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DOUBLE SHEET TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY AND WEEKLY TIMES

residents of the County when, save bere and there this whole section of here and there, this whole section of here and there, this whole section of the country was a veritable wilder-lit withgas, and a very efficient systhe country was a veritable wilderness. The work accomplished by the last and present gen erations has been a work of more than ordinary magnitude; and even now, if it scarcely holds true that "the chaos of a mighty world is rounding into the matter of schools and churches there are ten—"one Presbyerian, two Baptist, two Methodist of any of our banking houses is the Church of Canada, one Methodist." form" it is true that "the rudiments of empire here are plastic yet, and warm," and that the development of England. Seven of these are brick the past promises to be more than structures, and all are nearly new, equalled by that of the future. The neat and comfortable. The large area throughout the county that has been brought under cultivation, the thriving, busy centres of trade that have sprung up, the schools and churches that have been built are all so many guarantees of future prosperity—they point unmistakeably to-ward a condition of things that shall reflect the fullest credit upon those who have been co-labourers in the great work which fell first upon the earliest settlers, and to which the people of to-day have fallen heir. That work is the up-bnilding of town and country-the careful fostering of those enterprises that give semblance, at least, of healthful life, as well as the discarding of those prejudices and the abatement of that sectional feeling which rivalry appears to always engender.

No one conversant with this portion of Ontario will for a moment dispute the assertion that it is the the years to come, to support teeming thousands where now are hundreds. The fertility of the soil the character and habits of the population, the present and prospective facilities by which the surplus products of our farms and workshops reach the great mass of consumers the growth of educational, church and social interests are indicative of future, and when the TIMES makes claims of present prosperity and future greatness for the County St. Thomas is capital i wishes its claim to be accepted in the fullest, most material glance at the map of Ontario will convey something of an idea of which we wish to make plain. The observer will notice how the railway system affects the County. The Canada Southern road passes through every township but one; the London and nley branch of the Great Western bisects the County, and the Air Line branch of the Great Western gives us competition with the Canada Southern both to the east and west. As a natural result of these roads centering in St. Thomas, this immediate section has reaped far, but they are benefits that are cumulative in their character, and the effects, following a natural law, radiate from centre to circumference.

thing concerning the growth of the commercial interests of St. Thomas. so, by induction, it shows the growth

Episcopal, one Roman Catholic, one Bible Christian and two Church of terian, Roman Catholic, Methodist Church of Canada and the English Church buildings are especially ticeable for their architectural beauty

and finish." The educational advantages afforded by St. Thomas are in keeping with its church privileges. The St. David's Ward school house is a fine two story white brick structure and contains

In preparing a report upon St. Thomas and its varied interests it is but natural that detailed space should be accorded the Banks. By and through their aid the great majority of enterprises, public and private, are carried forward, and the contents of their vaults prove both the fulcrum and lever for

Merchants Bank of Canada

As all the monetary world knows the erchants is an outgrowth of the old Com-ercial Bank. The Merchants, as a dismercial Bank. The Merchants, as a distinct bank, was incorporated in the year 1868, and it absorbed the business of its predecessor. So far as the Merchants is a St. Thomas interest it dates back to that time. The intervening ten years have been characterized by nothing phenomenal—the bank has simply pursued the even tenor of its way, gaining friends and patrons year by year, and more and more closely linking its fortunes with those of the community. The parent institution, as well as its branches, deserves meritorious mention, and that the confidence the people of Ontario especially have placed in it has not been misplaced is shown by its in the function is a first coverage of the control ot been misplaced is shown by its areer. Although the head quarters of the

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cers are: John Moisons Esq., Pres.; HCn.
Thos. Workman, M. P., Vice-Pres., and
the Directory embraces the names of T. J.
Claxton, V. P. of the Montreal Life Insurance Company; R. W. Shepherd, Esq.,
President of the Ottawa River Navigation Company, Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Senator, Horatio Nelson, M. P. P. and Miles Williams. M. P. P. The Cashier is F. Williams. M. P. P. and Miles
Wolferstan Thomas: the assistant cashier
James Elliot, Esq. To quote the language
of the Chatham Planet, in a recent article
upon the bank: These are gentlemen of
known probity and integrity, and their
names are to be found. names are to be lound amount those schemes that are above reproach." those schemes that are above reproach."
To which we may add the statement that
the officers, directors and stockholders are
gentlemen possessing large means, and
their combined capital forms an aggregate
that is a bulwark of protection.
We might refer to the bank at much
greater length, but the foregoing suffices to
show to those who are familiar with it what
relations it hears to our own community.

but to supply the people with conveniences that did not then exist. The result, in a pecuniary sense, has been more than was expected, and a business has been built up that the community would hardly be willing to dispense with. While buying and selling Exchange upon all the principal cities, making loans and the like, Mr. Claris especially nakes it a business to discount farmers and general commercial paper, and to advance money upon notes, stocks bonds and stocks from the financial standing of everybody here abouts, and his resources are such that he with its always prepared to give advantageous rates to those whom necessity compels to the business the financial standing of everybody here is a commodious L on Hincks street. The ground area is much larger, and to still further accommodate rates to those whom necessity compels to the business the firm have recently purchased five lots in the rear of the main building. Heretofore the only serious obscillation to list realize upon "paper." In addition to list he business the firm have recently purchased five lots in the rear of the main building. Heretofore the only serious obscillations of the firm's own may carried to do do and the result of the firm's own may carried to do a rearried in large stock; so are furs. The senior member of the firm attends to the buying, and scarcely a month passes in which he does not visit the leading Canadian markots, and the firm also importations of the firm also importations of the firm also importations of the firm's own may carried to do.

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New York. As if all this was not enough to keep him busy Mr. Claris also does a large insurance business. He represents some of the staunchest companies, such as the Royal of England, the Commercial Union of England, the Imperial and the North British as well as the Canada Fire and Marine, and the Canada Life. His Insurance business constantly increases in Insurance business constantly increases in nportance, and those seeking sound poincies will find it to their interest to call upon him. Merchants, manufacturers or there entrusting their insurance business to Mr. Claris' care will find that it will be carefully placed, and that they will be relieved of all care or anxiety in the matter.

Mr. Claris has further shown his identity with the contestion with the

Mr. Claris has further shown his identity with St. Thomas by his connection with the building of the Opera House, at a cost of something, over \$20,000. In brief, he has demonstrated himself to be an energetic, public spirited man, and it wouldn't hurt any other town to import a few more young men of the same sort.

Adam Cochrane. He also used to be engaged in manufacturing operations—in fact, has baen in harness for a life-time, public spirited man, and it wouldn't hurt amy other town to import a few more young men of the same sort.

the business leading ones is the Savings leading of the sand to combine a very large per cent of those of conomical habits in town and country. It appears to be the policy of the bank to combine safety with the financial standing of everybody here abouts, and his resources are such that he policy of the bank to combine safety with such rates of interest as the bank can pay of the salty of the policy of the bank can pay of the salty of the policy of the bank can pay of the salty of t

The shops were built some six years ago by Wm. and Thomas Haggert, now of London. These gentlemen carried on general agricultural implement manufacturing, but, if the truth must be told, this enterprised the state of the state but, if the truth must be told, this enterprise languished than otherwise. Last April, Messrs. John Haggert, Adam Cochrane and Roderick Coohrane, purchased the works, plant, etc. Two of these co-partners, Messrs. Haggert and Roderick Cochrane constitute a firm that arealso largelyengaged in manufacturing at Brampton, and so the firm-name is one familiar to a large part of the people of the Province. The management of the business here is with Mr. Adam Cochrane. He also used to be engaged in manufacturing operations—in fact, has been in harness for a method. For twenty-five years he was engaged in manufacturing in the county of Grey, and this long experience certainly fits him to assume charge of this enterprise.

During a conversation not long since

-a customer has a wide range of selection rom English, French and Scotch suitings, and for this fall and winter trade the styles

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SYNOPSISOF THE HISTORY OF ST. THOMAS.

[By request, we publish in this double-sheet of the TIMES a few extracts from the 'History of St. Thomas' as it appeared in the County Atlas.]

St Thomas was named from Thomas Talbot, with the Saint prefixed for euphony, It is situated in the centre of the county of Elgin, east and west, on an elavated peninsula formed by the winding of Kettle Creek. The view, especially from the west is very fine, and in the autumn, when the forest and shade trees have put on their glory of gold and crimson. these, with the green valleys below he many brick walls and glistening, spires beyond, and the long, high bridge spanning the stream, altogether form a picture of which Charles Sangster might write as he did of the "St-Lawrence and Saguenay.

The men who first made their homes here, when the place was not even a village but simply a part of the town-ship of Yarmouth, are worthy of men-tion They are Captain R. D. Drake, the Mandeville family, Garret Smith, Capt. Daniel Rapelje, Arch. Mc Neil and Mr. Curtis. They settled here about the year 1810 and were cotemporary with the other early set tlers of Yarmouth. The first marriage in St. Thomas was that of Richard Mandeville and Ann Smith in 1818. Archibald McNeil gave the lot on which now stands the R. C. Church as a site for a church and burial ground. Daniel Rapelje was one of the strong-hearted pioneers; his log house was near the site of the present residence of Mr. Farley; he built the first mill at St. Thomas. The trials of these early settlers have been often recounted, and those who read or think of them must conclude that St. Thomas then and now, are widely different. A bushel of wheat for a yard of cotton, and eighteen bushels for a barrel of salt, seems a strange tale in 1878, but it was true in 1817.

