

... WOODSTOCK ...

AND THE COUNTY OF OXFORD

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HER MAJESTY, QUEEN VICTORIA.

It is to say that there is no Country more loyal to its Monarch than is the self-governing colony of Canada to the Queen of the British Empire. Canadians love and revere Victoria as woman and as monarch. Not only is this spirit evinced on the 24th May, on which day in each year a special endeavor is made to show the appreciation of her presence and respect, but year in and year out Canada sings the praises of their British connection. In British North America there is no flag like the Old Flag that has braved a thousand battles in the cause of humanity and right, and no crown like the Crown which has been worn by Victoria for three score years. As practical evidence of the strong feeling of love Canada has for Great Britain reference might be made to the proposal now under consideration by the Parliament of the Dominion to grant preferential trade to the mother Country. From a day will a louder shout of joy go up on the 24th day of June next than from Canada the fair result. In rural home and city next on the day will be one for rejoicing. All will unite in the grand anthem, "God Save our gracious Queen."





RESIDENCE OF R. K. FULTON.

**THE HOMES OF WOODSTOCK.**

**Something About Oxford's County Town as a Residential Centre.**

The stately homes of England,  
How beautiful they stand,  
Amidst their tall ancestral trees,  
O'er all the pleasant land.

Mrs. Hemans' beautiful lines are accurately descriptive of the country homes of the old land. These are not only in themselves stately and beautiful, but the surroundings greatly enhance their attractiveness. Besides the many copses of ancestral trees that dot the adjacent landscapes, there are the woad walls, the long line of neatly-trimmed hawthorn hedges, the artistically arranged clumps of fragrant roses and rhododendrons, the winding pathways and drives that centuries have made as smooth as the heart of a cyclist could wish, the fresh rich verdure of the fields, the pretty paddocks and the beautiful evergreen lawns—there is a home in existing admiration and inspiring poet fancy. They are the product of age, of affluence and of aristocratic accomplishment. So care and art

Woodstock is really located in a valley or basin into which enters at the north the Thames and from the south comes Cedar Creek, while the two united debouch through the valley to the west. On the south-easterly rim of this basin, as our local historian tells us, was erected about the beginning of the present century the first rude house in what is now the town of Woodstock. The exact spot is known as Burnside, the residence of the County Registrar, and the pioneer house builder was the late Daniel Burch, grandfather of our respected townsmen. He may have made this selection because of its elevation, and it must be confessed that in choosing a site for his "home in the bush" he displayed the vision of a seer. The spot is a sort of eagle's eyrie—though only one of many surrounding the town. From it one can sweep the horizon. To the south may be seen the pines of Norwich, some twenty miles distant; to the west the highlands and hillsides far down the Thames valley toward Ingersoll and London; to the north and east the fertile, undulating lands of Zorra, Blandford and Blenheim. From this point too, running along the same ridge and sloping glade to the north-west, were erected nearly all the first good houses that were afterwards built by the naval, military and other old country gentlemen who subsequently settled

tree planting along Vansittart Avenue and in its parks, with the result that it is now one of the finest avenues to be found in any of our Canadian towns. Ex-mayor William Grey enjoys the honor of having done the same around Central Park. R. W. Switell Esq. carried forward the good work in and about the campus of Woodstock College, and the movement subsequently extended to other parts of the town, so that today the gracefully formed and delicately tinted maple is seen on nearly all our streets.

Our boulevards are the work of more recent years. Amongst private citizens Mr. D. C. Richmond deserves special recognition for having been one of the first to make a neat boulevard in front of his residence on Riddell St., and if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Mr. Richmond enjoys the satisfaction of having been widely flattered. Many years of personal and journalistic effort were also necessary before municipal aid could be secured for this work. Now, however, many of our streets are beautifully boulevarded and more is being done; each year there is a considerable extension of boulevarding on the best streets of the town.

But Woodstock has become an attractive residential centre for reasons other than those above referred to. Apart from its admirable location in the centre of a rich agricultural district the streets are wide, the drainage is easy

the county seat, have been literally hewn out of the Canadian forest during the present century, practically indeed during Queen Victoria's reign—when this potent fact is recalled—they may reverently and thankfully say "The wilderness has been made to blossom as the rose and the waste places of the earth have been made glad."

Canada is a land of promise, of progress and prosperity. It is, too, a land of intelligent and independent patriotism. Never more so surely than in this year of Jubilee, when with patriotic fervor we are uniting with millions of Her Majesty's loyal subjects elsewhere throughout the Empire in celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of our good Queen's reign, and when our loyal affection for the old land and sturdy confidence in the new, have been so truly and beautifully interwoven by the recent spirited lines of Mr. Rudyard Kipling:

"A nation spoke to a nation,  
A Queen sent word to a throne,  
Daughter am I in my mother's house  
But mistress in my own.  
The gates are mine to open  
As the gates are mine to close,  
And I set my house in order,  
Said our Lady of the Snows.

"Neither with laughter nor weeping,  
Fear nor the child's amaze,  
Soberly under the white man's law  
My white men go their ways.



G. R. PATTULLO'S RESIDENCE.

and the supply of water, through our present excellent waterworks system, is of the best. These necessary sanitary conditions make the town one of the healthiest in the country. Then too our educational facilities are varied and efficient. The Woodstock College with its literary and manual training department, the Collegiate Institute with a record second to none and the Public Schools of great proficiency afford the best of educational facilities, next to those of a University town. All denominations of Christians are represented in our fine churches and the pulpits and pews are alike well filled. A very pretty Opera House in which are seen during the theatrical season many of the best actors and stock companies affords opportunity for frequent enjoyment to lovers of the stage. Social life in Woodstock is refined and charming and a distinction freely accorded to the town from an early period, and to which it may still lay claim, is the large number of pretty and clever girls whose charms and accomplishments grace our social circles.

Withal our townfolk may view with satisfaction and gratitude their picturesque surroundings, comfortable circumstances and happy homes. Their lines have fallen to them in pleasant places. They are "citizens of no mean city," and when they reflect that both Woodstock and the grand old county of Oxford, of which it is

Not for the Gentile's clamor,  
Insult or threat or blows,  
Bow ye the knee to Paul,  
Said our Lady of the Snows.

"My speech is clean and single,  
I talk of common things,  
Words of the wharf and market place,  
And the ware the merchant brings  
Favor to those I favor.

But a stumbling block for my foes  
Many there be that hate us,  
Said our Lady of the Snows.

"I called my chiefs to council  
In the day of a troubled year,  
For the sake of a sign ye would not see,  
And a word ye would not hear,  
This is our message and answer,  
This is the path we chose,  
For we be also a people,  
Said our Lady of the Snows.

"Carry the word to my sisters,  
To the Queens of the east and south,  
I have proved faith in the heritage  
By more than the word of the mouth,  
They that are wise may follow,  
Ere the war-trumpet blows,  
But I, I am first in the battle,  
Said our Lady of the Snows."

"A nation spoke to a nation,  
A Queen sent word to a throne,  
Daughter am I in my mother's house  
But mistress in my own.  
The gates are mine to open  
As the gates are mine to close,  
And I abide by my mother's house,  
Said our Lady of the Snows."

GEORGE R. PATTULLO.



ALLAN WATSON'S RESIDENCE.

have united with time to raise such charming scenes of home life, comfort and culture.

How different are the conditions in Canada! It is true that here the future has been lavish in her gifts, but these gifts have been wanting. Most also nature has not always been kindly dealt with. Her charms have too often been degraded, defaced and deformed. The pioneer's anxiety to slash down the forest and make a "clearing" on which to erect a rude home for himself and his family caused the destruction of many a pretty bit of grove or copse of trees that the cultured eyes of the old land would have dearly prized. And so it is that Canadians of the present generation are now seeking to atone for the ravages of the past and so far as may be to restore the pristine beauty of the primeval forest. Forestry and floriculture are yet in their infancy here, but they have already done something to beautify Canadian homes, and in so doing we are persuaded that a truly wise and patriotic work is being done. With the homes of our farmers made more attractive the boys of the farm are less likely to become dissatisfied and to leave the farm for the tempting allurements (but far greater uncertainties) of town or city life.

The location and topography of Woodstock lend themselves to making it an attractive residential centre. Though the situation is high,

upon the banks of the Thames and became prominently identified with the life and interests of Woodstock and Oxford. The DeBlaquiers, Capt. Drew, the rectory occupied by Canon Bettridge, the Mills, Cottles, Fauquers and Alexanders were all located on this elevation, which partly encircles and overlooks the town from the east, north-east and north. At that time Woodstock was located in the present East End and these houses, with their surrounding trees and enclosures, were not unlike the stately homes of England. They are still monuments to the good taste and culture of their builders.

