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THAD been our intention to publish even a more comprehensive book than the present compilation, but through the failure of our artist supplying photos and a fire incident, we were compelled to print a lesser number of pages and do without several contemplated cuts. However, it will be found, we presume, from an illustrative standpoint that especial value attaches to this publication. There are but few points of our fair Capital, its monuments, buildings and progressive strides which are not noted in this book.

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As a commercial and industrial centre it holds an assured position. Situated in a district closely dotted with splendid water powers, the best of which are within the city gates, favored with ample transportation facilities by rail and river, and peopled by a large industrial class, Ottawa must, in the natural course of events, forge ahead. If further proof of this statement is necessary, it can be had in the wonderful development of the city even within the last few years. This growth has not been of the mushroom variety, nor in the nature of a boom; it has been steady, solid and eminently satisfactory.

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Assurances issued and paid for in 1902	- - - -	\$11,030,690.93
Cash income for 1902	- - - -	3,561,599.34
Assets at 31st Dec. 1902	- - - -	13,480,272.88
Death claims, matured endowments, profits and all other payments to policy holders during 1902	- - - -	1,064,611.02
Total payments to policy holders to 31st Dec. 1902	- - - -	8,904,625.43
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The local laboring population has long looked on the sawmill as a temple of labor where daily work is answered, like a response to prayer, by the weekly wage. Varied also have been the branches of business,

But this industry in Ottawa is on the decline. The unprecedented prosperity it is enjoying at present cannot deny, although it may disguise the fact. There are now but few mills at the Chaudiere compared with the number that were in operation 20 years ago. But the mills are much more extensive and their capacity far greater owing to the modern machinery at present in use. While the Civic Solons rescinded their by-law forbidding the piling of lumber in large quantities within the city limits, many far-seeing citizens, although perhaps through a misapprehension, looked on the proposed municipal embargo as a wise measure, believing that, mills or no mills, Ottawa as a new city giving increased protection, would continue to



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bring prosperity to its hundreds of homes, dependent on the weekly wage. Other industries, they say, paying a higher scale of wages, furnishing employment the year round, twice as long as do the sawmills, and exposing the city to no danger, will replace them. Time alone can tell.

The probabilities, however, seem to favor future confirmation of present conjecture.

Situated on the transcontinental line of railway, the Capital includes in its market area the boundless bountiful West, and the Promised Land of Newer Ontario and Northern Quebec. Science has wooed and won from nature the secret of electrical development, and this has been made applicable much to Ottawa's advantage, not hundreds of miles distant as in the case of other



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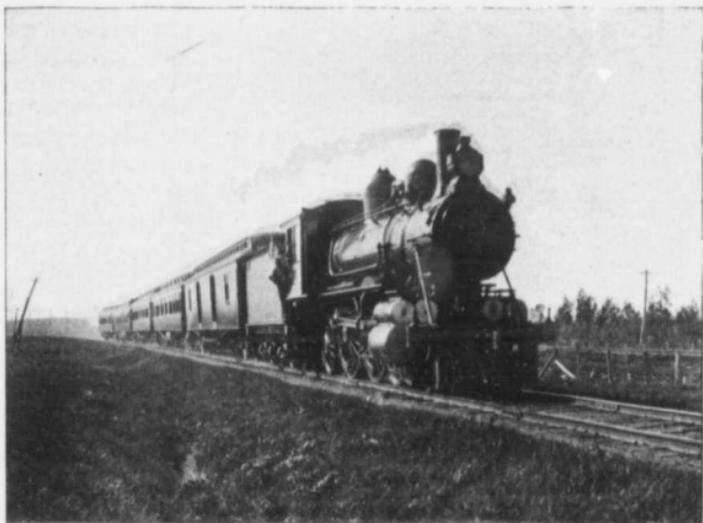
American cities, but right within the municipal boundaries. Cheap power is the keystone upon which Industry rears her temples in this twentieth century. It must follow as the night the day that Ottawa, with almost limitless power within her reach, will become a great manufacturing centre.

The growth of the Capital even within the past decade, has been little short of marvellous. Wooded groves and pasture fields have given way to business and residential streets, and the country roads of a few years back, now lost to gaze but not to memory in the recently built up sections of the city, echo the clang of the

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sward of Parliament Hill, lies the city favored of man and of nature. Few are its smoking belching chimneys, for the water power has solved the fuel question. Its tree lined streets of brick and stone and wood retain the attractive, cleanly appearance sacrificed in the manufacturing city at Industry's altar.