James Hamilton, for many years the respected sheriff of Middlesex, was the first merchant of St. Thomas. In 1817 he brought a few goods by water to Port Stanley, and finally took in as a partner Mr. John Warren, and the oldest resident still remember the firm. Bela Shaw and Lucius Bigelow are also remembered in a similar capacity, and from the files of a newspaper published in St. Themas in 1832, it would appear that the only mercantile firm was that of Shaw & Co. Goodhue & Duncombe also sold goods as well as formed a partnership in the practice of medicine. Between this brief list and even the imperfect one the TIMES gives to-day the contrasts are great enough to form food for reflection.

About the year 1825 St. Thomas had a beginning as a village and in the year 1832 a bird's eye view would have been widely different from that of to-day. At that time the village commenced at the foot of the hill near the bank of the creek, and extended on Talbot Street to Mr. Shaw's store, which was nearly opposite where the TIMES now is. The first substantial brick block was built in 1854-5, the Metcalfe buildings, by Benjamin Drake Esq., which were first occupied by the Koe Brothers in 1855. The growth of the place has since been until lately very spasmodic; but on the whole, sound and progressive.

The gas works of St. Thomas are the property of a company of our citizens, and were built and finished in 1874 by Connelly, Naylor & Co., of Pitsburg, on a contract for \$59,700. They are located on Scott Street; the main building has a frontage of 71 feet and contains the retort house, the purifing house and the meter house; the gasometer is a brick tank near by 50 feet diameter, 20 feet deep and

may be attached hose to throw two powerful streams. The reservoir is of stone, laid in water lime, and has a diameter of 22 feet by 13 deep. The engine house is built over the reservoir; there are two engines each of 40 horse power and two separate boilers, all of the best material.

Those familiar with St. Thomas wil-remark some notable omissions in this resume. The reasons therefor are apparent. A number of manufacturers, merchants and others whose names do not appear have been called upon, but either they were not in or else they took no interest in the west have not intentionally slighted any one, when all the space was exhausted, the ani when all the space was exhausted, the work had, of necessity to cease. To those who have extended the writer aid and endent of t

The South-Western Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings and Loan Society.

Mechanics' Savings and
Loan Society.

When the above-named Society was organized, in 1875, the feeling of the public generally may be said to have been en rapport with the movement. The success that had attended similar enterprises throughout the Province was indicative of the prosperity that might reasonably be expected for it, and the gentlemen who associated themselves together in the incorporation of the Society certainly had a lively faith in its future. Among those who took a prominent part in the inception and carrying out of the scheme were the late Mr. George Kains, Dr. Gustin, M. A. Gilbert, and Mr. Ermatinger, of St. Thomas; John Peirce and Meredith Conn, of Tyrconnel; James Warwick, of Dorchester; T. W. Kirkpatrick, of Rodney, and others. The county as well as the town was thus represented in the organization. The first President was the late Mr. Kains, who retained the position until his death a few days ago; the other officials now are: Dr. Gustin, V. P. and acting Press; and M. A. Gilbert, Sec. Treas., and Manager. The Board of Directors now comprises, besides the Vice President, Messrs. T. L. Lindop, Joseph McAdam, W. H. Tucker, Isaac Courser, James Warwick, Samuel Shepard, John Dodd, Meredith Conn, John Peirce, and T. W. Kirkpatrick. These gentlemen, naturally enough, feel a deep interest in the welfare of the Society, and their efforts have resulted in substantial good.

The subscribed stock is now \$60,000, of which \$50,000 is paid up. This stock can now be subscribed for at par, but we understand that it is the intention of the Board to advance it to a premium at its next meeting in January—a fact that tells very succinctly how stisfactorily, the affairs of the Society have been managed. We are in possession of but few figures stative to the operations of the Society, but we sent that the volume of business has steadily progressed, and that the Board, beside paying its regular dividends, has already formed a rest or reserve fund, which will be increased this year. There are reasons why profit

should be good when we know that all the capital is employed, and the expense account is merely nominal. The officers and directors will never be able to retire from business upon the emoluments of their respective positions, and as the expense account is so small somebody must derive benefits from such an economic policy. That "somebody" is composed of two classes, the stockholders and the borrowers. The the stockholders and the borrowers. The Society has money to loan upon reasonable rates for the simple reason that a large staff of ornamental efficers have not to be supported from the interest fund. Although empowered to carry on a Savings Department, the Society has not yet done so, for the simple reason that there is not enough demand for money to justify paying interest upon deposits. In other words, unemployed funds are not desirable. It is probable that a savings department will be instituted that a savings department will be instituted whenever the Board deems it desirable or whenever the Board deems it desirable or to the interest of the Society. The busi-ness is therefore purely leaning. Leans are not restricted to any specified amount—the value of the property offered as security regulates that. Nor are the affairs of the Society bound up with red tape. A lean committee meets weekly, or oftener if de-sired; amulications are entertained, and the sired; applications are entertained, and the borrower obtains his money. The leans are made shiefly upon property in Elgin and the counties lyingalong the Canada Southern

the countieslying along the Canada Southern Railway.

It is quite needless for us to go further into details relative to the Society. Its operations have been closely watched by intelligent, observant men, and their judgsuccess that has marked the enterprise since its inception-has been of a character to warrant us in speaking highly of it, and the Times can certainly extend it not only con-gratulations, but earnest wishes for a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

The Southern Counties Permanent Building and Loan Society. One of the financial interests of S-

One of the funcial interests of Sta-Thomas that has reached successful prom-inence is the enterprise whose name is given above. Originated in 1870—now just about eight years ago, it has since passed through the various phases of experimental life—its infancy and youth hav developed into stur-dy manhood, and the enterprise now holds a position that has been honestly, faithful-ly and conscientiously worked for and won. It is almost needless to say that the coterprise was called into existence to meet a felt want—to further opportunities for aiding farmers and others, and to provide a safe repository for the accumulating savings of a large class of people who rarely enter a chartered bank. The first meeting of the society was held on the 23rd of November, 1870. The officers chosen were; A. McLanghlin, Exc. President, Saving English. a chartered bank. society was held on the 23rd of Noyember, 1870. The officers chosen were; A. Mc-Laughlin, Esq., President; Samuel Eccles, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer, and these gentlemen retained their respective positions until 1873. In that year Mr. McLaughlin retired and was succeeded in the Presidency by Mr. Eccles, while Mr. A. J. All-worth was chosen Secretary-Treasurer vice. Eccles. The Society then held \$13,200 o Eccles. The Society then 'held \$13,200 of permanent stock, besides some thousands of 'accumulating stock,' but the business was not so systematized as now. Stockholders had rather looked upon their accumulating stock as certificates of deposit, and were in the habit of drawing 'money upon them as they would upon balances in bank, Mr. Allworth called the attention of the Board to the fact, and as a result the second Board to the fact, and as a result the permanency of stock was secured, and the growth of the institution greatly promoted. growth of the institution greatly promoted. At the end of his first year's management the permanent stock had swelled to \$110,.000, and at the present time it is \$257,750. Of that large amount 220,000 is paid up. The Company first had its office in a little 7 x 9 room, upstairs, and certainly there was nothing in its appointments to indicate that a husbess of any magnifular was being was nothing in its appointments to indicate that a business of any magnitude was being or about to be taansacted. One or two removals of office headquarter have sinceben made, and the present offices are worthy the Company and the magnitude of its business. One of thing is yet lacking, however, and that is additional clerical force—we can admire the Board of Directors adhering decly the expensional presents. wer, and that is additional clerical force over, and some the streets, and to any one of these may be attached hose, to throw two of the streets, and to any one of these may be attached hose, to throw two of the streets, and to any one of these may be attached hose, to throw two of the streets, and to any one of these may be attached hose, to throw two of the streets, and to any one of the streets, and to any one of these may be attached hose, to throw two of the streets. Not only the bolds as savings account, giving a large as a savings account, giving a laberal transpart of the same year was received \$2281.

ly, it provides security for those who wish to open a savings account, giving a liberal rate of interest upon deposits. Not only that, but use is made of home capital and the interest thus becomes of peculiar local benefit although its operations extend to nearly every part of the Province. In the management of the enterprise are associated together gentlemen of known means and integrify, and the result of their liberal and yet careful management like hear a spaces. tegrify, and the result of their liberal and yet careful management has been a success as gratifying as it is commendable. The Society has never sustained a loss worth chronicling, and to the officers and directors too much praise can hardly be accorded for such results. Neither need the Company fear disastrous results while the same business sagacity characterizes their management of affairs. The Board of Directors comprises, besides the President of Pres ement of affairs. The Board comprises, besides the Presi-

Green, and T. Stacey. The solicitors of the Company are Messrs. Farley, & Doherty, well-known barristers. These names are familiar to most of our readers; many of the gentlemen are retired and wealthy farmers, while others are still in active business, but they comprise a strong board—a board that has in its make-up a large quantity of that commodity known as "commonisense," and they are working with a will toward making the Company more and more successful.

The Times can heartily endorse the Southern Counties Permanent Building and

goes via rail to New York and Boston. The grain purchases of the firm have brought them in contact with the farmers of a large area of country, and we believe these farmers will admit that their business relations with Shepard & Griffin (harring the low prices of grain that at times prevail) have been of the pleasantest possible character.

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Large as is the grain trade of the firm, it is but one item of the business. Their coal trade is exceptionally large. They import direct from the mines, and the quantity of black diamonds handled is simply immense. We would be afraid to tell how many car loads of anthracite and bituminous coal are now stored in the large sheds and under the grain warehouses. It would seem as if there was enough to last the county for a year or two, but it is coming and going so rapidly that the stock is constantly changing. We also notice in what excellent shape the coal is sent out to the retail consumer here in town and country. It is all carefully screened, full weight is guaranteed, and the utmost pains are taken to give the most complete satisfaction to every customer.