Since then, however, great strides have been made in the number and character of Woodstock's homes. In its early days the style of architecture in vogue was not modern or attractive, but in recent years there has been much improvement. Many of the best houses are tasteful in appearance and no little attention has also been paid to their location and surroundings. The illustrations presented in this jubilee number amply attest this fact. Thanks to the good taste and personal enterprise of some of the town's oldest citizens, trees have been planted on the avenues and principal streets. F. R. Ball, Q. C., the late Col. Ingersoll, ex-mayor F. H. Parker, Thos. Scott, Esq., the late Deputy Registrar Whitehead, the Lieut. Fred'rigold and others did much to promote



LAWN SCENE AT W. H. VAN INGE



# ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

## One Woodstock Society That Has a Splendid Record.

For years Woodstock has had a provincial reputation as a sporting centre emanating chiefly from the facilities offered by the Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association. Nearly all branches of manly sport which have developed of late years have found their origin in the Association whose object always has been to foster the athletic spirit amongst the young men and to provide for them recreative amusement. To bicycling and its encouragement the attention of the Association has been mainly devoted, and many have been the stars on the track which the institution has brought out. The splendid track, the comfortable club rooms and capable executive officials have all tended to the elevation of athletics in Woodstock. The Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association was organized in 1883, with Major Macquorn as president. That year saw the first bicycle track in Canada built on the grounds which every year since have been the scene of successful bicycle meets. The first champion bicycle rider produced was John G. Hay, who won the C.W.A. championship in 1883. The following season Alfred Pilky was the champion rider in the ranks of the W.A.A.A. Then followed Herb Clarke, who held the championship of Canada for three years. In the first year of his career Clarke defeated the noted English rider, E. Vender. He also defeated such Americans as the Cambells, Tyler, Kluge and other good men of the day with the sole exception of the invincible Windle, who beat him out by a head at Woodstock in a five mile race, when the American record for that distance was broken. He was the first Woodstock rider to enter the list at the L. A. W. races in the United States and at Chicago he finished ahead of the great Zimmerman.

The next rider the Association produced was Fessicoe, who added to Woodstock's laurels by a short-lived series of victories on the track. His health, however, failed, and Canada lost a rider who would have been a world beater.

Cauman next carried the W.A.A.A. colors to the front, and for two years up to the time he left Woodstock, he proved invincible. He defeated the Toronto rider, Foster, at the C.W.A. championship meet at Hamilton.

The Association has also brought out many successful foot racers, including Bert Field, Billy Farrell and Fred Steing, all of whom have run 100 yards in 10.15 seconds or better. Added to this record old lacrosse enthusiasts will remember that for about five years the Association maintained in the field one of the best amateur teams in Canada. The curse of professionalism, however, crept in and ruined it as it had previously ruined base ball in the smaller towns in Canada.

In 1886 the Association purchased the building which now affords a comfortable home for them. It is equipped with gymnasium, billiard room, bowling alley, reading room, etc., and other sources of innocent amusement have made it an institution which the young men of the town have taken advantage of and appreciated. The



DR. A. M. CLARK, PRES.

club rooms with accessories, cost over \$8,000, and the athletic park represents an outlay of \$5,000. The Association this year is being

for the Queen's Birthday, what promises to be one of the most successful celebrations time and hard work can provide. The excellent programme of athletic events prepared and the valuable prizes offered will attract to Woodstock on that day Canada's fastest men. There will be the usual number of special attractions. Among these will be a fancy dress carnival, open to clubs of 25 and over, in fancy costume. The first prize offered is \$50 cash, and other minor prizes will be given. Altogether the celebration this year will be a fitting one in memory of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Following is the programme of events:

### MEET PROGRAMME.

- 1 mile bicycle, amateur, novice, 1st prize, hat, valued at \$3; 2nd, cane, valued at \$2.50; 3rd, sweater, valued at \$2.
- 1 mile bicycle, amateur, open, 1st prize, stop watch, valued at \$25; 2nd, arm chair, valued at \$15; 3rd, pair of shoes, valued at \$5.
- 1/2 mile bicycle, amateur, open, 1st prize, suit of clothes made to order, valued at \$15; 2nd, pair of military brushes in leather case, valued at \$5; 3rd, silk umbrella, valued at \$4.
- 1/4 mile bicycle, amateur, open, heats, best 2 in 3, 1st prize pin, valued at \$10; 2nd, set of carvers, valued at \$5; 3rd, silk umbrella, valued at \$3.



N. E. BIRCH, SECY.

150 yards, open, sprint, amateur, 1st prize, half dozen white shirts, valued at \$5; 2nd, briar pipe, donated by H. E. Douglas, valued at \$4.

440 yds. open, sprint, amateur, 1st prize, easy chair, valued at \$10; 2nd, pair shoes valued at \$4.

Obstacle race, amateur, 300 yards, for boys under 15, 1st prize, watch, valued at \$5; 2nd, pair of shoes, valued at \$3; 3rd, hat, valued at \$2. Four to enter or no race.

### BICYCLE CLUB.

The Woodstock bicycle club is a live organization and has an energetic staff of officers, as the following list shows: president, Ernest McLaugh; vice-president, Chas. Thomas; secretary-treasurer, E. Haught; captain, Frank W. Hyde; 1st lieutenant, M. Gossman; 2nd lieutenant, J. Casner; bugler, W. Fallis; representative to C. W. A., J. Lee.

Japan is a literary country with a history of writing and literature since at least A. D. 702. Last year the number of books published was 20,975, of which 20,000 were translations of compilations. Law



E. McLURE, PRES.



C. THOMAS, VICE-PRES.



E. HAUGHT, SECY-TREAS.



F. H. W. HYDE, CAPTAIN.



M. GOSSMAN, 1ST LT.



JOHN CASNER, 2ND LT.



W. FALLIS, BUGLER.



JOHN LEE, REPRESENTATIVE TO C. W. A.

guided by the following efficient staff of officers: President, Dr. A. M. Clark; vice-president, A. Bicknell; secretary, N. E. Birch; assistant

1 mile amateur, open to the County of Oxford. Prize, New Barnes bicycle, donated by Lee & Co.

led with 4,870, religion followed with 3,183, painting and sculpture had 3,000, music 1,622, Japanese poetry 1,082 and works in calligraphy, novels, stories, criticisms, etc., 1,112 titles.



W. A. A. BICYCLE TRACK.

secretary, Frank H. W. Hyde; treasurer, J. Sutherland MacKay. These together with a number of energetic committees, are arranging

3 mile team race, open, 3 men a team, 1st prize, 3 scarf pins, valued at \$5 each; 1st man to finish in this race, pair gold sleeve links, valued at \$4.

1 mile County Oxford championship. The Woodroffe Bros. County cup.

1/2 mile professional, open, heats best 2 in 3, 1st prize, \$15; 2nd, \$7; 3rd, \$3.