The health of the city, a primary consideration, is looked after with a vigilant eye and a generous exchequer. Waterworks and sewerage systems represent an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Well paved streets and lawn like parks, far stretching lines of street railway and suburban driveways, all tell of municipal and national pride and progress, and add

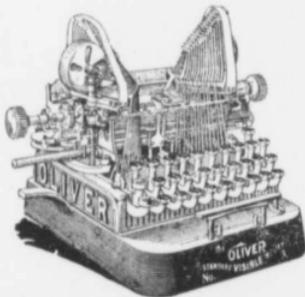


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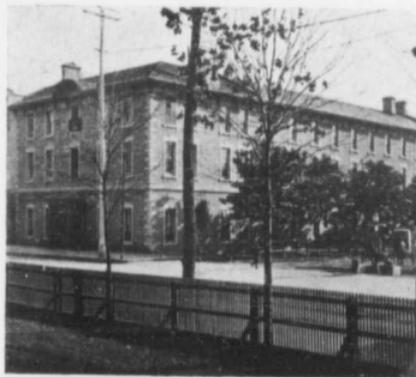
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The municipal disposition is a cheerful and optimistic one, but the pride that some cities might feel in Ottawa's position, finds no place here. It is moreover, a pleasure-loving city, a fact attested to by the increasing crowds that swarm in hours of summer recreation the wooded parks and placid streams and lakes and that through the rinks, theatres and other centres of amusement when "wintry blasts flow chill."

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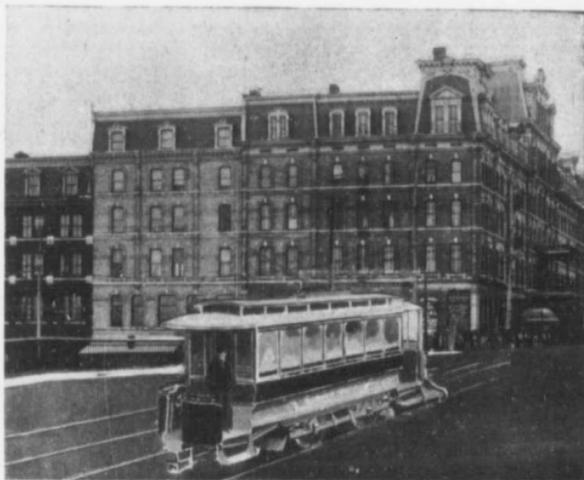
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that is essential to its success, and that indirectly lightens the magistrate's duties and keeps lean the jail register. It may appear surprising, and it certainly is a gratifying fact that, despite the steady growth of the city and its suburbs, it has never been found necessary to extend its prison walls; the cell accommodation remaining the same as it was thirty years ago.

What a remarkable increase, on the other hand, there has been in the number of churches; to-day every denomination has several splendid edifices, the aggregate number running into the scores. Ottawa has been styled "a city of spires," and its citizens, Catholic and Protestant alike, vie in pointing out to the stranger the beauties of the Capital's church architecture.

