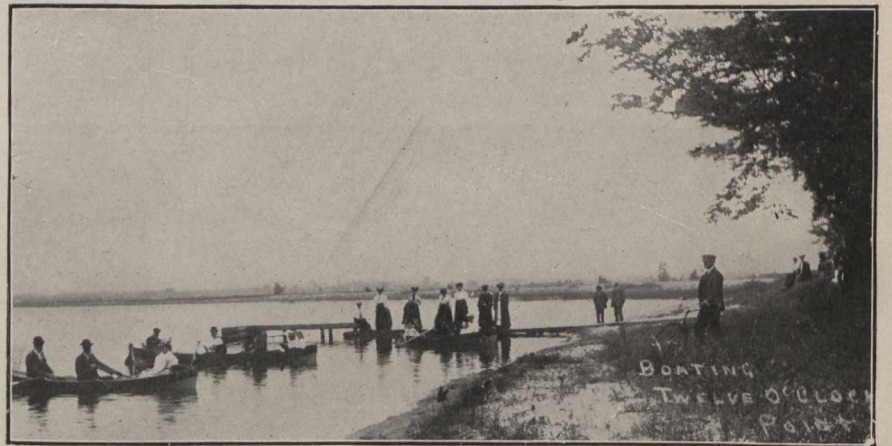


In Summertime at

**T**welve  
o'Clock  
Point  
Park



Twelve O'clock Point is near enough to Trenton to be considered part of the town. It is situated among the trees on the sandy shores of the Murray Canal, where the lake steamers enter the Bay of Quinte. It is under the management of Mr. H. E. Groff, whose Post Office address is Trenton, Ontario.





# TRENTON, ONTARIO

## Cheap Electric Power for Manufacturers

### OFFICERS OF TRENTON BOARD OF TRADE, 1913

Hon. President	- - -	Robert Weddell
President	- - -	W. H. Matthews
Vice President	- - -	A. E. Cuff
Treasurer	- - -	H. F. Whittier
Secretary	- - -	H. A. Thomson

### MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL, 1913

MAYOR - - - Dr. E. KIDD

### COUNCILLORS :

B. W. Powers	J. H. Dickey	R. A. Lewis
R. H. Spencer	H. Curry	W. H. Waldorf

## Factory Sites, Railway Sidings, Wharfage Facilities

- ¶ The policy of the Municipality is to donate free sites to manufacturers desirous of locating in Trenton, provided the industry gives employment to a number of hands sufficient to entitle it to such a concession.
- ¶ Excellent factory sites through which the spur lines of one railway already run, and which are so situated as to be easily accessible to the navigable waters of the Trent River, can be purchased very reasonably.
- ¶ There are many other factory sites available within the Corporation limits, adjacent to railways and wharves.

Manufacturers are invited to locate in Trenton, one of the most progressive towns in Canada. Transportation facilities unsurpassed by any other Canadian town. For information, Chairman Industrial Committee, Town Council, or Secretary, Board of Trade.

## R. WEDDELL & SON

Dredging

—and—

General Contractors

Head Office and Foundry

Trenton, - Ont.

## GILL & FORTUNE

Lumber Merchants

Wholesale and  
Retail

Office and Yards

Trenton, - Ont.



# THE MOLSONS BANK

Incorporated 1855

HEAD OFFICE - - MONTREAL

Capital Authorized	- - -	\$5,000,000
Capital Paid Up	- - -	4,000,000
Reserve Fund	- - -	4,700,000

W. MOLSON MacPHERSON, - President  
S. H. EWING, - Vice-President  
JAS. ELLIOT, - General Manager  
W. H. DRAPER, - Superintendent of Branches

- ¶ 85 Branches in Canada and Agents and Correspondents all over the world.
- ¶ Savings Departments at all Branches. Interest at highest current rate, compounded half yearly, paid to depositors.

## A General Banking Business Transacted

TRENTON BRANCH - H. A. THOMSON, Manager  
BELLEVILLE BRANCH - ARTHUR JONES, Manager  
FRANKFORD BRANCH - S. HOWELL, Manager

- ¶ This Bank has been transacting business in Trenton for thirty-two years, and the Local Manager will be pleased to furnish information concerning the town and district to parties desiring such information.

# BANK OF MONTREAL

Established 1817 - Incorporated by Act of Parliament

Capital Paid Up	- - -	\$16,000,000.00
Rest	- - -	16,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	- - -	696,463.27

Head Office - MONTREAL

### Board of Directors

RT. HON. LORD STRATHCONA AND MT. ROYAL, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., - Honorary President  
R. B. ANGUS, President  
SIR EDWARD CLOUSTON, BART., Vice-Pres.  
E. B. Greenshields  
Hon. Robt. Mackay  
C. R. Hosmer  
Sir William Macdonald  
Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O.  
A. Baumgarten  
H. V. MEREDITH, - General Manager  
James Ross  
David Morrice  
H. V. Meredith

**Trenton Branch** = A general Banking Business transacted. Drafts bought and sold. Letters of credit issued.

**Savings Bank Department** = Interest allowed on deposits at highest current rates.

**B. H. SIDDALL, - Manager**