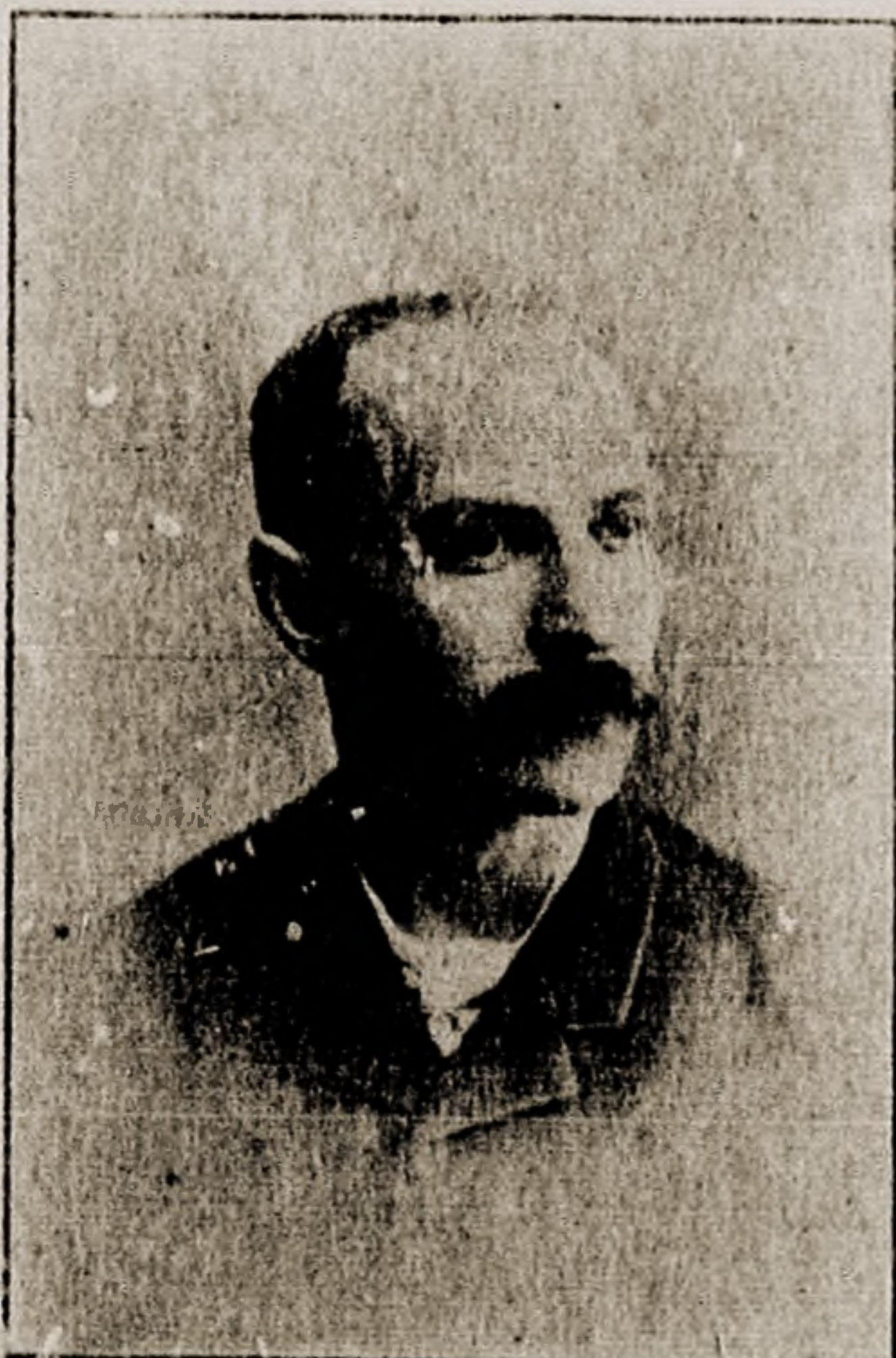
1/2 mile professional, open, 1st prize, \$10 and \$5.

1 mile professional, open, 1st prize, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5.

1 mile farmers' County of Oxford, amateur, 1st prize, Good Cheer cook stove, presented by the Jas. Stewart Mfg. Co., valued at \$25; 2nd, chair, donated by the Anderson Furniture Co., valued at \$10; 3rd, pair of shoes, valued at \$5; 4th, bicycle watch, valued at \$2.50; 5th, cyclo-meter, valued at \$1.50.

1/2 mile boys' race, (15 years and under) open, amateur, 1st prize, boy's watch, valued at \$5; 2nd, bicycle suit, valued at \$4.

100 yards, open, sprint, amateur, 1st prize, gold stud and sleeve links, valued at \$10; 2nd, pair tan shoes, valued at \$4.



FRED MILLMAN, PAST PRES.



ALF. BICKNELL, VICE-PRES.



J. S. MACKAY, TREASURER.



**D. W. KARN & CO.**

One of the pioneer and most progressive manufacturing institutions of the town is that of Messrs D. W. Karn & Co., the noted musical instrument manufacturers. In 1869 Mr. Karn commenced in a small way, securing limited factory quarters and machinery of a primitive style, and launched out as a manufacturer of reed organs. From the first his business enterprise prospered and trade gradually increased until it had reached a very satisfactory output. But his onward march was not an uninterrupted one, and he has met with reverses which would have retarded a man of less aggressiveness. In 1879 his factory, which was then an imposing one, was totally destroyed by fire, but no time was lost in waiting over the loss. The erection of a new building was at once commenced and within a few weeks from the time the factory was destroyed, everything was again running smoothly. The business continued to expand, reaching foreign countries, and Karn organs were received with great favor everywhere, but in 1886 he was again visited by fire which went away his magnificent factory property. This time, as before, the factory was speedily rebuilt on an enlarged plan. The Karn factories are the largest and



**D. W. KARN & CO'S ORGAN AND PIANO FACTORIES.**

most complete in Canada, and a brief description cannot fail to prove of interest. They are located at the corner of Dundas, Wilson and Huron streets, and have a combined frontage of 650 feet, and a total area of over 100,000 feet floor

are supplied with steam for heating and gas for lighting throughout. The capacity of the factories is 150 organs and 25 pianos per week. The factories are also equipped with all the latest and most improved labor-saving machinery to the number of 75 machines. About 250 workmen are kept constantly employed, necessitating an expenditure of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 monthly for wages. In addition to their already large business in pianos and reed organs the firm has now added a new department for the manufacture of church pipe organs. An addition to the present factory 50 x 70 has been built, and the long established and favorably known business of S. K. Warren & Son of Toronto has been purchased, and Mr. Warren has been engaged to act as superintendent of this department. Mr. Karn is very much pleased with the promising outlook of his business in this line and expects in the near future that he will have in his employ from 50 to 70 more skilled mechanics in the pipe organ department.

Australia, New Zealand and other countries, while in Canada ware-rooms are maintained at Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Kingston, Brantford, London, and St. Thomas, while the leading dealers throughout Canada handle a large number of Karn instruments and are warm in their praise of the products of the Karn factories.

factories of Western Ontario. From a small concern in 1860 this business has grown, through the exertions of the father and son, Mr. Fred Richards, to its present capacity. Richards' Pure Soap is a household word from Halifax to Vancouver. Last year over 5,500,000 pounds of soap were manufactured in this establishment.



**WOODSTOCK BUSINESS COLLEGE.**

space. There are also lumber sheds, yards and dry kilns with a capacity for a large quantity of lumber. There are three large boilers, two engines and three steam elevators. The factories are fitted with automatic sprinklers and stand pipes with hose attached for fire protection, and

Branch offices and ware-rooms of this firm have been established in London and Liverpool, England, and at Hamburg, Germany. These points are made distributing centres for Great Britain and the continent of Europe. Agencies have also been established in South Africa, Japan, China,



**D. RICHARDS' OXFORD SOAP WORKS.**

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The cut in this number is a facsimile of the large and extensive soap works owned by Mr. D. Richards, one of the pioneer soap manu-

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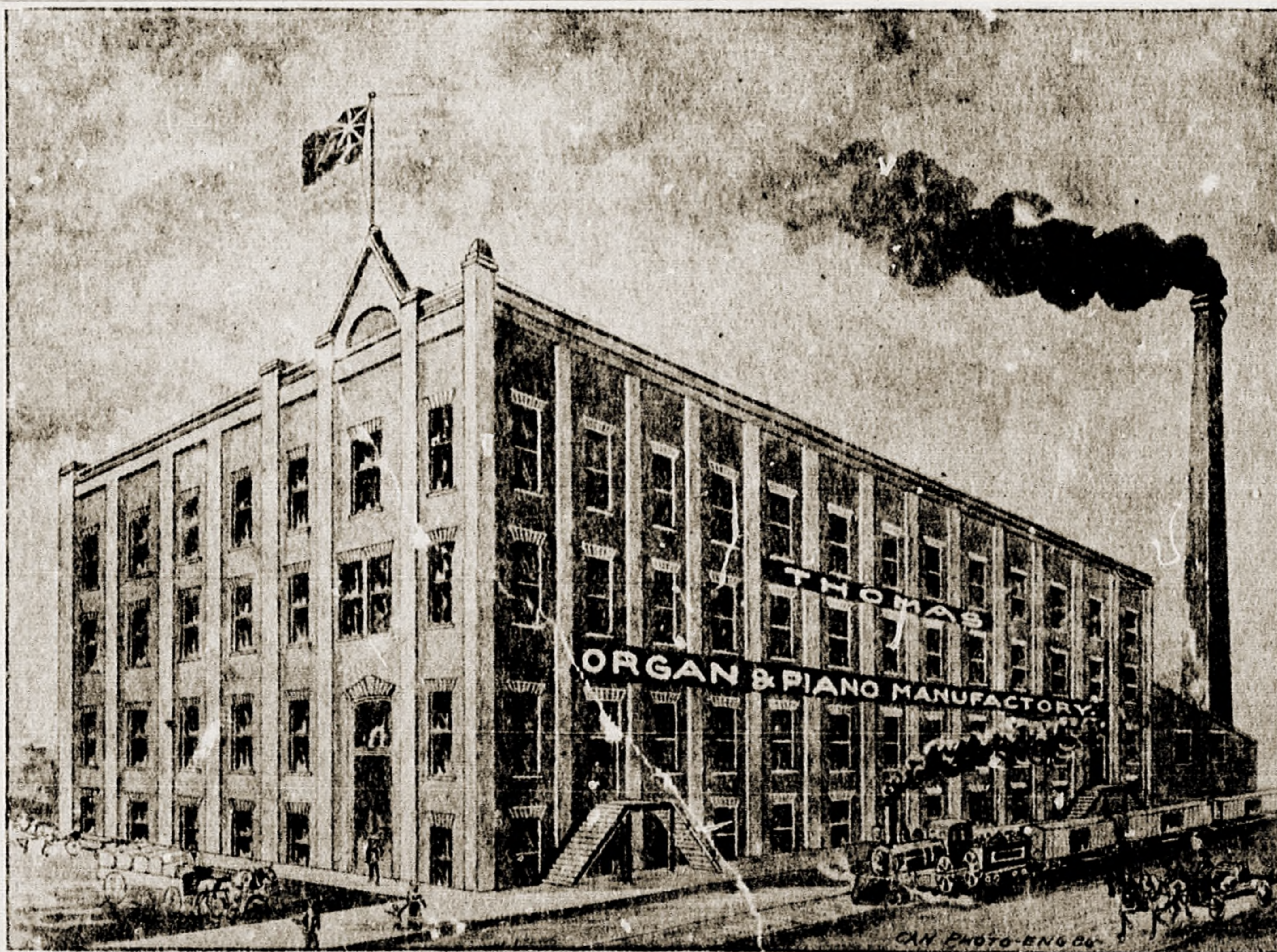
**THE THOMAS ORGAN COMPANY.**