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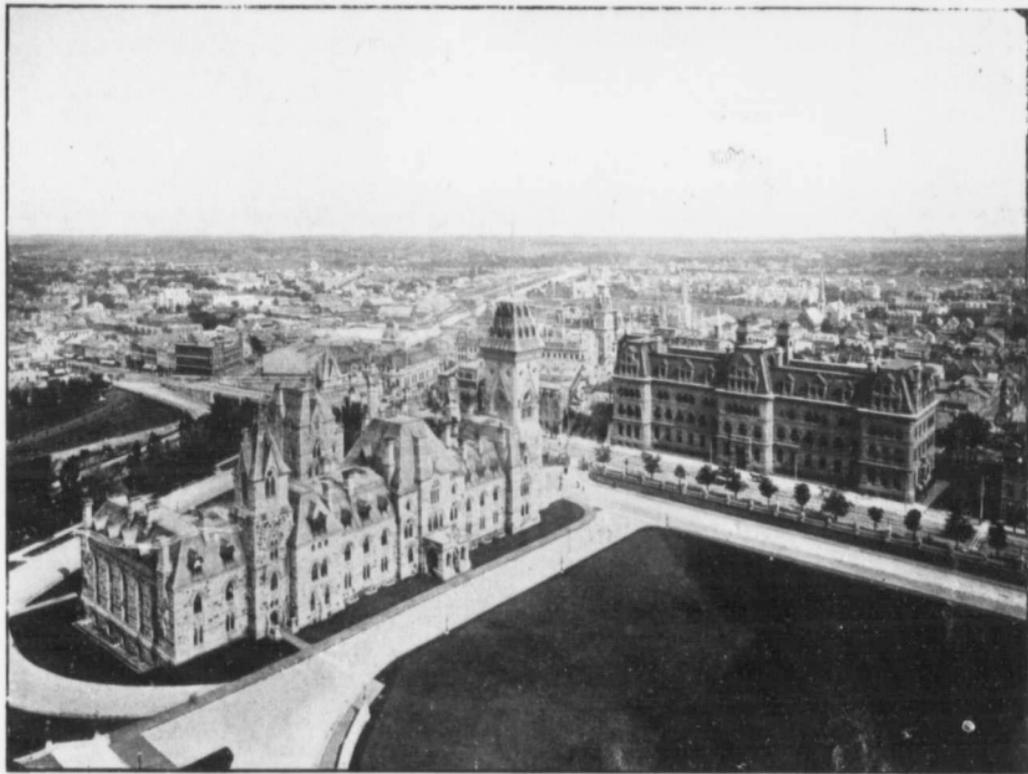
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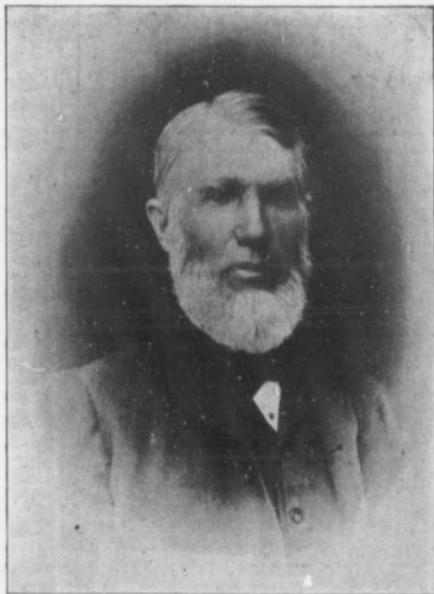
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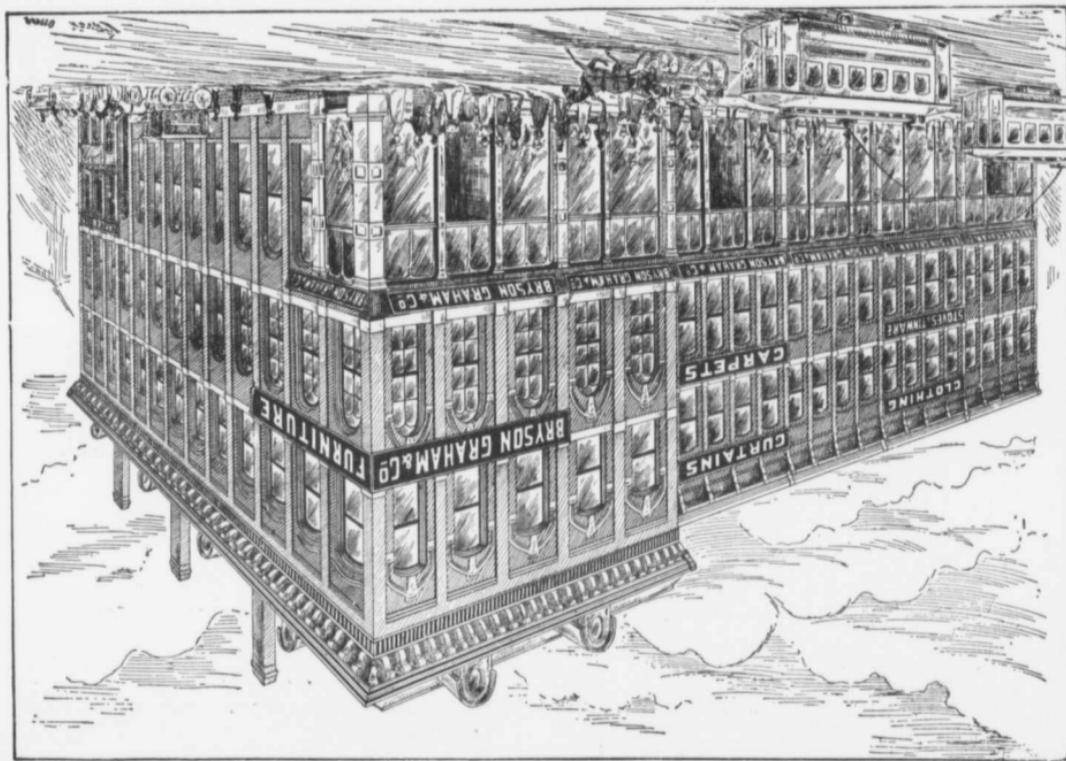
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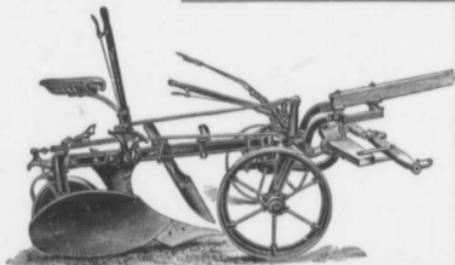
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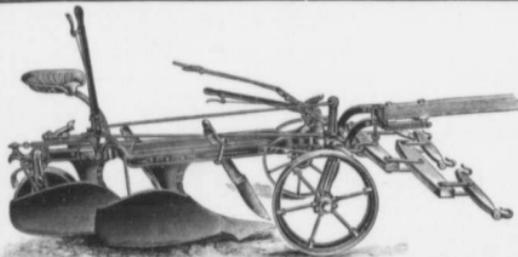