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The lumber trade of the firm also calls The lumber trade of the firm also calls for separate mention. Their yards are bounded upon two sides by the railway tracks, so that the material is easily received and shipped—indeed, the firm have so systematized all the departments of the so systematized all the departments of the business that there are few suggestions of improvements that we could make. The stock of lumber usually carried ranges from a quarter to half a million feet, and during the past season the demand has been especially good. The firm buys from different sources, but the bulk of lumber handled comes from the Georgian Bay region. In both coal and lumber a large wholesale trade is had, even up the line of the London, Huron & Bruce Railway, as well as to nearly all the towns and villages near here. Then again, there is still another department of trade that must not be overlooked. The firm 1 a c a large wood yard, and at all seasons of the year are prepared to fill orders for fire-wood in any quantity. To manage the business, waried and extensive as it is, leaves Mr. Griffin little leisure manage the business, warred and extensive as it is, leaves Mr. Griffin little leisure time. He never appears quite happy, how-ever, unless thoroughly busy, and he seems to be quite well satisfied with the way the

J. Doyle & Co

One of the most successful of our many grocery houses is that of J. Doyle & Co., and although established hardly one year, yet it has gained not only an excellent interests that speaks well for the future of the house. The original firm consisted of Messrs. J. Doyle and James O'Shea, their partnership having been formed on the first of January, this year. Within the past two or three weeks another co-partner has been admitted, in the person of Mr. James been admitted, in the person of Mr. James L. Armstrong. These gentlemen are all young men who have been connected, in one way or another, with the business interests of 8t. Thomas or vicinity for a number of years, and they are working with a will toward making their trade connections with the people of the most satisfactory character—satisfactory to themselves and to the public. The general lines of trade engaged in by the firm are groceries, provisions, and liquors. The house shows very full stocks, and not only are staple articles to be found in abundance, but particular attention is also paid to what are known as tancy groceries. The house makes it quite ts general family business is second to non-tere. A very considerable jobbing trade is ad with smaller dealers in this section o nau with smarrer dealers in this section of the country, also—indeed Messrs, Doyle & Co. are sparing no efforts in any direction that promise to further their business suc-cess in an honorable way. The year's trade has been very satisfactory—the sales of the house have been considerably in setzence of that promise to further their business success in an honorable way. The year's trade has been very satisfactory—the sales of the house have been considerably in advance of expectations, and every indication points to equally gratifying results for the coming year.

McPherson & Armstrong

About two months ago a new firm en gaged in business here, the co-partners being Mr. Hugh McPherson and Mr. Robt. Armstrong. These gentlemen associated themselves together for the purpose of carthemselves together for the purpose of carrying forward a general merchant tailoring and gentlemen's furnishings business. They secured excellent premises in the Southwick Block, on the north side of Talbot street, and these they stocked with an exceptionally well selected and large assortment of tweeds, eloths, &c., both of French, English, Scotch, and Canadian manufacture. Everything is fresh, the styles of goods are the latest, and the people here have shown lish, Scotch, and Canadian manuaceurs. Everything is Tresh, the styles of goods are the latest, and the people here have shown their appreciation of the efforts of the firm by extending them a patronage already beyond their expectations.— Each of the co-partners attends to the business, Mr. McPherson managing the sales department and Mr. Armstrong doing the cutting. The least named contleman has been similarly last named gentleman has been similarly engaged here for the past five years, and abundant evidences of his skill have been abundant evidences of his skill have been given. The firm have thus far employed an average force of twelve, to fourteen persons, and they expect to increase the force. Shirt making is another of the specialties of the house, and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed on orders. The stock of gentlemen's furnishings shown is large—there is a host of nobby and stylish articles, and any host of nobby and stylish articles, and any taste or purse can be suited. Messrs. Mc-Pherson & Armstrong are each young men—they are active workers, and we believe they have entered upon a successful trade

Since 1861 the drug house of C. Mitchell, established that year, has held a prominent while others are still in active basis. St. Thomas It has partalent in so small makes, but they comprise a strong boardalboard that has in its make-up a large quant through the strong board and the strong of the strong board and the strong of the strong place in the list of business interests of St. Thomas. It has partaken in no small

stock of Thomas Arkell, taking possession of the premises occupied by the old house, and he began the task of working off one of the premises occupied by the old house, and he began the task of working off one of the largest stocks of goods ever brought to St. Thomas. He had a thorough knowledge of the duties and responsibilities before him—before engaging in trade in London he had been buyer for one of the Toronto houses, and in that capacity had familiarized himself with the markets of old world and rew, and his efforts as a merchant here have been eminently successful. The old stock was rapidly disposed of, and thomsands upon thousands of dollars worth of new goods have since been bought and sold. Upon the counters and shelves of the establishment can now be found a choicely selected as well as large stock of fresh goods, the selections having been made by Mr. Hanratty, and to expressly meet the demands of the trade that centres here. The stock is a comprehensive one, too. In the line of dry goods the visitor to the house can find almost any and everything and not only that, but courteous saless for are in attendance, ready and willing to farlow words. The millinery department is a leading feature of the trade, and so lare cloths, nice goods and department is a leading feature of the trade, and so are cloths, piece goods and merchant tailoring. In brief, there is not a more complete establishment of the kind in

nery room and manment, which makes a most excellent apart-ment for clothing, hats and caps. The house thus has a metropolitan appearance, and is in keeping with the trade which it ment for clothing, hats and caps. The house thus has a metropolitan appearance, and is in keeping with the trade which it commands. Though competitition is and has been very lively, Mr. Hanratty expresses himself well pleased with the results of his business action. His trade has grown each year, and to-day the house occupies a leading alead an each year and very service. tile interests. The personal management of affairs is with Mr. Hanratty. He is a young man, but he has nevertheless had about twenty-five years' experience in the trade. That experience is put to good account, and, as a result, the enterprise thrives. ding place among our mercan-The personal management of

The Union Mills. Messrs. Haight & Willson fill a triple place in the husiness community of the county. They are woolen manufacturers, millers and merchants, and we refer to each millers and merchants, and we refer to each of the interests represented by them. The firm own and operate the Union Woolen Mills, located at Union, five miles south of St. Thomas. The mills are located upon Beaver Creek, and the firm unquestionably possess the best water power in the county. It is an old water privilege, too. Nearly or quite half a century ago Mr. James Haight, father of the senior member of the firm of which we write, established mills there, and he continued operating them until sucfather of the semor member of the firm of which we write, established mills there, and he continued operating them until suc-ceeded by Haight & Willson some twelve or fourteen years ago. The woolen mill is a one sett affair, operating 360 spindles, in-cluding the twister. Its looms, dyeing, cluding the twister. Its looms, dyeing, fulling, scouring, and other machinery is complete and modern, and in addition to tulling, securing and other machinery is complete and modern, and in addition to this manufacturing machinery are roll eards for custom work. The product of the factory is various. Tweeds, blankets, flamels, yarns, horse blankets, wincies, jeans, &c., are made, and we believe this is the only woolen factory in this portion of Ontario that manufactures the last-named articles. Nearly all the goods made are for the retail or home trade, too, and this fact tells louder than words in what esteem the enterprise is held by the people. The consumption of wool for manufacturing purposes is about one hundred pounds per day. A large per cent. of this wool is of domestic growth—the remainder (especially used in making the finer grades of goods) is imported. The product of the mills is sold both at Union and at the warerooms of the firm here. Connected with the woolen factory is a flouring mill for custom and merchant work. It has three run of stone, and it, also, is doing a presperous business, which we would be the sure of market.

merchant work. It has three run of stone, and it, also, is doing a prosperous business, chiefly supplying a local market.

Last March Messrs. Haight & Willson jeet is to afford those who trade in St. Thomas the opportunity of buying the best quality of home made goods from first hands, and, to add to the general usefulness of the house, other lines of dry goods and of boots and shoes have been added to the stock. Wool is also purchased here or taken in exchange for goods, and Mr. Willson informs us that he has already received about 25,000 pounds of wool from farmers' wagons since the house was opened. Mr. Haight remains at the mills, while Mr. Willson puts in his time here. Both are practical woolen manufacturers—they have practical woolen manufacturers-they have rirtually grown up in the business, and ither is competent to direct all its details. enterprises they conduct.

John Midgley.

Although Mr. Midgley has none of the appearance of a patriarch he "bears the blushing honors" of now having been longer in trade (without interruption) in St. Thomas than any other of our merchants. By nativity he is an Englishman—from Yorkshire—but he has been a resident of Canada since 1856. Mr. Midgley came to St. Thomas from the neighboring, city of London. There he had been engaged in clerking, but upon coming here he opened a ready-made clothing and furnishing goods house, the first of its kind, we believe, to be established here. At all events, it is now the only one, nor is there room for any other while nearly all the dry goods dealers dabble more or less in the same premises all the time. He owns the property, and he has converted it into a most excellent place of business. The building is of brick, three floors, and uniform with most of the business blocks upon the street. The trade held by the house is the outerway to fill.

cosses with each passing twelve-month.