The Thomas Organ and Piano Co. are the oldest established musical instrument manufacturers in Western Ontario, being over 50 years in existence, 35 of them in Woodstock. The making of pianos was added last year and the firm today have one of the best equipped factories in Canada. The reputation of the Thomas instruments in the past will be more than sustained in the future. The half century growth of the business has been a healthy one, stimulated as it has been by an appreciation of the high tone and quality of everything that bears their trade mark.

**WOODSTOCK BUSINESS COLLEGE.**

The Woodstock Business College is a growing institution, so much so that two more teachers have been engaged to commence services in the near future. Its Principal, Mr. H. M. Kenney, has endeavored to make it one of the first colleges in the Dominion in thorough business and shorthand training, and has gained his point in much less time than was expected. To-day this school is recognized over all Ontario, as one of the few which turn out really thoroughly trained, practical office help. It has two courses of instruction, Business and Shorthand.

The best new wheels at F. Bowman & Co's. Ingersoll. On account of our low prices our sales last month were more than double those of any former year at the same time.



**THOMAS ORGAN AND PIANO FACTORY.**



...is under, it may be said, his eyes. Then when seated in his pew and when menere peoples the sacred edifice with the presence of loved ones laid to rest and the pulpit exhortations fall upon his ear he can in Christian thankfulness grasp the importance of

"That wondrous resurrection,  
God's remedy for sin."

And with uplifted thoughts pass those hallowed spots where loving hands pillowed relatives, friends and neighbors.

Yes, it is given to but few the possession of such advantages, and it is, we are well assured, the sincerest wish of all his acquaintances that he may be long spared as a model among farmers—a sincere friend and a worthy occupant of Oxford's highest gift in agricultural development—safe, we may add, from the disturbing breath of political contention, for Mr. Donaldson has no hankering for the role of a modern Cincinnatus.

A. McLENEGHAN.

**THE WOODSTOCK Y. M. C. A.**

The Young Men's Christian Association is well known in Woodstock. It was founded on May 7th, 1888. Measured therefore by its years it is yet in its infancy, but measured by the work it has accomplished in our midst it must be conceded it strongly belongs to maturer years. The Presidential chair has been honorably filled during these years by Messrs. Dr. Bartlett, A. McBean, T. W. Gray and C. S. Kerr, B. A., the latter of whom has with ungrudging labor filled the office for the last four years. The General Secretaryship has been held successively by Messrs. F. B. Utley, D. Sprague, O. C. Elliott, F. B. Howard and J. W. Hopkins. The last named gentleman has administered with much enthusiasm and energy the affairs of the Association, for the past 19 months. Under his efficient management and with the co-



**WOODSTOCK CHURCHES.**

OLD ST. PAUL'S  
CONGREGATIONAL.

CENTRAL (METH.)  
OLD ST. PAUL'S (ANG.)

CHALMERS (PRESB.)  
NEW KNOX (PRESB.)

presides, is worthy of special mention. In the cosy furnishings and the periodical social entertainments the activity of this most active and helpful auxiliary finds worthy occupation and

of a large number of what were known as "English Gentry," chiefly retired officers of the army or navy, who formerly occupied much of the best lands in this neighborhood, but the environments in that early day were so uncongenial that nearly all disappeared later on. Their influence in many respects is still notable. Capt. Drew came about A. D. 1832, as an agent of Admiral Vansittart, and purchased for him all the land north of Dundas street to the river Thames, and east to Nellis hill, and erected a nice frame residence where the Altadore house stands, but the admiral was so disappointed in the Thames,

this land Capt. Drew erected his house, which is still in good condition; and the first brick church (Old St. Paul's) was erected in '33 or '34, and much of the early business of the country was done near his home. The first post office and bank and other enterprises were also near or on his land.

There is one particular event of historical importance connected with the life of Capt. Drew which should be mentioned, viz. in his military zeal to put down the rebellion he threw himself into the fray in the commanding of volunteers, and when engaged near Niagara Falls, where



**WOODSTOCK CHURCHES.**

FIRST BAPTIST. NEW ST. PAUL'S (ANG.)  
DUNDAS ST. (METH.) NORWICH AVE. (METH.) ST. MARY'S (R. C.)

operation of a board of 15 directors, the different departments of the work have exhibited a steady growth. These departments embrace the spiritual, educational, physical and social obligations assumed by the institution. Reading rooms, library, game room, bath rooms, gymnasium, comfortably furnished parlors, bicycle and football clubs, educational classes, gospel meetings and classes for Bible study all bear witness to the efforts put forth in behalf of the young men of the community. Character—the abiding Rock of Ages—is the end of all the work. The indebtedness of the Association to the Ladies Auxiliary, over which Mrs. Dr. Rice so graciously

rewards. The annual expenditure is about \$7,200 and the annual revenue from membership fees about \$600. The balance is voluntarily subscribed by the Association's well wishers. On this page cuts are given of the Vice-President and Secretary. A photograph of the President C. S. Kerr will be found in the Collegiate Institute staff group.

**AN HISTORIC HOUSE.**

The one-storey cottage, now owned and occupied by Ex-Mayor Knight, situate on the hill, overlooking part of the town, has a history worth mentioning. Capt. Drew was the pioneer



**RESIDENCE OF EX-MAYOR KNIGHT.**

because unnavigable, that he refused to settle here, and subsequently bought a large tract near Eastwood, because of some lakes in the vicinity, and settled there. He made Capt. Drew a present of the land east of Haron street, which was a given road through his land. It was on

some rebels, largely citizens of the United States, were using a vessel named the Caroline to aid in the rebellion. Capt. Drew sent several boat loads of his men to set fire to the vessel, cut her loose from her moorings, and let her drift over the falls, a mass of fire—wonderful as a spectacular scene, and effective in ending the rebellion.



J. W. HOPKINS, SEC.



M. C. A. PARLORS.



F. MAUNDRELL, VICE-PRES.



**J. MONTGOMERY, BICYCLES, ETC.**

Mr. Montgomery has been handling pianos, sewing machines and bicycles for many years, and has received a liberal patronage. His experience and observation has enabled him to select the most reliable goods from the best makers, and on terms that ensure good value. Mr. Montgomery represents the very best makers in the world. At present he is giving particular attention to bicycles and is sole agent in this locality for the justly celebrated "Cleveland"—a bicycle whose reputation circles the globe and has made its makers millionaires. They are used by prince and peasant. The Cleveland wheel is so well and favorably known in Woodstock, through actual experience that little requires to be said to prove its popularity. A few of the principal points in construction may be referred to. One of them is the Burwell dust proof bearings and another the Crossthread

**MINTOSH & GRIFFITHS, COAL, ETC.**

Mintosh & Griffiths may be called the pioneer coal dealers in town, as they are the oldest existing concern of the kind here at present. Their business is one that has developed wonderfully. The principle of handling the best grades of coal is the secret of their success, coupled with the assurance that customers get what they pay for. The firm are also dealers in the very best cements for all purposes, land and domestic salt, plaster in any quantities, drain pipe and fire wood. They also conduct an extensive business in contracting and building, some fine buildings throughout the county testifying to their energy in this line, the new Knox church presenting an example. Their commodious yards are situated on Main street, the recent erection of new coal sheds adding materially to the efficiency of the premises.