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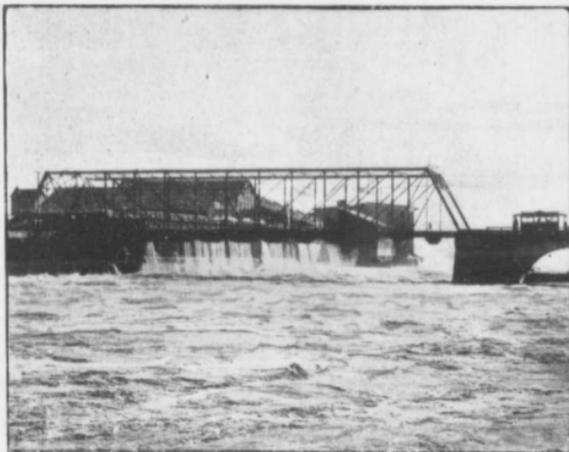
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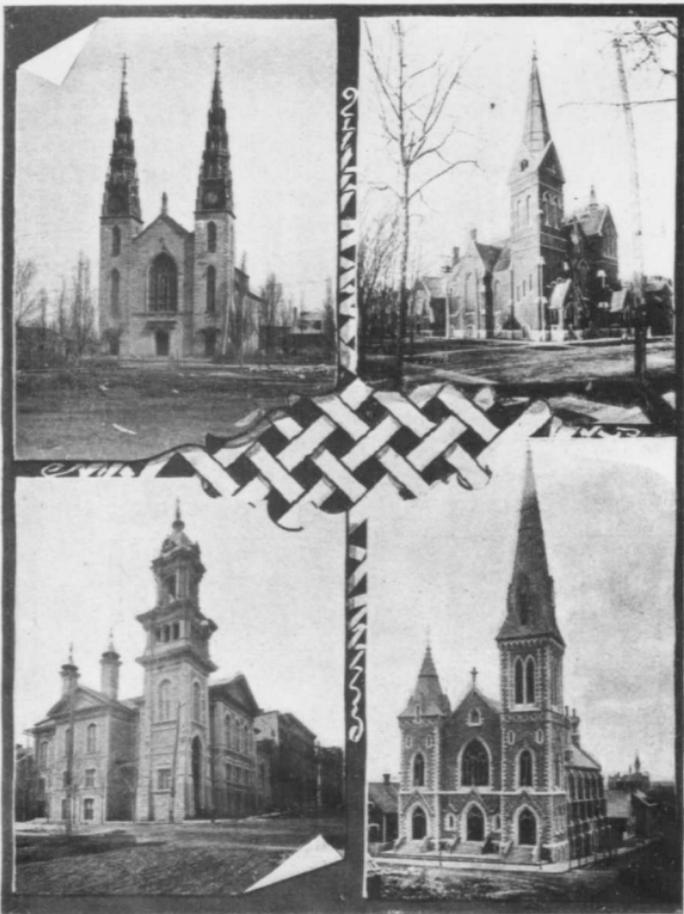
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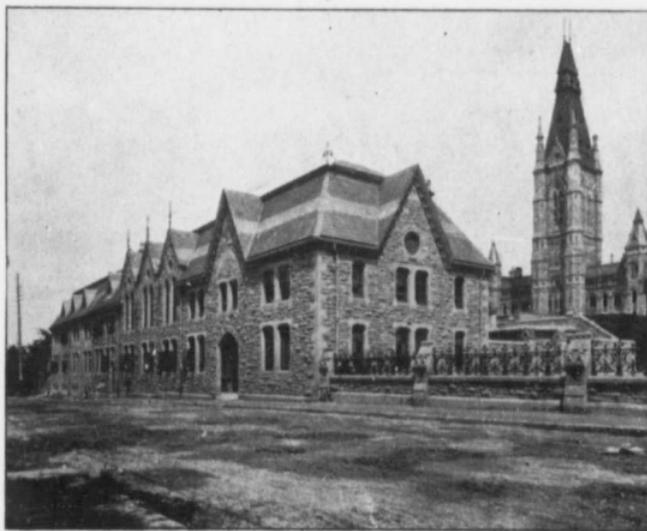