J. J. Hanratty.

When Mr. Hanratty established a dry goods, millinery, and clothing house in St. Thomas nearly three years ago, he was not exactly a stranger to the community, for many of our people, in their shopping excursions to the neighboring city of London, had had occasion to drop into his establishment there, and those who knew him as a London merchant were ready to extend to him a cordial greeting upon his locating here. Still, he was a comparative stranger to this community. He purchased the stock of Thomas Arkell, taking possession of the premises occupied by the old house, and he began the task of working off one of the largest stocks of goods ever brought connection with our other leading mer chants. Though no extravagant pretensions are indulged in, and no resort is had to bom bastic assertions, yet everything along smoothly—the staff of salesme along smoothly—the staff of salesmen show that a prosperous trade is had, and in asserting the fact we only make mention of what everybody in the community has observed. And while the dry goods department is complete the millinery and mantle departments are equally so. Especial attention is given to them—the house spares no pains to have the latest patterns of fashionable millinery, and under the manipulation of deft fingers in the work rooms spring into being many of those "loves of bonnets." which we all admire. In the millinery work-rooms fourteen | ers. as are employed. Mr. Neal reports trade with him as showing quite an improvement this year over ing quite an improvement this year over last, still he joins the other merchants in wishing for the advent of "the beantiful

The grain business of St. Thomas, as will be seen by the brief summary the TIMES

Mr. Hanratty occupies one of the finest salesrooms in the town, in the Free Trade buildings, Talbot street, opposite the Merchants' Bank. It is 24x100 feet, the rear portion, used as a millinery room and man. cerning him and his business. Mr. Roe is a native Canadian. He came to St. Thomas cerning him and his business. Mr. Roe is a native Canadian. He came to St. Thomas in the year 1843, and ever since has been connected, in one capacity or another, with our grain trade—indeed, we believe he is now the oldest grain buyer in the county of Elgin. His first experience here was as a clerk for Mr. James Blackwood, now deceased, and in 1849 he became a co-partner with Mr. Blackwood, the business being a oneer compound of merchandizing. milling, with Mr. Blackwood, the business being a queer compound of merchandizing. milling, and grain buying—the firm then operating the St. Thomas Mills, which were burned in 1851. In 1852 Mr. Roe formed partner ship with a brother, under the style of J. A. and C. Roe, general merchants, and two years after another brother, Mr. Peter Roe became a partner, under the style of Roe Bros. They rented the Metcalf Block, and did a general dry goods, groeery, and hard, did a general dry goods, groeery, and hard. did a general dry goods, grocery, and hard ware business until 1863. The partnership was then dissolved, and since then Mr. Roc was then dissolved, and since then Mr. Roe has done an exclusive grain trade. In former years he was also connected with ship-owning. In 1860 he built a vessel—the Mary Roe—which made one or more trips to Hamburg, Germany, and he has also owned three other vessels, among them the steamer Banshee, which was lost in Lake Ontario about the year 1860. In January, 1865, Mr. Roe feund himself in financial difficulties. A compromise was effected after about six months, so that really there has been no cessation to his really there has been no cessation to his business, except that resulting from a fire, which burned his warehouse about four years ago. Last year he built a convenient and commodious warehouse by the side of the G. W. Railway, on Talbot street, and his last fall's operations resulted in hand-ling not far from 30,000 bushels of barley, as well as large quantities of other grain. His purchases and shipments of grain this year will reach at least 100,000 bushels. His purchase of peas, for exportation to England, will be about 20,000 bushels, and England, will be about 20,000 busness, and, in one way or another, he is managing to disburse a good deal of money among our farmers. There is scarcely a busier man to be met with in St. Thomas, or one who is more in sympathy with the progressive element of the town. He is now, and for when the other time for the next want years. most of the time for the past twenty years has been, a member of the Town Council and he is also now a candidate for th Mayoralty.

Lindop & Cooper.

The "art photographic" has its numerous representatives in St. Thomas, as well as in other places of like size, and in the rooms of Messrs. Lindop & Cooper one can while away an hour very pleasantly. Twork exhibited is really artistic, instead work exhibited is really artistic, instead of that trash which characterizes too many so-called photographic parlors, and that leads us to digress long enough to say that the word "photography," like "charity," is made to cover a multitude of sins. Inspecting the many portraits on exhibition in the rooms of which we write, we notice several things. We observe that attention is paid to pose—not a constrained but a natural attitude is had, and we also notice that deattitude is had, and we also notice that deserved attention is given to the arrangement of drapery. Then, too, every detail is clearly defined. Instead of blurs and indistinct outlines, the work is as clearly cut as in the finest steel engravings. Especially is this true of the "artotype" process, and that leads us to say that Messrs, Lindop & Corner to long since purposes. is this true of the "artotype" process, and that leads us to say that Messrs. Lindop & Cooper not long since purchased the right for North and South America for the secalled artotype process, and a company has already been formed to introduce the dis-

covery. The company has its headquarters in New York, and they are, we believe, about to revolutionize the photographic business of the country. We haven t space to write of the discovery in detail, and, if we had, probably would not make ourselves understood, but one point we name, and that is that the "printing" is done upon a lithographic press, instead of by the old system, and that copies can be stricken off with the same case that impressions are made upon a printing press. Messrs. Lindop & Cooper also introduced the "carbon' process to the photographers of Canada,

lop & Cooper also introduced the "carbon' process to the photographers of Canada, and most beautiful work is the result. In their rooms here we notice that a large er cent. of the work done is of the more expensive character. India ink, silver

Comparatively few of our readers, we dare say, have anything like an accurate idea of the extent of business done by Mr. Martin. They may drop into the store and observe that it is fully stocked with everything that appertains to the dry goods trade; they may notice the fact that sales men are busy and that a good trade is being carried forward, but they learn but little of the full extent of the business of the house. A Timbs reporter has simed to pierce below the surface, and he learns, among other things, that the house is quite an employer of labor. To illustrate, one of the leading specialties of the business is the manufacture of gentlemen's, ladies and children's underwearfremall raunerofmaterial; overalls and smocks, ladies' mantles, ulsters, dresses and skirts, and the same class of goods for misses are made, as well as boys ulsters, overceats, suits, &c., the latter being appecialty. In other words, the house is a modern furnishings establishment, as well as a dry goods emporium, and in establishing and successfully carrying forward, she has a dry goods emporium, and in establishing and successfully carrying forward, she has husiness. Mr. Martin has deserved. ing a specialty. In other words, the house is a modern furnishing establishment, as well as a dry goods emporium, and in establishing and successfully carrying forward spich a business, Mr. Martin has deserved the success that has attended it. Fourteen or more ladies are employed upon the premises, as well as quite a number out of the house, and the facilities of the house are such that any order can be promptly, and satisfactorily filled. The various other departments of the house are in equally good shape. In dress goods, in house furnishings, in hosiery, and the thousand other things, the needs of the community have been consulted, and the result is that everything moves along smoothly as can be. The manufacturing department is under the charge of Mr. Lindsay, but to the entire business Mr. Martin gives his personal attention. Though yet a young man, he has been long and favorably known in connection with the dry goods trade of this portion of the Province. He was divided the Martin of ion of the Province. He used to be con-tected with the house of Wall & Martin, of nected with the nouse of Wall & Martin, of Chatham, (in which town he now has a brother doing a large dry goods trade—firm of Laing & Martin), and he came from Chatham here two years ago, buying out the firm of Jones & Co., long and favorably known to the trade hereabouts. The old prestine of the house has not been lost unknown to the trade hereabouts. The old prestige of the house has not been lost under the new management, and Mr. Martin has not only added very largely to the resources of the house, but its trade has very materially grown under his management. He is a live business man, and his efforts here have not been without their results.

The "Red Star" grocery house, in the Arkell block, Talbot street, is one of the institutions" of the street. Certainly it so one of the neatest appearing houses of its kind here, and so far as stock is concerned or character of trade done, we are inclined to think the Messrs. Kerr have little to complain of. Their firm was formed in July, then succeeding to the ignocery and provision trade of Mr. Arkell. They not only largely increased the stock, but added wines and liquors, so that the wants of either hungry or thirsty are catered to. This firm is composed of two brothers, W. J. and G. C. Kerr. They are young men, and if not natives of this vicinity, have passed most of their lives here. For some time W. J. Kerr was in trade at Aylmer, and G. C. used to be in the liquor business here. They both have an extended acquaintance, and it is evident their friends and here, and so far as stock is concerned are extending them a hearty patronage. The house has a considerable wholesale, as well as large retail trade, but we believe they do not do any traveling for orders now, the wholesale trade coming to the house. It is easily apparent that the firm is prepared to fill orders, large or small, and is prepared to fill orders, large or small, and they are certainly sparing no efforts to give satisfaction to their numerous customers. Everything about the house looks well—the stock is kept in good shape, and the Red Star grocery house may, in every respect, challenge comparison with its numerous competitors in St. Thomas.

D. Ferguson.

Upon the completion of the "Victoria Buildings" Talbot street, corner of the market square, about seven years ago, Mr. Dregruson became one of the "noble army of martyrs" known to the world at large as grocery and provision dealers. He soon attracted a trade of sufficient importance to bring his house into prominence, and through all the mutations incident to mer cantile operations during the next source. through all the mutations incident to mer-cantile operations during the past seven years he has not only held his own, but materially increased the annual sales of the house. This, too, in the face of the fact that grocery and provision houses have be-come almost "thick as leaves in the Vale of Valenders". that groces y account that groces y account almost "thick as leaves in the Vale of Valambrosa." For the year now closing the amount and value of goods handled has been considerably greater than for the previous twelvemonth, and Mr. Ferguson naturally takes solid comfort in contemplating

and in the States, and his practical, matter-of-fact observation of men and things, and his careful study of trade principles so far as they apply to his own business has re-sulted in matter-of-fact ideas, as well as ap-plication of those ideas. As a grocer and provision merchant he caters to the retail trade of town and country—it is here that he has won his trade success, and it is here that he anticipates winning still greater the has won his trade success, and it is here that he anticipates winning still greater success. Carrying large and well-selected stocks of goods, giving customers value re-ceived for their money, and extending cour-teous attentions to all, have resulted in a prosperous business, and we accordingly make note of it.