RESIDENCE OF A. A. STEWART.



WINTER SCENE ON WELLINGTON STREET.

cincher tires. These are features that have helped to make the wheel famous. Its easy running qualities have made it popular among the better class of riders, and it therefore stands today without a rival in the bicycle realm. Intending buyers should call at 472 Dundas St.

A great repair business is being done by F. Bowman & Co. Ingersoll. For a good substantial and neat job take your wheel there.

**MINNICK & LAFSON.**

This firm are bicycle mechanics and bicycle dealers. Both members being practical and experienced workmen, the excellence of their work goes without saying. The repair department is fully equipped, and besides repairing bicycles, all kinds of light machinery such as sewing machines, lawn mowers, etc., are put in perfect working order as well. Special attention is

drawn to the "Common Sense" and "Huron" bicycles which they are handling this year. Their reputation makes them without a peer for comfortable riding, durability and neat appearance. These wheels have special features, such as positive dust proof and oil retaining bearings, facilitating easy running; crank attachments, which multiply the power of leverage with the ordinary length crank, rigid, yet easily designed frame, besides the latest and best modern improvements in all parts. In fact it is not saying more than has been proven that these wheels are a perfect combination of everything in appearance and structure designed to suit the most fastidious rider. Ladies and gentlemen are requested to examine samples at their new quarters on Dundas St. opposite Kildell St. Woodstock.

**C. OTTERBEIN, BREWER.**

The proprietor of the Woodstock Brewery has had twenty years experience in the manufacturing part of the brewery business. His claim, therefore, as to the superiority of the goods he makes should have considerable weight, strengthened as it is by the fact that he personally attends to his own brewing and uses the best ingredients in their composition. He makes ale, porter and lager. A little over a year and a half ago he came to Woodstock and the rapid increase of business, that today taxes the producing powers of this brewery, is ample proof of the popularity of the beverage and the success of the business.

**POOLE & CO., FAMILY GROCERS.**

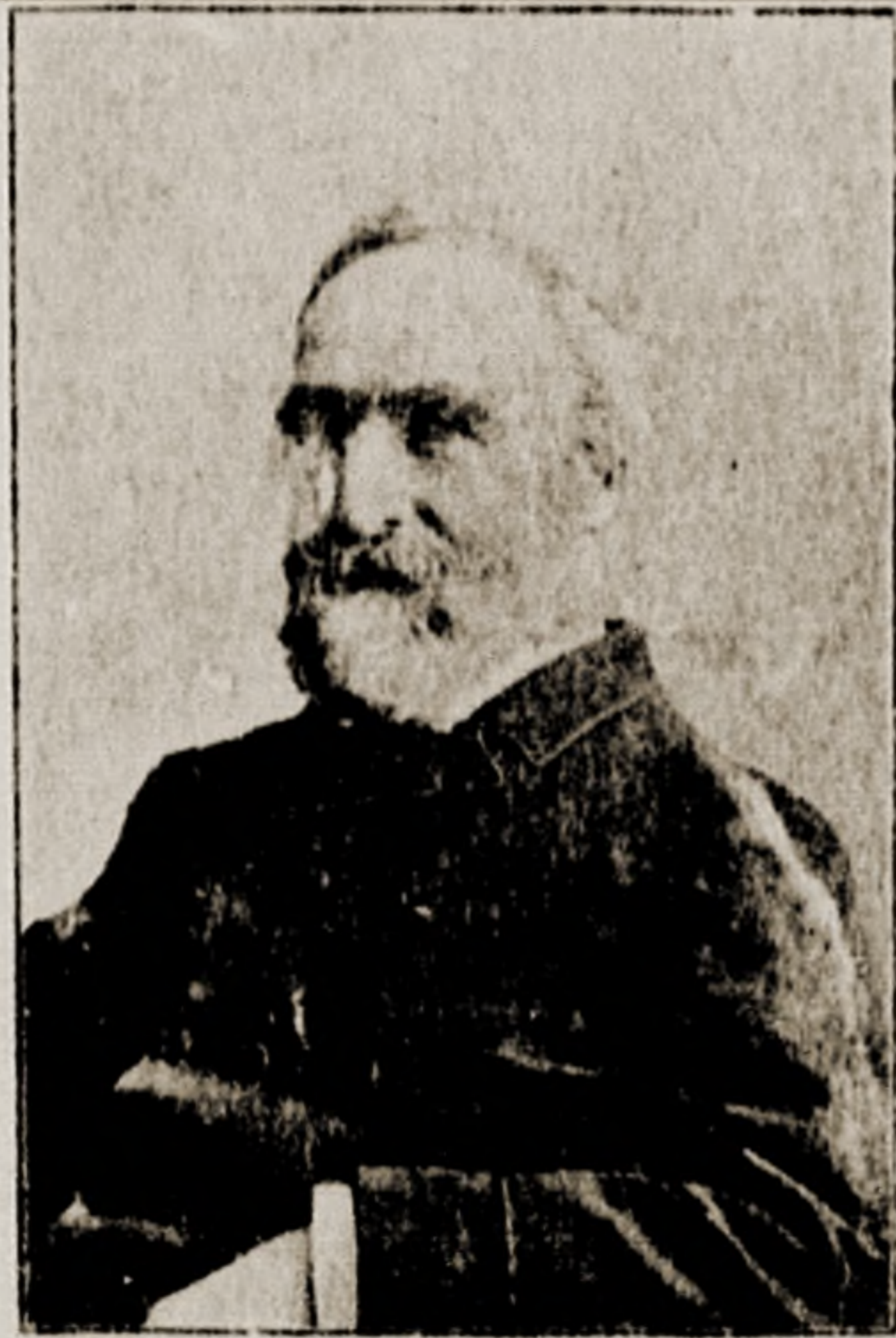
The county town boasts nothing finer in handsome interior store architecture than that possessed by the well known business stand occupied by Poole & Co., facing the Post Office street, and the enterprising firm have improved every chance to add to the attractiveness of the shelves and expansive window with bright, new goods. The stock carried embraces all the luxuries and staple foods in domestic requirements. The firm justly pride themselves on their ability to provide the best at prices to fit the pocket of the masses. To this very important business element may the extensive business of this popular firm be attributed, that is, the very most of the very best for the very least money. The make-up of the stock includes all the varied lines of a complete grocery stock, and while this embraces a wide range of articles, the pride of the firm rests on supplying the very best staple goods they can obtain.

**THE FEEDER CYCLOMETER.**

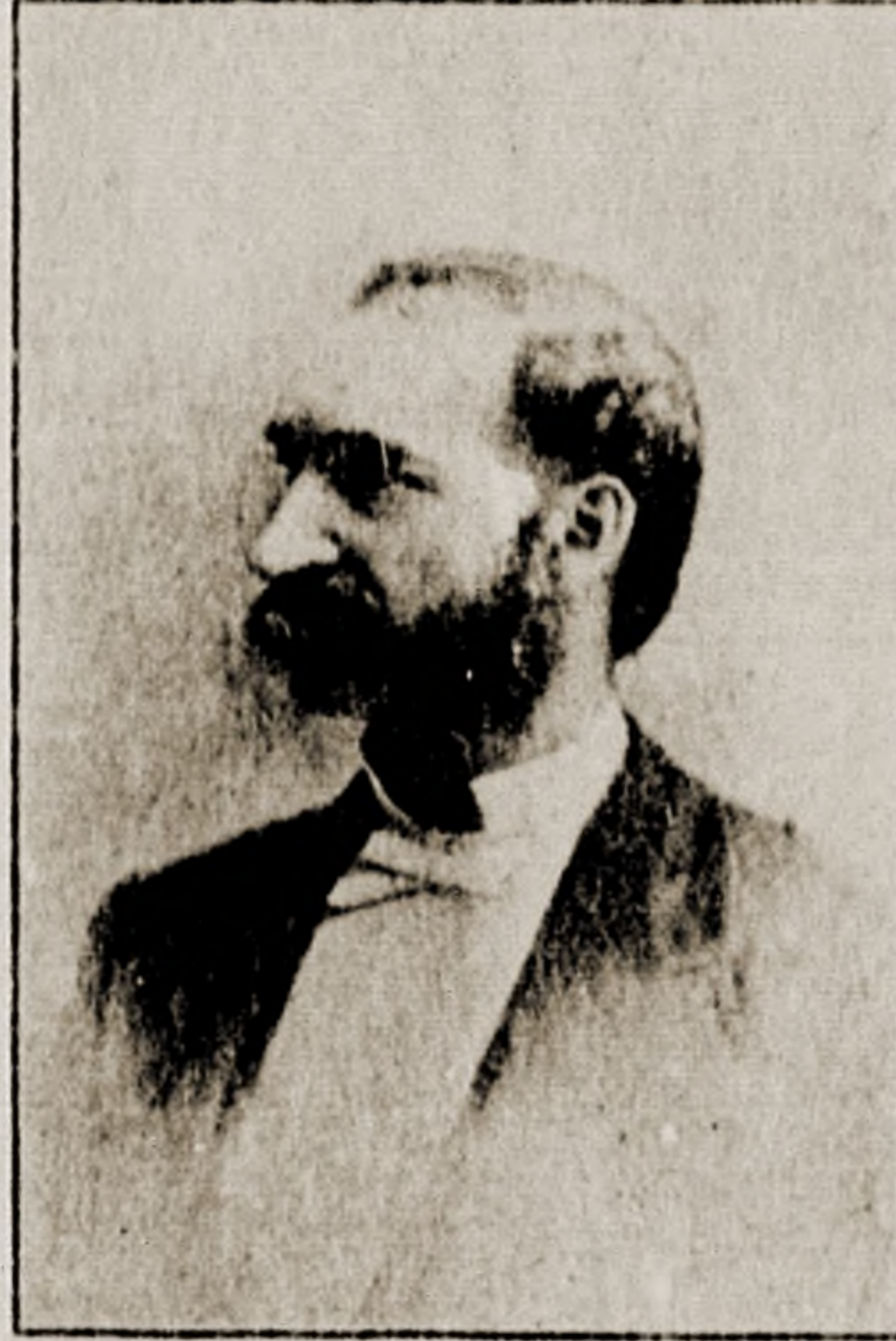
Weights 1 1/2 ounces complete. Registers 10,000 miles and repeats, also registers tenths of miles. Is the smallest and neatest we have ever seen, is the truest and strongest we have ever tested, the best seller we ever handled. We have sold scores and everyone likes them. Call and get one or will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.50. F. Bowman & Co., Ingersoll.