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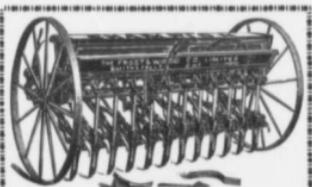
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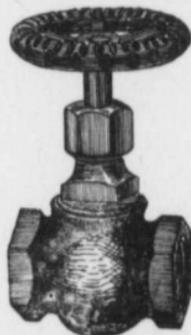
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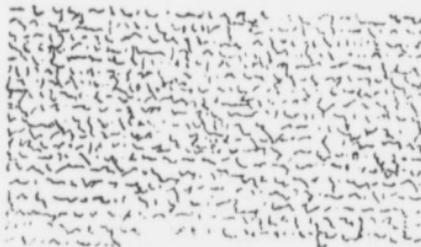
The municipal debt of the City of Ottawa is apparently large, but when it is analysed it does not look so formidable. The total debt to-day is nearly \$4,700,000, but from this there is to be deducted about \$1,700,000 paid by the City into the Bank from time to time to meet the City's debentures when they become due, leaving the net debt about \$3,000,000.

The great bulk of this debt was incurred in the construction of the waterworks system (which is owned by the City), the construction of sewers, sidewalks, new roadways, purchase of land and erection of buildings at Lansdowne Park, purchase of parks, erection of fire stations, City Hall, Contagious Disease Hospital and other civic buildings. The City Auditor, in his annual statement for 1902, states that the City has a balance of assets over liabilities amounting to over \$1,000,000.



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It cannot be gainsaid that too often in the past there have been extravagant and reckless expenditures made by the City Council. Porter's Island, for instance. Perhaps, though, not all by the City Council, because the ratepayers themselves have voted in all an amount of \$325,000 for the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway, the Ottawa and New York Railway, and the Interprovincial Bridge, which would in all probability have been built in any case. Also \$50,000 for a Central Depot which has not been built, although the bonus was paid over years since, and which some people say

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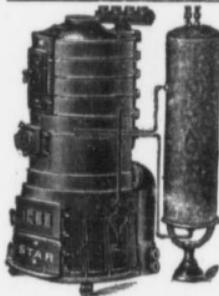
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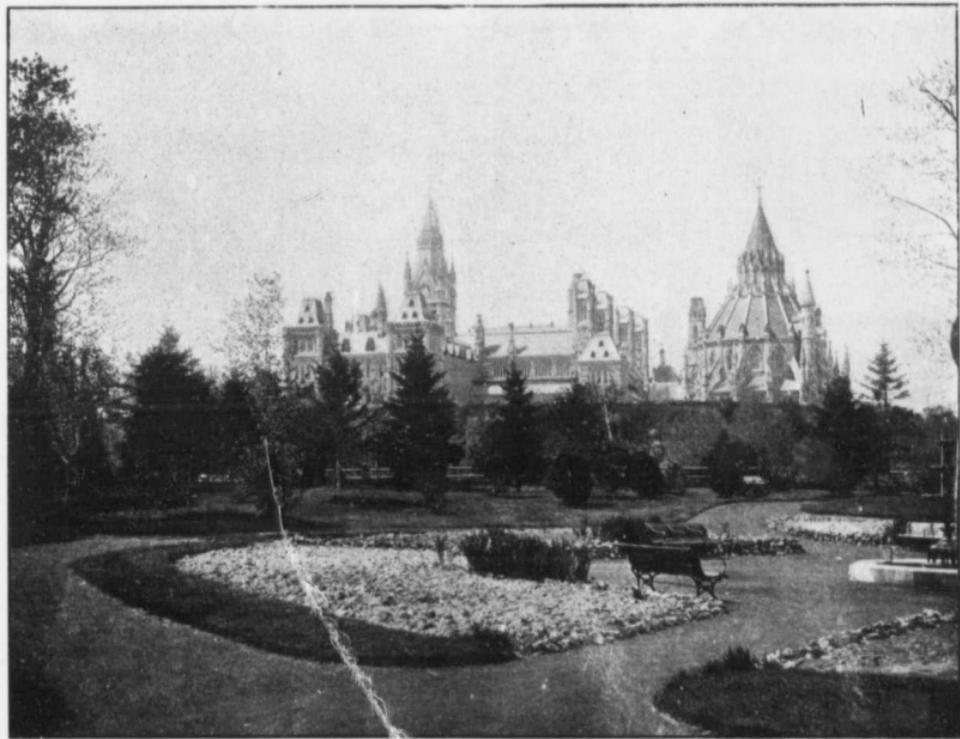
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A complaint is often made by the ratepayers that the water rates are too high. It is said that with the simple system of supplying water used by the City, namely, pumping it from the Ottawa River, there should be but little expense attached to the operation of the system. There is some ground for this complaint, but the City Councils of recent years are not altogether to blame for this. We must go back 25 years to find the reason why the water rates are high.