H. M. Willson.

As we have elsewhere had occasion to re-mark, nearly every line of trade is well represented in St. Thomas. The boot and represented in St. Thomas. The boot and shoe trade is no exception, and among others who make it a specialty is Mr H. M. Willson, whose place of business is upon Taibot street, just opposite the market, Mr Willson is a native of the neighboring county of Kent. He came here from Ridgetown about fifteen years ago, but he did not engage in trade for himself until seven years ago then occuping the same location as he does now. He is, a thoroughly practical man, having had twenty or more years' ex. doos now. He is a thoroughly practical man, having had twenty or more years' experience, and he continues to do all the citing fo the manufacturing department of his bussiness, which employs a half-dozen workmen. This custom munufacturing is a leading specialty of Mr. Willson's trade, but not to the exclusion of carrying a general stock of goods from the leading wholesale manufacturers of the country. It the selection of this stock Mr. Willson has shown the taste and judgment of a has shown the taste and judgment of a practical man, and he has received a trade that is is of the best order. A young man and a worker, he is doing all in his power to further his own interests and the general

A. J. Wood. Renders of the TIMES, whether reside

Readers of the Times, whether residents of St. Thomas and vicinity or not have beenen acquainted with Mr. Wood's name through the medium of the advertising columns of the paper. Placing a proper appreciation upon the value of printer's ink he has taken that method to make himself and his business known, and we think his observation of the results would be summed up in the expression "it pays". Be that as it may, not a business enterprise of any character has more rapidly won friends and trade than has his during the past twelve months. Mr. Wood came here from business. The printing, oil, and all the systems that give the best results, are used, and while we don't wish to unduly compliment the firm, we can truthfully say that their work will by comparison rank with the finest made. We can most cordially extend an invitation to our readers to visit their rooms, nearly to prosite the Hutchinson House As we have said, much will be found to interest and instruct.

W. F. Martia.

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Business. Fin actively engaged in trade for twenty year, actively engaged in trade for twenty year. rear of it is a commodious warehouse feet deep. Here are displayed all the coponent elements of a modern govern hour A large per cent of the goods handled the house are imported direct, and all the canital and begin and each to the control of the

and the Turvill family have carried milling there for nearly a quarter of a cetury. Twenty-three years ago the late M Richard Turvill first became propriets and he remained connected with the buness until his death, four years ago.

The firm of Turvill Bros. comprises to co-partners: Messrs. G., R., H. and Turvill, the three former attending to

also a 25 horse power engine. The mill is kept busy upon both merchant and custon work. The custom grinding amounts to kept busy upon both merchant and custom work. The custom grinding amounts to about 200 bushels perday, and the store receives from two to three tons of flour perday. A local market is had for the product of the mill, nearly all the flour made being sold in this immediate vicinity.

The Messrs. Turvill Bros. are not only known as millers, but they are building up large trade as seedsmou. In elever and

a large trade as seedsmen. In solover and timothy seeds a pecially they have a whole sale business, and this trade embraces the community by establishing this branch of usiness, and we are glad to know that the interprise has been successful.

The City Flouring Mills. Messrs. Weldon, Lunn & Co. are carry

Messrs. Weldon, Lunn & Co. are carrying forward a good work, and vs "ye honest millers" are deserving of mention in these columns. The firm comprises three co-partners: Wm. Weldon, J. T. Lunn, and H. Livens, all of whom devote their personal attention to the business. The firm, as it now is, was formed last May, succeeding to Weldon, Reed & Lunn, who built the mill in August, 1877. It is very conveniently situated by the side of very conveniently situated by the side of very conveniently situated by the side of the Great Western and Canada Southern the Great Western and Canada Southern Railway tracks, thus having every facility for shipping any surplus-of flour manufactured, and the capacity of the mill, which has three run of stone, may be fairly placed at 100 barrels per day. One of these run, however, is for chopped feed. Both merchant and custom work is done, but nearly if not quite the entire market for flour made is here or in this immediate vicinity, a fact that speaks well for the estimation in which the City Flouring Mills are held. Especial the City Flouring Mills are held. attention is paid to custom grinding our farmer friends will find every a modation extended them that

modation extended them that they could reasonably ask for.

The motive power of the mill is steam, a 40-horse-power engine being in place. Mr. J. T. Lunn is the engineer, (and bookkeeper also, we believe) Mr. Wm. Weldou attends to the general outside management, while all the preject of the control of the while all the praises or curses for good of bad flour must call apon Mr. H. Livens, who is the practical miller. The firm re-port business as thaving been right good, and they are a tainly sparing no effort to make it better.

The Royal Oak Mills.

St. Thomas is indebted to Messrs. Oill & Reed for a new manufacturing interest Until recently, we have been dependan until recently, we have been dependant upon other sections for our supply of oat meal, but now those who take their morning porridge can do so with the knowledge—that they are aiding to sustain a home interest, therefore

"Let those now eat who never ate before, And those who are now eat the more." The enterprise, as a St. Thomas interest, has but a brief history. The firm of Oill & Reed, until between two and three months ago, had been operating an oat meal mill at Springfield. For various good and sufficient reasons they resolved to remay here. been considerably greater than for the previous twelvemonth, and Mr. Ferguson naturally takes solid comfort in contemplating the fact.

Mr. Ferguson is a native of St. Thomas, and, almost as a matter of course, is a young man. His life, has been passed here and in the States, and his practical, matter-of-fact observation of men and things, and his careful study of trade principles so far as they apply to his own business has resulted in matter-of-fact ideas, as well as application of those ideas. As a grocer and in provision merchant he caters to the relation and since their mills have been provision merchant he caters to the relation. tation, and since their mills have been fairly in running order here, they have turned out a grade of goods that attests how omplete are all their facilities and how horoughly they desire to produce only the best. Naturally enough, they look for a largely increased trade since they have so improved their shipping facilities, and we have no hesitation in predicting that the most sanguine expectations of the firm will be realized.

G. W. Wilcox.

Another of our "East End" friends who s building up a large and remunerative rade is Mr. G. W. Wilcox. He is one of trade is Mr. G. W. Wilcox. He is one of our wholesale wine and liquor merchants, and though his business was established no longer ago than last May, it has grown to occupy, a prominent place in the trade circle of the town. Mr. Wilcox is by no means a stranger to the people of Elgin County, as he belongs to one of our oldest families. Before engaging in trade he was a farmer—indeed, he still owns a fine farm near here—a sort of anchor, we suppose. Since open, a sort of anchor, we suppose. a sort of anchor, we suppose. Since opening his wine and liquor house he has given the business his entire attention, and though the business transacted is of a character that extends to most of the surrounding towns, little or no traveline; is done. towns, little or no traveling is done. The wholesale orders come to the house, and from all we can learn, the enterprise is in a prosperous condition. We wouldn't advise any one to patronize the house- the matte of purchasing liquors or using them be left to individual option—but if a our readers require pure wines, good brandies, excellent liquors or ales, we can simply say that Wilcox keeps them, and we don't doubt he will give large or small or.

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and the patrons of the house find it works to excellent advantage. At all events, the monthly sales of the house show constant improvement, and that, after all, is the best test of how popular the enterprise is. Another feature of Mr. Perry's method of conducting business is this: He makes it a shoult to employ just as few persons as the nature and extent of the business admits. He doesn't take any stock in purely orna mental clerks, and the result is the expense mental olerks, and the result is the expenses of the house are materially reduced, an advantage that is shared by its patrons.

For this winter a large and well-selected stock of goods is shown, comprising all the staple articles and novelties peculiar to the

"shopping expedition" to "The Lion sis a veritable voyage of discovery. To the general management of the affairs of the house a vertable voyage of discovery. To the general management of the affairs of the house Mr. Perry gives his undivided attention. Though a young man, he has had twenty years or more of business experience as salesman or proprietor, and he has certainly given our people an illustration of the fact that his ideas are of a progressive order.

In connection with "The Lion" is a millinery and dress-making department worthy of mention. This is under the worthy of mention. This is under the control of Miss McNeil, and she is to be complimented upon being at the head of one of the most cemplete and popular millinery rooms in St. Thomas.