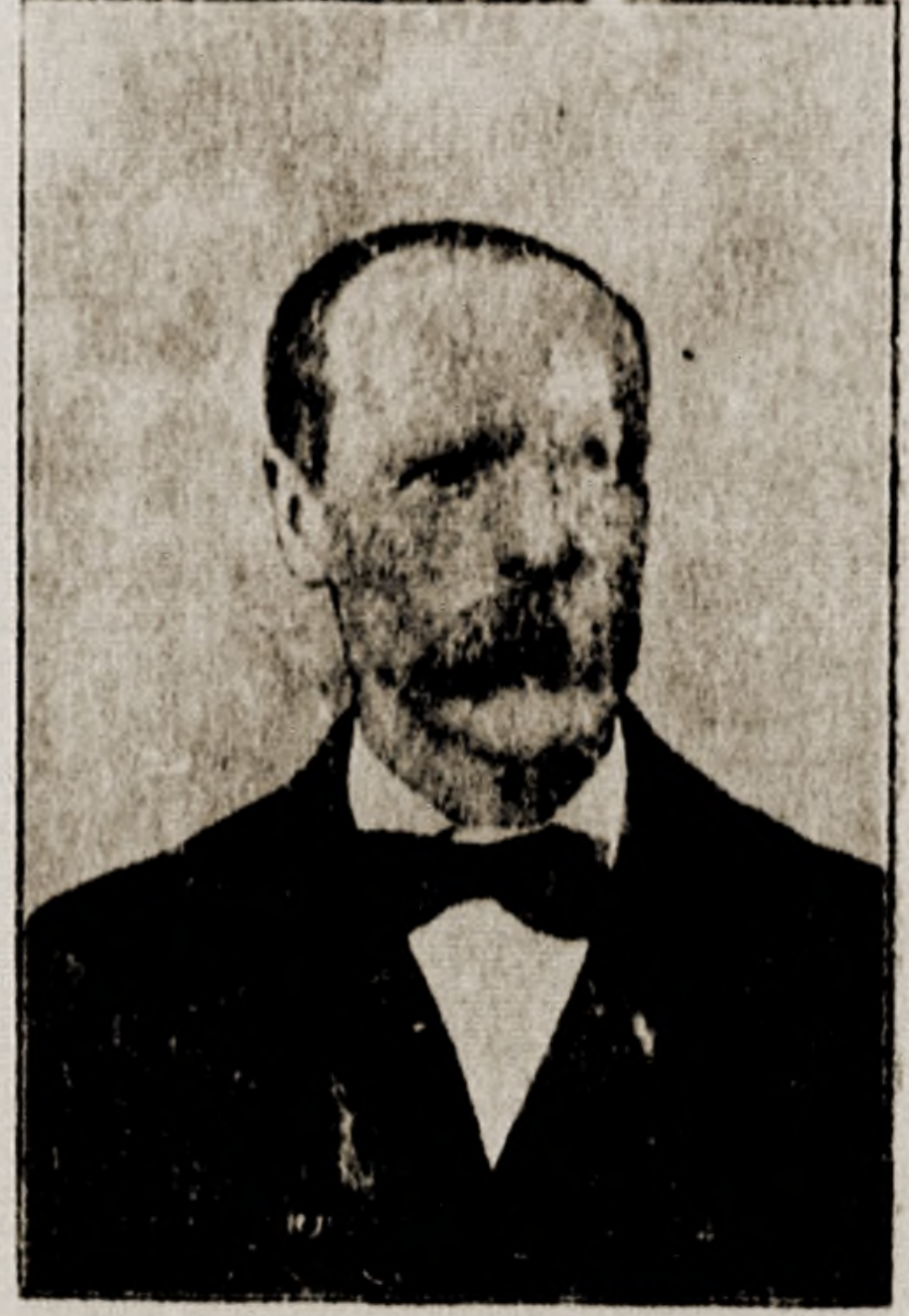
WM. GLEY (CHAIRMAN).  
S. C. MACKAY.



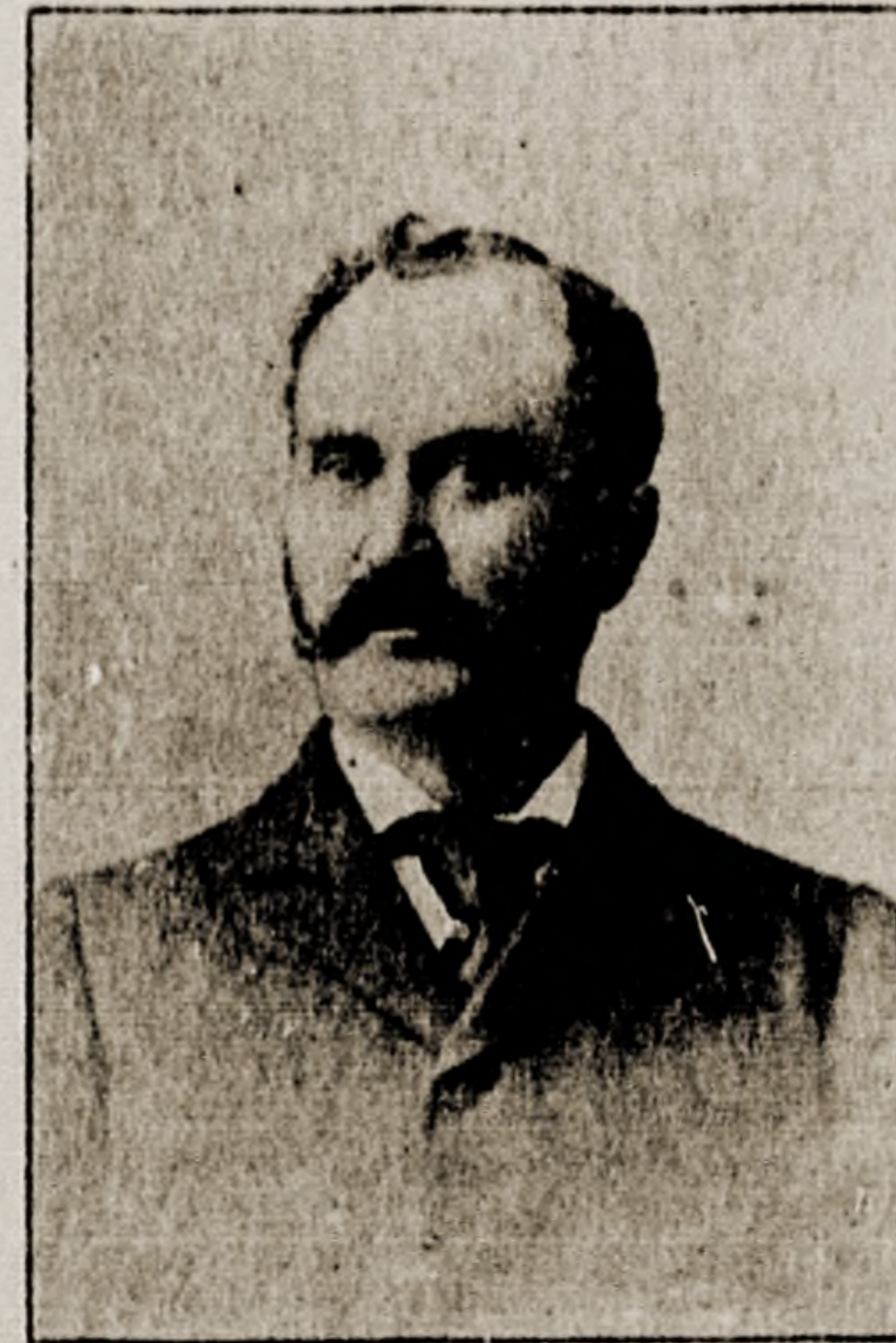
R. W. KNIGHT.  
IAS. SUTHERLAND, M.P.