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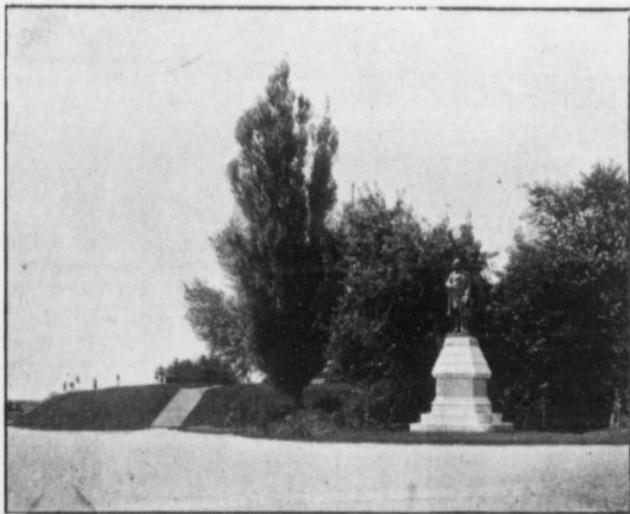
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but the ratepayers to-day, and for many years to come, will have to pay a very large amount for that small temporary relief.

For a very long time it has appeared to be an impossibility for the City Council to make its expenditure come within its revenue. For this, no doubt, Aldermen, who cared not where the money came from so long as large expenditures were made on their various fads and pct

expenditure in connection with the waterworks. Out of a total expenditure of about \$160,000 in 1902 the expense of operation, repairs, etc., was only \$60,000. About \$100,000 is paid every year for interest and sinking fund. This latter amount is very large, but it arises mainly from the fact that in 1878 the then City Council obtained from the Legislature authority to renew the debt incurred in the construction of the waterworks for 20 years instead of letting it be paid within the time originally provided for. The result was that the City obtained a small financial relief for a few years after 1878

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schemes, are largely responsible. The last year and this year are however promising better things, and it is believed by those who ought to know that the City is reaching the turning point where the revenue will exceed the expenditure. One of the reasons why this is becoming possible is because of the better and more effective way in which the civic taxes are now collected. Four or 5 years since it was not uncommon for a ratepayer to owe 4, 5, or even 6 years' taxes, and meantime the City had to pay large amounts for sums borrowed from the Bank because these taxes were not collected. Now, however, the majority of the ratepayers have paid their taxes up to date, and only a very few owe for 1902. There is about \$100,000 now owing to the City for taxes as compared with about \$500,000 4 years since. The amount owing to the Bank is exceedingly small compared with what it was then, and the amount of interest payable to the Bank for sums borrowed is of course reduced to a trifle compared with what it used to be. This is a good object lesson as to the value of a proper system of collection.

There is no reason why, with careful management and prudence, the City should not live within its income each year; and in addition to that it is quite possible that the water rates and taxes may be reduced in the near future. At least this should be the goal to be aimed for.

We hear every now and then of the great necessity for getting new industries to come and establish themselves in Ottawa, but when we try to get them to come here we find that we have not much to offer them. Perhaps a better plan than offering new industries financial inducements to settle in Ottawa would be to try and make the City a good place for people to live in; to make it a healthy, clean, nice-looking city; to reduce our taxes as much as possible; to develop the undoubted large water powers lying at our doors; and to conduct our Municipal affairs in a progressive (without being extravagant) manner. If all this were done we need not trouble much about being able to offer inducements to new industries. Just as soon as they find that Ottawa is a desirable place to locate in they will locate here, and not before.