Robert Nelson. The jewellery trale of St. Thomas has a umber of representatives, and the various houses as a class will compare very favor houses as a class will compare very lavore ably with those in any other line of trade. The establishment of Mr. Nelson's is especially handsome, and any one fond of inspecting elegant jewellery can gratify his or her inclinations by a visit to the store. The furniture and decorations are tasty, and within the various show cases one can see many a heautiful article of ornament and within the various show cases one can see many a beautiful article of ornament and user. An especially full-line of the more expensive goods are shown. Besides handsome setfs in great variety we noticed some diamond rings that are doubtless destined to make some one happy before the holidays are passed. A very full line of the best makes of American, Swiss, and other watches in gold and silver cases are shown, —indeed, almost everything that one can -indeed, almost everything that one can name as belonging to the jewellery trade is present. Unquestionable taste has been present. Unquestionable taste has been manifested in making selections of stock, and Mr. Nolson's long experience has produced results that reflect credit upon the establishment. The house is the pieneer now of the jewellery trade in town, Mr. Nelson having established the business twenty-nine years ago, at which time he removed here from New Brunswick. He is a veteran in the trade, too, and is, if not the oldest, one of the oldest jewellers in the Province. He has had practical experience of half a centrury, having learned the trade of watchmaker in the city of St. Petersburg, Russia, fitty years ago. He has been something of a cosmopolite during his life, but for many a year now, as we have, said, ha has remained identified with St. Thomas and its trade. The contrast presented behs has remained identified with St. Thomas and its trade. The contrast presented between the house as it is now and as it was twenty-nine years ago must be great indeed, and we think Mr. Nelson has every reason to congratulate himself upon the success which has attended his efforts since coming here. He still continues to give the business his personal attention, and in the repairing and manufacturing departments gives employment to three workmen. The repairing and manufacturing departments gives employment to three workmen. The repair business is specially large, and the house has gained a most excellent reputation for the thoroughness with which it does its work. As one of the oldest and one of the leading merchants in town we make somewhat conspicuous mention of Mr. Nelson, and at the same time extend him our heartiest good wishes for continued success.

The flour, feed and seed business of Town finds a representative in the house of The interest is a new one J. H. Tonkin. J. H. Tonkin. The interest is a new one; having being established in March last, but it has, in a quiet, unpretentious way worked up a really good trade. The chief object in view in opening the house was to provide suitable headquarters for the sale of flour and feed made at the Fingal mills. These mills are operated under the name of Mr. James Tonkin, but we believe Mr. J. H. Tonkin is not wormfore also. These mills are Tonkin is part proprietor also. These mills have three run of stone, and do both custom and merchant work, the flour and feed manufactured being almost wholly sold here and at Fingal. Attached to the flouring mill is a steam saw mill, built by the Messrs. Tonkin, and which is run upon ordered work, and a general stock of lumber is also

The wate ouse here is a real convenience The Fingal Mills have an excellent reputa-tion for making "A 1" flour, and now our people can supply themselves as readily and as cheaply as if the mills were located. here. Mr. Tonkin is doing

to extend the business, and we are glad to know that results so far have been guite satisfactory. The seed trade is a specialty, too. a fact thot our farmers will do well to

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Bolt Cutters and Taps, Drilling Machines,
Saw Mandrels, Fork Handle Lathes, Axe
Handle Lathes, Centre Lathes, Heading
Machines, Tread Powers and Sawing Machines, Pitt Power for four or six horses,
Cutting Boxes and Cider Mills, Corn Shellers, and Crushers, Ploughs of all kinds,
Cultivators. Harrows, Field Rollers, Horse
Bakes, Load Scrapers, Letter Presses, Jack
Screws, Cheese Presses, Saw Mill and Warehouse Trucks, &c. One of the great specialties of the firm is the manufacture of
mill gearing, another is agricultural castings
of all kinds: the repair business is very
large. and repairs upon engines, boilers, of all kinds; the repair business is very large, and repairs upon engines, boilers, mill machinery, threshers, implements, &c., are effected quickly and cheaply. Iron and brass engine fittings, water and steam are effected quickly and cheaply. Iron and brass engine fittings, water and steam gauges, are also carried in stock, as well as duplicate parts of farm machinery. Still another specialty, and a prominent one is the Diamond Iron Plows. Its many points of advantage are known to our farmers, and it is needless to dwell upon them. Such, thirdly told is the general duplicates of the to seedless to dwell upon them. Such, briefly told, is the general business of the Red Foundry. The enterprise gives employment to a force ranging from 15 to 20 persons—the work done is of a character to command approbation, and the firm is known far and near as reliable.

The New York Singer Sewing

Machine. Hardly a lady in the land but knows of the merits of the "Singer" Sewing Machine. There is searcely a nook or cor-ner of the civilized globe where these maner of the civilized globe where these machines cannot be found, and their rejutation and merits alike increase with each passing year. It is quite needless to call the attention of our readers to the merits of the "Singer". Light running, fast feeding, excellent working, it is no wonder that it is considered reliable, and has become king of machines. The New York Singer has an agency here, presided over by Mr. Samuel Porter, whose office is on Talbot Street, only a few doors from the market. Mr. Porter has been at the chead of the agency here for the past year, but for seven years or more he has been connected with the Porter has been at the chead of the agency here for the past year, but for seven years or more he has been connected with the Sewing Machine business, and since locating in St. Thomas he has been working with a will toward building up a first-class trade throughout the County. He has been eminently, successful, too, and for various reasons. He controls the sale of a machine that is a wall known that the people are that is so well known that the people car that is so well known that the people can easily believe his representations—an item worth-chronicling, for sewing machine agents, as a rule, are reported to so manipulate facts as to make them very elastic. Then, too, he has made himself personally popular, and that has much to do with the success of the enterprise. Of course Mr. Porter wants to sell all the machines he can, and he öffers a variety of terms. He will lead for each at the lowest possible rate on Porter wants to sell all the machines he can, and he öffers a variety of terms. He will sell for cash at the lowest possible rate, or he will sell upon mouthly or quarterly payments, or he will sechange the New York Singer for other makes of machines. We notice that he has a fine line of machines on hand; as well as a full supply of attachments, and it won't be his fault if he doesn't take want more. New York Singers for the company more. New York Singers for the company more New York Singers for the company more. New York Singers for the company more New York Singers for the company more. place many more New York Singers among the people. He will at all times be pleased onvenience, ent reputad now our as readily ere located his power located his power located wisable to call upon him.

J. H. Still.

The history of the "Red Foundry" is pretty thoroughly identified with that of st. Thomas and of the County. It has been too long and favorably known however to require us to descant upon its past history and so we particularly frefer to the enterprise as it is now. The firm operating the Red Foundry is C. Norsworthly & C.O., Mr. John C. Lindop being the "Co." Mr. John C. Lindop being the "Co." Mr. Norsworthly is the practical mechanic off the firm—for the past twenty-eight years he has been connected with similar manufacturing enterprises in Ontario, and we hardly think in the Province, and we don't that the general verdict of the people is that he is a thoroughly practical man. The expression freak was shouldn't wonder if he yet developed into a pretty fair sort practical mechanic, considering that his expressions have chiefly been of the interesting order. The foundry is centrally located at the building and machinery, and a knowledge of the character of work turned of ledge of the character of work turned to last, and he looks upon the following prospects for 1879 as being in every way be converted to the wall our very early more as the "hole in the wall our very early more as the name "East India" knowled that of last, and he looks upon the "cistainly know now the stable was the "hole in the wall to our remained the house" is N. T. Kains house is N. T. Kains and the look of the hardly think any one will dispute the converted with similar manufacture was say that the general verdict of the people is that he general verdict of

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Mr. Smith is to be classed among the pioneers of town, although not among our oldest residents, he having fived here only about eleven years. This apparent paradox is explained by the relation that one portion of the town bears to the other. Some six years ago when it seemed probable that a considerable trade would centre in the East End, owing to the property improvement, then being made, Mr. Smith was the first merchant fo "take hossage of the future" and locate there. Since then he has don't much towards advancing the developmene of that section. He built the Beaver blockt containing three stores, in 1872, and the building that he now occupies in the following year. He was also one of the parties who built the Masonie Hall block, and his faith in the East End has been further demonstrated by crecting quite a number of residences and other business buildings. His property interests in the East End are large and in managing them he seems dispored to show the same liberality that characterizes the other leading property owners. In business Mr, Smith contines himself to a general hardware trade. He has an establishment that reflects credit upon it. He has an establishment that reflects credit upon the town as well as of the house and we feel disposed to heartily congratulate him upon the results.

Staccy & Tucker.

The Eric Iron Works have accomplished a good work since they were established. The original firm, formed two and a half variety and work since they were established. The original firm, formed two and a half variety and work since they were established. The original firm, formed two and a half variety and work since they were established. The original firm, formed two and a half variety and work since they were established. The original firm, formed two and a half variety and work since they were established. of more than ordinary proportions; a considerable jobbing trade is done in connection with the general retail business, and as an exponent of the hardware interest the house

as a matter of course, they have been very materially enlarged and improved. Mr. George Wegg, Sr., continued the business until 1861, when he was succeeded by his

lly full stocks of the bon vivant can ave no difficulty in finding those accessories to the table that have, of late years, become so essential. Cleanliness, we are cold, is next to godliness. Every reader of the Times can remember the appearance of the Times can remember the appear which for extent and completeness need not fear comparison with that of any similar house in the Province. An exclusive hardware and iron trade is done, and, as we have said, this is largely at wholesale. Some traveling is done, Mr. James Bradley, the buyer and general foreman, making occasional trips through the counties of Kent, Lambton, Essex, and Elgin. In all these counties the house has a good trade, and one that is rapidly growing. To illustrate, although anticipating a good business upon beginning here, the firm admit that trade has been at least three times greater than their expectations. This year's sales

a good work since they were established The original firm, formed two and a hal years ago, was Stacey, Tucker & Wright exponent of the hardware interest the house occupies a place that has been worthily won. Business this year, we learn has been decidedly heavier than last year, and all the indications point to an equally good or better trade for the coming twelve months. Personally Mr. Smith is a young man—he is a native Canadian, and much of his life has been passed in this County. He used to be connected with the lumber interest, but that was some years ago. He is a practical man and a representative one. Mr. Smith is also one of the candidates for the Mayoralty.

Goorge Wegg.