REV. DR. M'ULLEN.  
ANDREW PATTULLO, M.P.



J. M. GRANT.  
MALCOLM DOUGLAS (SEC.)



COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE BOARD.



# THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

## A High School That Has Met With Great Success.

The Collegiate Institute, situated on Rebel and Hunter streets, is a large spacious building built of white brick, and capable of accommodating about 300 pupils. The class rooms are large and commodious, and fully equipped with all necessary furniture. The laboratory, one of the best in the province, is well supplied with chemical and physical apparatus for pursuing the scientific course of the High School programme.

The following are the names of the Collegiate Institute Board: Wm. Grey, chairman; Rev. J. W. T. McMullen, D. D., James Sutherland, M. F., J. M. Grant, Andrew Patisillo, M. P., S. G. McKay, R. W. Knight and M. Douglas, secretaries.

The teaching staff are as follows: D. H. Hunter, B. A., principal; A. D. Griffin, P. L. S., T. H. Lennox, B. A., Miss Carrie Fair, B. A., C. S. Kerr, B. A., A. Stevenson, B. A., and E. C. Strigley, C. Sp.

The aim of the school is to give such a thorough English, classical or scientific education to pupils as will fit them for the active duties pertaining to agricultural, commercial or professional pursuits. Classes are therefore formed for all grades of departmental examinations and for matriculation (pass and honors), and while every effort is made to have pupils successful at their examinations, full attention is given to the growing section of students who desire such an education as will make of them good intelligent citizens, following trades, business or agricultural callings. The policy of the Board of Trustees has been to secure the very best teachers that can be obtained for the various departments, and a convincing evidence of their success has been the long lists of successful candidates at all university and departmental examinations—a showing which has placed the Collegiate in the very front rank of the Institutes of the province. The people of the town are alive to their educational interests, and are at one with the Institute Board and staff in keeping the school up to the very highest standard.

### WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The five public schools of Woodstock furnish ample accommodation. The photo group of schools will give the reader an idea of the style of architecture of the Central and the four ward schools. Following is a full list of teachers:

**CENTRAL**—S. Nethercott, principal, W. L. Chave, Miss L. E. Cummings, Miss Mary Gardner, Miss Annie Lund, Miss M. A. Frizelle, Miss Alice White, Miss Mary Topping.

**DELAURE ST.**—D. McAlpine, principal, Mrs. K. F. Ross, Miss Mary Pypor, Miss Ethel Peers, Miss E. Gardner, Miss T. W. McIntosh.

**BROADWAY**—Wm. Mauro, principal, Miss C. J. Topping, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Carrie Holby.

**BEALE ST.**—Angus Cameron, principal, Miss Annie McLaughlin, Miss Alice Shaver, Miss Maud Paddon, Miss Mary Newton, Miss Marion Cheyne, Miss Florence Dickson, Mrs. C. H. Haddock.

**CHAPEL ST.**—Miss J. J. Whitelaw, Miss Nettie Clatkson, Miss N. Carryer, Miss May Rose.

Teacher of music—Geo. N. Crooker.

The names of the members of the School Board will be found on another page.



BEALE STREET  
CHAPEL STREET

### W. S. HURST & Co.

The Leading Shoe Store. We claim this title by honest dealing and good value for your dollar—and that is what we are all after—and when you see our spring stock you will spend your dollars with us. Our trade with the farming community as well as town citizens has greatly improved this last year. We have a large trade



WOODSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL

We also handle Annes Holden, Jas. McCready's, W. A. Marsh and in our special American lines the Star Shoe Co.'s goods of Boston. We have also added the latest novelty in the shoe trade by placing in our store one of New York's latest style of a shoeblack stand and every person visiting our store is entitled to a free shine by a first-class shoeblack. No charge, no money to



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from the towns of Norwich, Ingersoll, Paris, Tavistock, Embro, Drumbo and Innerkip, showing two principal facts in our business—first, that our goods are right and second, that our prices are right. This spring our assortment in all the latest shades of tan goods is above the average. We are the only house in Woodstock handling J. D. King's and J. & T. Bell's goods.

be given to the boy. We pay him by the week. Come as often as you like. The rest of what we have to say will keep until you come and see us.

The glass paperweights, containing flowers and other beautiful objects, are molded, the substances within being placed in position before the glass is poured into the mold. The weight is then ground and polished.



DELAURE STREET  
BROADWAY

### D. SHEDDEN & SON, FURNITURE.

This well known and popular furniture house was established in Woodstock in 1873 and in the varied experiences of business life since that time has enjoyed a steady and healthy development until today we find the firm located in one of the handsomest and most attractive warehouses in Western Ontario. The Messrs. Shedden are now carrying one of the largest and finest stocks in the country. The magnificent line of sideboards in this stock cannot be surpassed and range all the way from \$7 to \$100. Beautiful bedroom sets in all styles and finishes, oak, white maple, golden birch or mahogany, and starting at a price that will amaze you. This firm also does a large shipping trade and prepay freight to all stations within 200 miles. In the upholstering department a specialty is made of the ordered work, and the success in this department is due to the style and good workmanship, which has been gained by long and varied experience. The stock carried is large and includes five and six piece suits, ranging from the very low figure \$19.75 all the way up to \$130. A visit by you to this handsome warerooms, whether purchasing or not, will be welcomed by the proprietors.

### H. E. DOUGLAS, CIGARS, ETC.

One of the principal cigar stores and smokers' headquarters in Woodstock is that of H. E. Douglas, utilizing a fine salesroom at the above location with laundry office in the rear. His stock of smoker's goods is one of the largest in the city, comprising imported and domestic cigars in all the leading brands, having a large sale on the Douglas Specials, Athens, and Our Prince (the latter which was formerly a ten cent brand, being now sold at 5c straight). In plug tobacco (both smoking and chewing, and in packages) all the leading brands are kept on hand, also a full line of cigarettes, a great variety of pipes (with or without case) tobacco pouches, and everything in the smokers line. The house does a good wholesale business, supplying dealers in all the smaller neighboring towns, while his retail trade is the largest in Woodstock and Oxford County.

Mr. Douglas is also agent for the Parisian Steam Laundry which is doing the largest business in this line in Woodstock. The work executed is all guaranteed first class, and goods are collected and delivered promptly in any part of Woodstock and vicinity. Telephone No. 142.

### R. H. WALTON, DRUGGIST.

The Opera House Drug Store makes a perfect service for the public a prime object in the business. While he gives personal attention to the compounding of prescriptions, Mr. Walton has devoted some attention to the preparation of standard medicines, etc., that have given his store a widespread reputation. Among them are, baking powder, headache powders, Carter's Catarrh Cure, Operaline, Dr. Leon's Sarsaparilla, Lizzie's Cough Cure. There can be no mistake in using any of the above. A night service in connection. Press the button at the door at any hour.