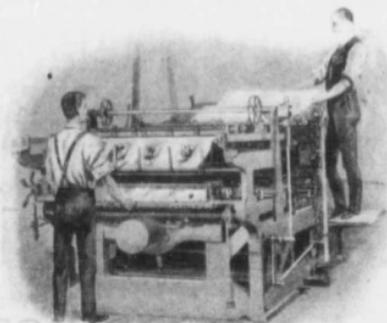
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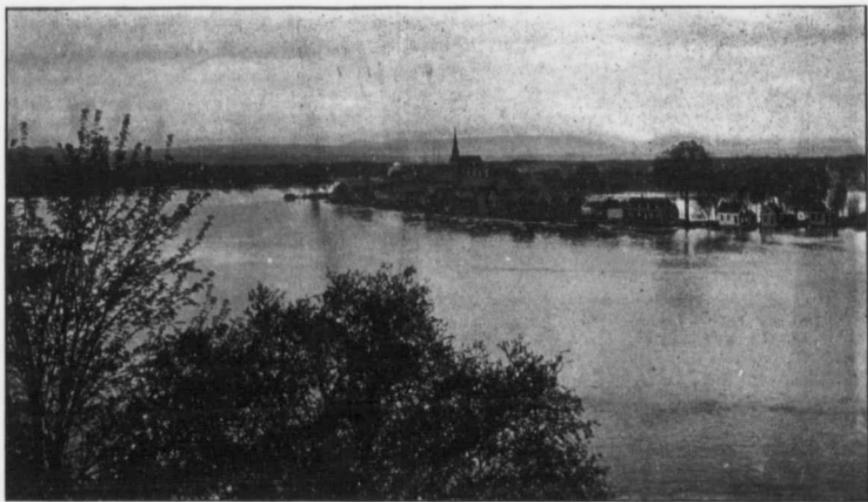
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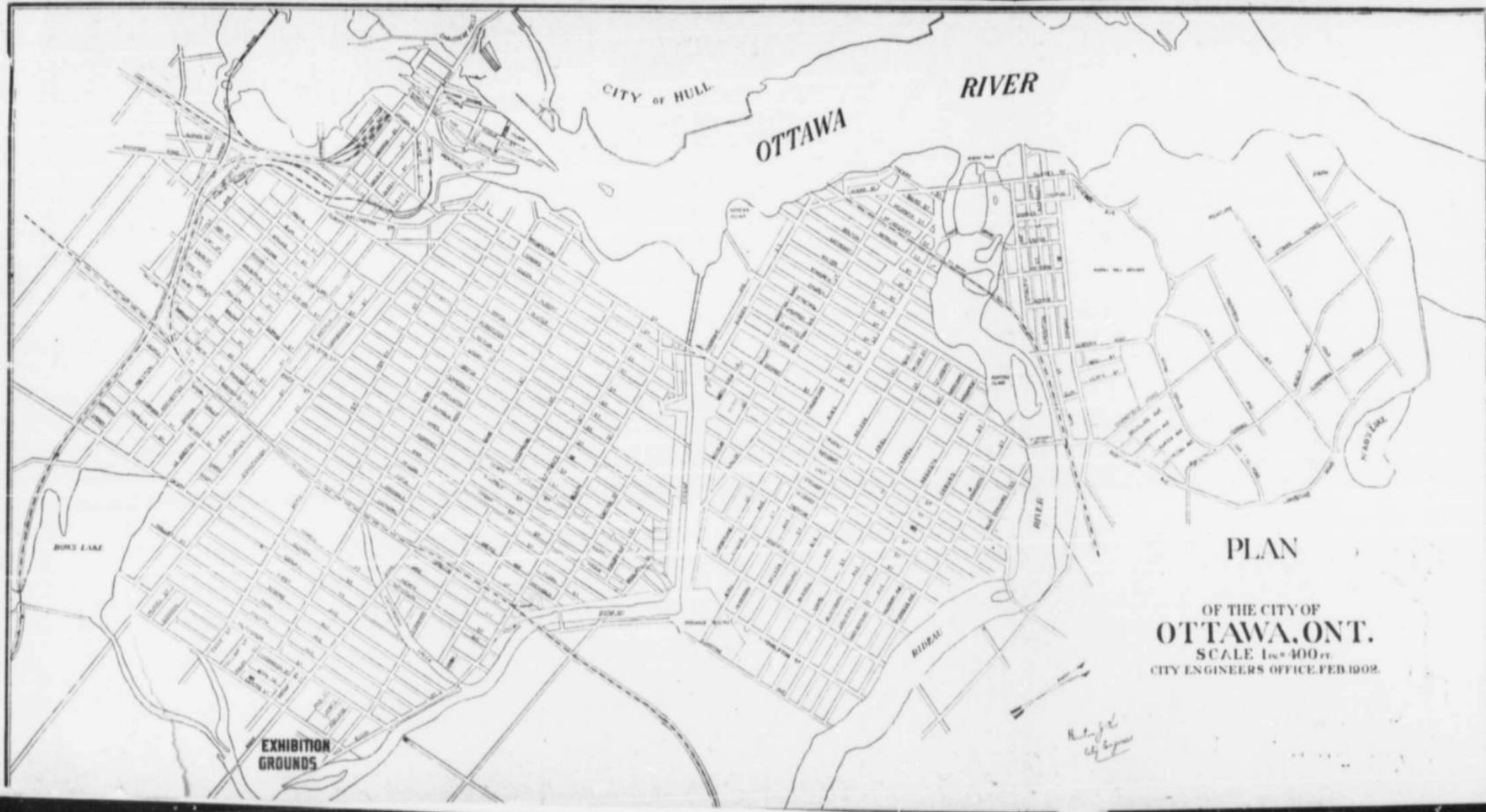