The carriage making interest of St.

and the present firm of Stacey & Tucker dates back some six or seven months. A Timus reporter paid a visit to the works reporter paid a visit of the works reporter paid a visit of the works reporter paid a visit of the work sape, business active, and every facility existing for doing work expeditiously and well. In the shops are to be found some of the flast, most expensive machinery in the Province. Especially is this true of the large planer and drill, and the equipment of the Works is such that any job entrusted to them can be promptly and well done. The principal business thus far has been in repairs, but we believe the way is being pavel for the development of a large manufacturing industry—certainly something to be desired, and which, we feel assured, would receive a hearty welcome. The pro-The carriage making interest of St.
Thomas finds its leading representative in the gentleman named above. His business an old-established one, too; the oldest of skind in the county. The shops were started by Mr. Ween and the shops were started by Mr. Thomas finds its leading representative in the gentleman named above. His busines is an old-established one, too; the oldest of its kind in the county. The shops were first started by Mr. Wegg's father in about the year 1840. The premises then occupied were where J. B. Perry's dry goods store workers themselves, but they give now is, and the business done was chiefly general blacksmithing and repairs. Not long after, however, manufacturing was also engaged in and in these shops was abuilt the first buggy or carriage ever constructed in the County. In 1853 or 1854 the shops were removed to their present location on Metcalfe Street. Since then

J. J. Blackmore & Co.

This issue of the Times will show that there is no dearth of grocery and provision merchants in St. Thomas—indeed, their name is legion, and we have aimed to refer more or less in detail to all those who may be said to be fairly representative. Of that number Mr. W. Roberts is one, and though his house here was established no longer ago than the first of October last, it has already gained a name and trade alide creditable. Mr. Roberts is a young manantive Englishman, but a resident of this county for the past twenty years. He used to be in trade at Fingal, and upon removing to St. Thomas located in the East End of the town. He secured excellent premises in the Beaver Block, purchasing the building, a three storey and basement brief, and now that he is fairly settled and has latime to survey the field, he feels well satisfied with the results. Mr. Roberts has established a really first-class house, and the stock carried is ample. Groceries, and the stock carried is ample. Groceries, the stock carried is ample. Groceries to each. He has evidently determined to a tract and hold a trade by reason of good goods and low prices, and our friend of the country, will find it to their interest to interview him. He is a worker and at thorough going business man—just the one to succeed in an enterprise of the kind.

Smither & Now.

Another of our dry goods houses is that presided over by Messrs. Smither & New.

Another of our dry goods houses is that of the business is in excellent shape. The proprietors are young men and active workers, Mr. Cripps attending to the office and the marble department, while Mr. thirteen or fourteen persons is employed, but the salesroom is chiefly attended to by but the salesroom is chiefly attended to by the ce-partners themselves, only one or two assistants being required. As-we have in-timated, both are young men, and, if we are not mistaken, 'they are both of English birth. Mr. Smither had been a resident of St. Thomas only about eight months before engaging in his present business, while Mr. New had been clerking in town for a couple of years. They have each shown an adapta-tion to the business in hand—they have given the East End a first-class establish-

Mr. Second.

Mr. Second is to be accredited with having been one of the first to establish trade in the cast end. He is a native of this vicinity and six years ago be opened a small grocery and provision store in what was almost the country at that time. He stuck to it, however, and three years ago his trade had so increased that it became necessary for him to secure better and larger quarters. This he did by building the store now occupied, a three story brick, 20 x 60 feet. Judging from the appearance of the house, the stock a three story brick, 20 x 60 feet. Judging from the appearance of the house, the stock carried and the trade done, he will find it necessary to make additions to the premises before long, and if he is compelled to doso by the demands of an increasing trade wedon't suppose he will grumble. The fact is that his business has developed very much—this call the stock have been materially greater. all the sales have been materially greater fall the sales have been materially greater than for the same season last year, and he looks forward to a centinued good trade. Beside giving his own personal attention to the business Mr. Secord employs three in the house; he also runs a delivery wagon. Our friends, the "East Enders" have found him a pleasant man to do business with, and his personal popularity has had much to do with the growth of the trade, We hope business will continue improving with him. ousiness will continue improving with him.

The Criterion Restaurant. The proprietor of the Criterion is Mr. S. H. Shaw. He purchased the business two years ago last September, and ever since has been sparing no pains nor expense to make it more and more perfectly like what a well ordered enterprise of the kind should be. Two flats are used. Entering the first flat, one finds the eigar salesroom; in the rear of it is a handsome sample room, the bar of which is stocked with choice wines and liquors, while handsome mirrors, side-

second flat, which is reached by a hallway second flat, which is reached by a hallway from the street. Brussels carpets, well-dressed tables, glittering silverware, and all the appointments of a stylish ladies' dining-room are noticeable, and even the appearance of the room is appetizing. Here one can sit down to a well-served dinner or supper, or a dish of oysters, and have the satisfaction of knowing that what is ordered will be of the best. Mr. Shaw is receiving a good patronage, and we doubt not he will see to it that the "Criterion" will continue to deserve its name.

skill as workmen and their reliability as contractors have been verified, and the Elgin. Marble and Stone Works have developed into one of the prominent industries of the town.

John Powell & Co. One of the best business stands in town—corner of the market—has lately been leased by the firm of John Powell & Co., and on Saturday, the sixteenth of last month, its doors were thrown open to the public. Since then new goods have constantly been coming in any now everything is in excellent shape. The establishment has been christened the Canada House, and its motto is one of the most sensible that could have been adopted: Cash or its equivalent. On that basis Mr. Powell will be happy to stupply his friends with some of the choicest staple and fancy groceries that have ever been opened in St. Thomas. The indications point to a pros-One of the best business stands in town-Thomas. The indications point to a pros-perous career for the enterprise, too. Mr. perous career for the enterprise, too, Mr. Powell is personally known to nearly every one who trades here—he has lived here for the past twenty years, and as a salesman in some of the leading establishments in town, has gained a thorough knowledge of business. He has shown his good taste in making the store much more attractive than greery and provision houses usually are; and though the shop furniture is pointed bluest of blue, the color must not or must no be taken as an indication of the prospect. It is a little odd, but very near, neverthed less, and we wish friend Powell all the patronage he can possibly hope for.

R. L. Chandler.

Odd Fellows' Block is the abiding place not only of several of the leading business industries of the town, but it is the trade headquarters of a number of clever gentle men, concerning whom we make mention if this issue of the TIMES. One of the number this issue of the TIMES. One of the number is Mr. R. T. Chandler, of whom we speak as a representative of the book trade of St. Thomas. Mr. Chandler has been identified with this line of business for a number of years, though as a St. Thomas interest the house has been in existence only about two years. From the outset it has been a favorite with the people, and has com favorite with the people, and has commanded a patronage in every way worthy of such an enterprise. Nor is the lact to be wondered at. Upon the counters and shelves of the establishment the visitor can find a full array of the popular works of the day. Fetton, biography, poetry, travel, are all represented, while lovers of the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the control of the Sessie. Frankling the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will find the latter while the modern cheap reading will be supported by the modern cheap reading will be supported by the modern cheap reading will be supported by the sup The Critorion Restaurant.

There are not many cities of twenty thousand inhabitants or so that support so elegant a restaurant as the "Criterion," and in extending it a hearty support the people sustain a really metropolitan affair, The proprietor of the Criterion is Mr. S. H. Shaw. He purchased the business two years ago last September, and ever since has been sparing no pains nor expense to make it more and more perfectly like what a well ordered enterprise of the kind should add to the completeness of the house of a kind and the completeness of the house of a likinds are also a specialty, while full stocks of stationery and wall paper are shown. For the holiday trade there is a large-assortment of fancy goods and handsomely bound works, expenses to make it more and more perfectly like what a well ordered enterprise of the kind should add to the completeness of the house of the completeness of the louse of the completeness of the saside, Franklin Square, Lakeside, and other libraries. School books of all kinds are also a specialty, while full stocks of stationery and wall paper are shown. For the holiday prosents. In brief, nothing appears to be wanting that the modern cheap reading will find the est ext publications of the School books of all kinds are also a specialty, while full stocks of stationery and in extending the properties.

T. L. Lindop

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Among the eldest of the residents of town is Mr. T. L. Lindop. His father located here in 1831, and from that time to this some member of the Lindop family has carried on business upon the premises where the "West End Grocery" stands, nearly opposite the market. Since 1855 Mr. T. L. Lindop has been actively connected with our business interests. He first engaged in the grocery trade, afterwards was a dry goods and general dealer, and again in groceries, wines and liquors. Mr. Lindop's last partnership was with Mr. C. B. Spohn, but upon the dissolution of that firm one year ago Mr. Spohn took the liquor department, and Mr. Lindop again became a grocer and provision dealer. Such, roughly and briefly told, is an outline of his mercantile identity with St. Thomas.

Mr. Lindop is at the head of one of the most extensive and complete establishments of its kind in town. The house has many friends, too, and the premises, a substantial three-storey and basemont brick block, has become one of the landmarks of Talbot street. The trade done is that common to similar establishments. Few grocery houses in Western Ontario carry larger stocks, and the seeker after fresh and appetizing goods of this class, either staple or fancy, can find them in abundance at the "West End Grocery." Not only is a large retail business had, but a considerable wholesale business comes to the house, and wholesale or retail buyers receive the same courteous and prompt attention. Mr. Lindop reports trade as being very good. We can easily believe it; the fact is a self-evident one, and the friends and patrons of the house will bear in mind that they are not to "weary in well doing" but to help make the business for 1879 such that it shall always be marked as a red letter year.

T. H. Ley.

Mr. Ley, although he may not be a philauthropist or a missionary, nevertheless ministers to the understanding of men and has great regard for the state of their soles. In other words he is a popular boot and she merchant of town, and we take the shoe merchant of town, and we take the liberty of shieing a squib or two at him, now that we are talking about our business men. He has been a resident of St. Thomas for about seven years, coming then from the States, although a native Englishman. He did not begin business for himself until he had been here about a year—then he opened his present house. Despite the competition in the boot and shoe trade in town Mr. Ley has had an aveilent business all thing. Ley has had an excellent business, all things considered. Trade has had more or less improvement each year, and promises to continue doing so. Not only is a general stock of foot wear carried, embracing all sorts, sizes and styles, but custom manufacturing is done. Mr. Ley attends to the cutting department himself, and report has it that he is sure of a good fit. At all events the house is deserving of a good patronage, and we hope it will continue increasing.

Another of our druggists who has worked Another of our druggists who has worked up an excellent business is the 'gentleman whose name heads this paragraph. Dr. Smith has now resided in St. Thomas for half a dozen years, coming here from Carlisle, in the County of Middlesex, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine for ten years or more. He is a graduate of Victoria College Toronto a school whose ten years or more. He is a Victoria College, Toronto, a alumni embraces the names of many of the most successful practitioners in the Province, and though Dr. Smith still continues the practice of medicine and surgery he is also to be placed among our business men because of his connection with the retail trade. In securing a location here he de-cided upon the East End. He purchased cided upon the East End. He purchased the property he occupies, a handsome two story and mansard brick block, and he has the honor of being the first druggist to establish himself in that portion of the town. Indeed in the whole town there is, we believe, but one druggist who has been longer in the trade here. Since purchasing the property to which we refer Dr. Smith has made very decided improvements and additions. Other improvements are now being completed, and his house has thus become a model one in its line. come a model one in its line. The Doctor reports business as being very good although the community is a "deplorably healthy one." Without wishing any ill-luck to our people we can wish him continued success.

James Lilly.

Unfortunately for the great masses of the cople, no reliable system of living without ating has yet been devised, so we are, to s greater or less extent dependent upon the greecers—and we must confess they do help, in an amazing degree, toward making life enjoyable. In this issue of the TIMES we enjoyable. In this issue of the Times we write of most of the grocers of St. Thomas—Mr. James Lilly is one of the number. For now nearly three years be has been making a specialty of groceries, provisions and fruits, and during that time he has had a really good trade. Mr. Lilly was formerly from Galt; there he had been suctormerly from cat; there he had been successfully engaged in business for seven years, and though a stranger upon coming here, he entered the lists feeling confident of at least being able to hold his own. He began business in the same location now occupied, on Talbot Street, near the Molson's Early and he has rade the place head. Bank, and he has made the place head quarters for a large number of people from quarters for a large number of people from town and county. In other words, he has controlled a trade beyond his expectations, and whilethe chief business is at retail a considerable wholesale trade is had. Not only is a general stock of choice staple and fancy groceries carried, but a

specialty is made of foreign and domestic fruits. The oystor trade is now receiving fruits. The oystor trade is now receiving merited attention, also. Mr. Lilly is agent here for the celebrated "Stansbury" brand of oysters, and these are for sale in either can for bulk, at wholesale or retail. Private parties or dealers can be supplied upon the most favorable terms, and orders will be filled with the utmost expedition. To any one who is at all observant it is easy to be seen that Mr. Lilly has made place for himself in the business circle of town that neither he nor his friends need be ashamed of, and he continues to carry the good work of supplying the necessities life to the hungry hundreds.

J. B. Lowis.

Last February Mr. Lewis opened a pho raph gallery in the Southwick block, Tal-ot street, and since then the rooms have bot street, and since then the rooms have been well patronized by those of our people who wish to secure really good pictures. All of the appointments of the gallery are excellent. The light is all that could reasonably be asked for, the scenery is ap-propriate, and the instruments the best that can be secured. Having all these require-ments, it would be strange indeed if the work done was not of the best order. The operating department is under the charge operating department is under the charge of Mr. C. E. Lewis, a gentleman who has had ten years or more experience, and the specimens of his work we have examined specimens of his work we have examined sectainly stamp him an artist. We notice, too, that all classes of work are turned out. Every style of photograph is taken, as well as the loss expensive ambrotypes, tin typos, &c. A specialty is also made of crayon and nk pictures, and copying and enlarging re-ceives careful attention. We can assure ceives careful attention. We can assure our readers that Mr. Lewis is well prepared to give satisfaction, both in the character and cost of work, and a visit to the rooms will certainly repay any one. For the next few weeks photographs will be made for the ridiculously small sum of \$1.50 per dozen. It will be but for a short time—afterwards prices will be put up to living rates.

we would like to have made mention are the two pump factories, the Lisgar and other hotels, and a number of planing mills, sash, door and blind factories, restaurants &c. Upon some of the interests, &c., our reporter had secured matter is crowded out, had secured memorar

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W. Jackson & Co.

Without doubt the most elegant business block in St. Thomas is the Odd Fellows', and in it are located some establishments that deserve more than a passing notice in these columns. Here we find occasion to refer to the jewellery house of Wm. Jackson & Co., one of the handsomest, most elegantly appointed and completely equipped jewellery houses in the western portion of the Province. The business has been estalished not quite two years yet, but in that short time it has taken a place in the front rank of our mercantile interests. And so it not quite two years yet, but in that short time it has taken a place in the front rank of our mercantile interests. And so it ought. Large capital has been invested, a liberal policy has been pursued, and the business has grown upon its merits. We could hardly hope to describe the manifold attractions which the house presents. Within the elegant silver cases we can see a class of goods that few jewellery houses in a town the size of this carry. There are sparkling diamonds, elaborately carved cameos and corals, there are beautiful setts of both American and English manufacture—there are the most celebrated makes of watches, in brief, there is jewellery of all kinds and cost—a line of goods that does away with the necessity of our citizens sending abroad for even the most elegand articles. The house is well worth a visit, and will pay inspection. Until recently Mr. Jackson has conducted the business alone. Within a few weeks he admitted Mr. W. A. Buehl to a partnership. The last-named gentleman is a young man and thoroughly practical watchmaker and jeweller. Before coming here he had been connected with some of the leading establishments of Buffalo, and the manufacturing and repair departments, consequently, are under his immediate charge. Mr. Jackson is a gentleman with whom everybody hereabouts is acquainted. He has re-

better one could hardly have been secured. The house, in its appointments and stock is fully up with the age, and, glancing over the contents of the show cases, we find countless articles of use and beauty. You can find everything, from the most expensive watch or elaborate set down to the cheapest grades of jewellery, and, our word for it, the most courteous attention. The repair department is specially well patronized, and "Pringles" is recognized as one of the institutions of the town. To the business Mr. Stowart gives his personal attention, and he reports business as very fair, with every prospect for a large holiday trade, to meet which he has made every provision.

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One of the oldest established of the business men of St. Thomas is the gentleman whose name heads this paragraph, Mr. Henry Brown. He removed to Canada from England something more than thirty years ago, and for the following ten years he worked at his trade as a mechanic. In 1858 he engaged in business for himself, establishing a stove and tinware house, being the first to establish that business here as an explusive one. Not long after he ing the first to establish that business here as an exclusive one. Not long after he combined hardware with his other business, and these lines have since been followed. It is now some twelve or fifteen years since Mr. Brown located where he is now, opposite the market. He owns the premises, and they are certainly among the most roomy in town, being 44 feet wide and extending back we dont know how far. It's like taking a trip into the country to walk from front to rear of the premises, and the entire space is occupied too. Adjoining the store proper is a large iron shed where is carried a full line of pod, bar and band iron and steel, and in the store proper we find a large stock of stoves and tinware that to us seems sufficient to supply the want to us seems sufficient to supply the want of town and country for years to come. See of town and country for years to come. Are Brown confines his dealings to no particular make of stoves—he buys where he can to the best advantage, taking pains to secure the best, and he thus has no special preferences to urge. The assortment at present is very fine and well worth attention. A large business is done in the shop in the manufacture of tinware, etc., and the house also does a large amount of work outside

Hamilton, Aylmer, Parkhill, Brussells, and the Exter, in Ontario, and at Bedford, P. Q., a mere statement of fact that shows the bank has a desire to closely, ally itself with the fortunes of this Province. The President is M. H. Galt, Esq., M. P. for Montreal West; Themas Caverhill, Esq., is Vice-President, and the other members of the Board of Directors are A. W. Ogilvie, Fig., M. P. P. E. K. Green, Esq., and James Crathern, Esq., and James Crathern, Esq., and James Crathern, Esq., and Mr. G. R. Murray the Cashier.

At Hamilton the Bank has a local board of Directors, and here in Aylmer there is a local director, Mr. T. M. Nairn, Esq. and the condition of Directors, and here in Aylmer there is a local director, Mr. T. M. Nairn, Esq. and the condition of the condition of the condition of the matter is that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business man who believes in that he is a business in and relies upon himself, and he is a worker too. He occupies the entire three flats and base which we have said, makes an elegant salesroom, and the rear portion of it is for the millinery and man. The second flat is devoted to ready-made clothing manufacturing again because of that and again because he wise the their day wake to referred. The first flat, as we have said, makes an elegant salesroom, and the rear portion of it is for the millinery and man. The second flat is devoted to ready-made clothing manufacturing again because he is a live with the "staff of life" or its equivalent too. He occupies the entire three flats and base whe was a diverves the that he rear too. He occupies in and

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