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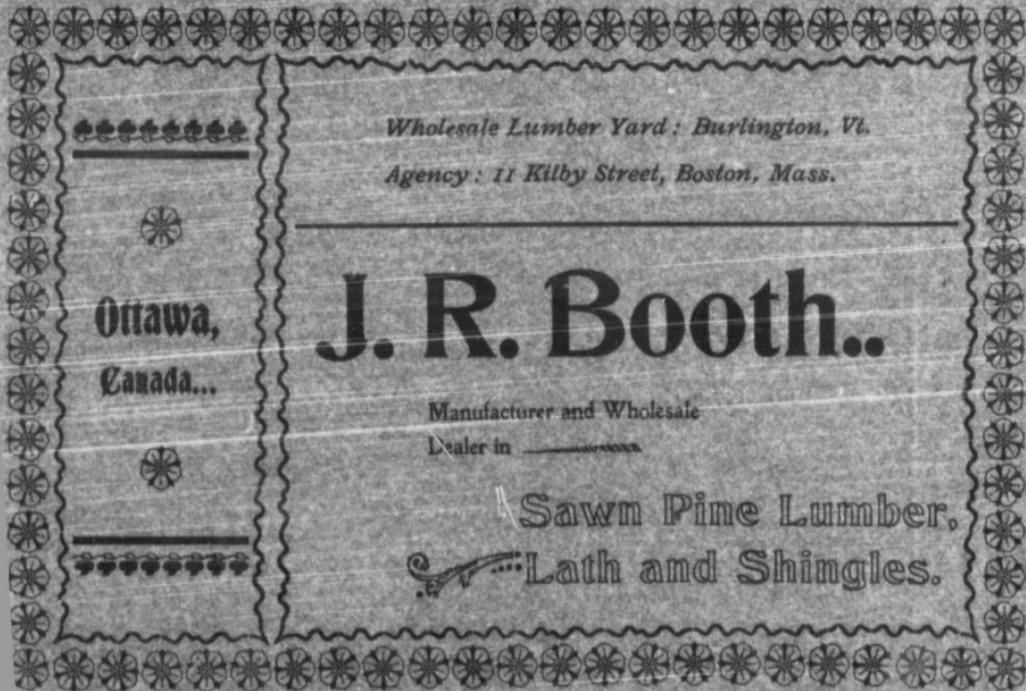
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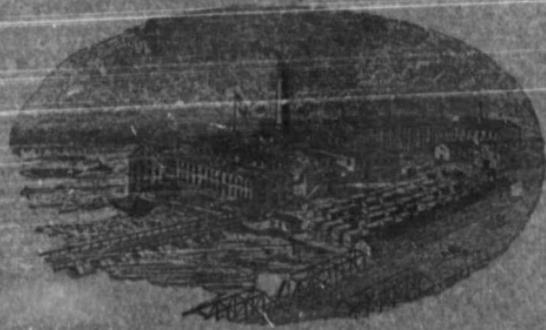
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