### THE ALPAMBA.

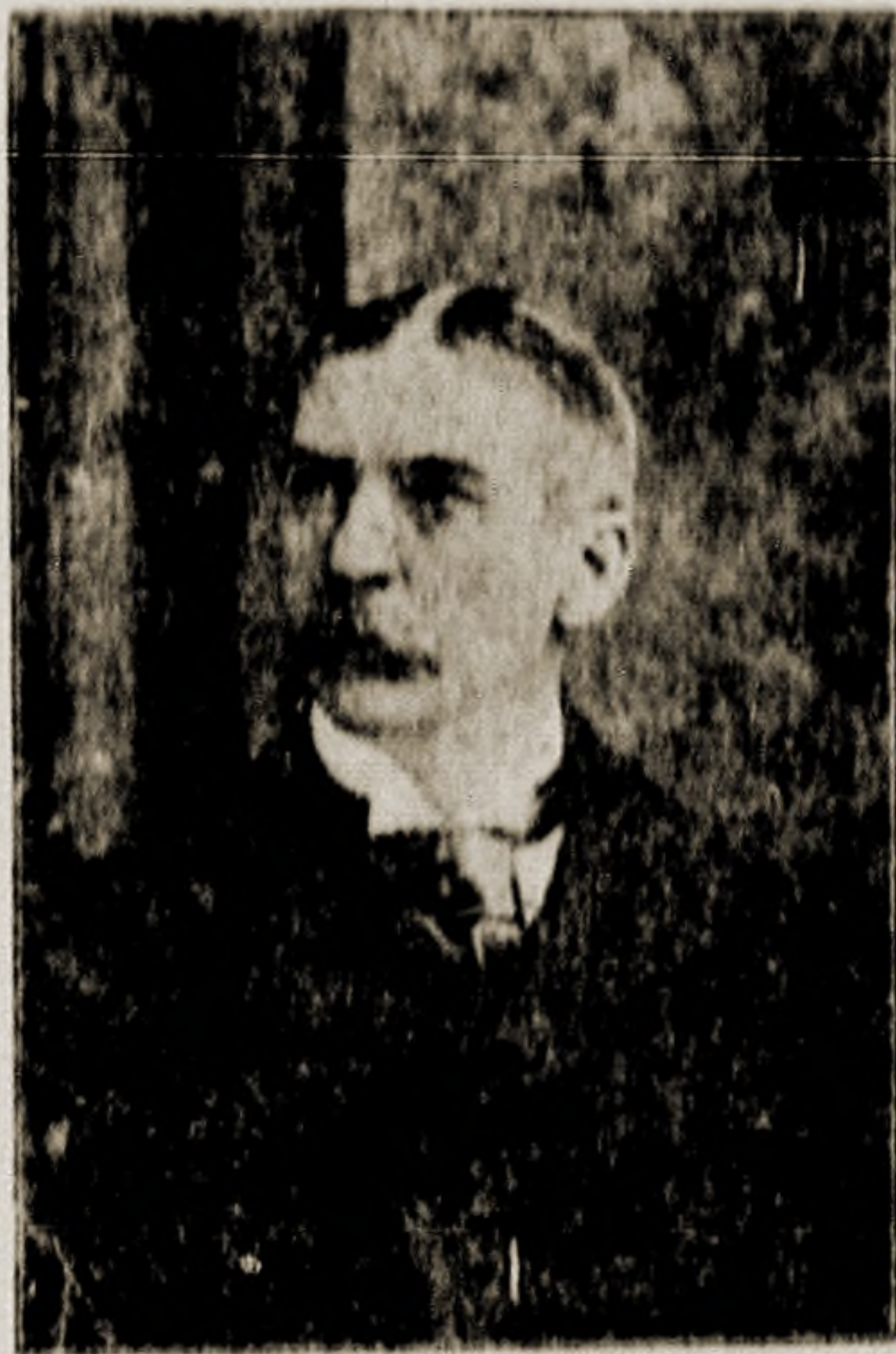
Still to the front. Tobacco sundries, confectionery, fruits, etc. in abundance. Ice cream and lunch parlors now in full swing. The Reliable is a name familiar all through the section on account of the popularity of the proprietor, George Harwood, and the excellence of the goods in stock.



COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE STAFF.

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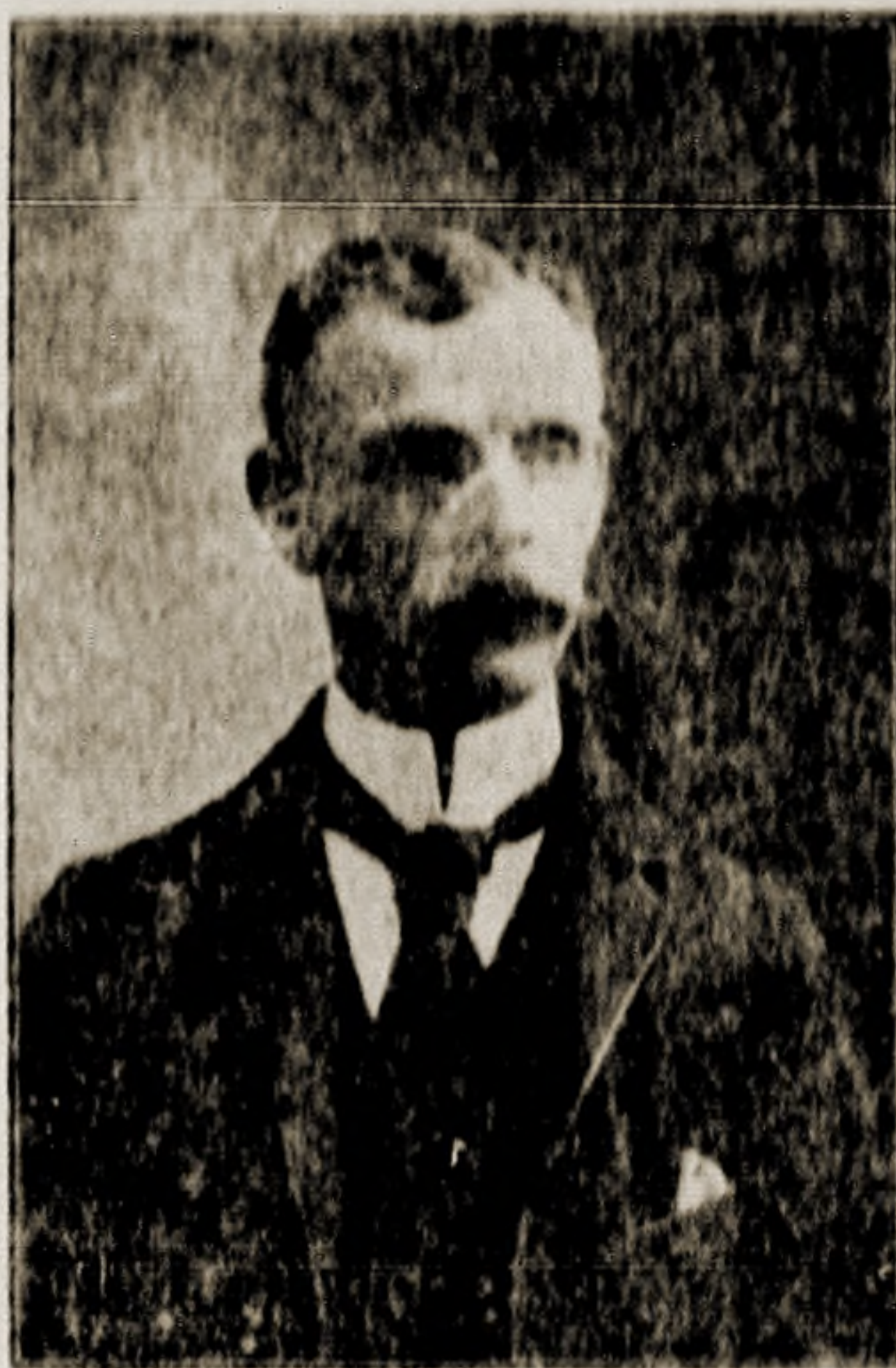




JNO. WHITE, PRESIDENT.

**WOODSTOCK BOARD OF TRADE.**

The Board of Trade of Woodstock is a live organization. The roll of membership includes the public spirited men of the town—the men who have made Woodstock the thriving, prosperous centre it is today. The board was organized over twenty years ago when Mr. James White, County Clerk, was secretary, and one of the first Presidents of the organization was Mr. T. H. Parker. The late John Craig and Cor-



J. G. WALLACE, SECRETARY.

**MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL BODIES.**

**TOWN COUNCIL**—Andrew Mackay, M. D., mayor; Benson McNicol, reeve; John Soper Mackay, first deputy reeve; James Rapson, second deputy reeve; Robert S. Bell, third deputy reeve; T. L. Clarkson, fourth deputy reeve; councillors, D. Dodge, A. McIntyre, E. Walrond, C. S. Leander, F. Richards, Dr. Odium, D. Millar, D. McLellan, W. A. Karn, R. T. Crawford.



H. H. POWELL, VICE-PRESIDENT.

**WOODSTOCK AS A DAIRY CENTRE.**

Not the least of Woodstock's claims to fame is that it is the centre of the pioneer district of the cheese industry in Canada. It is well known that Oxford is the home of the modern dairy, from which its influences have radiated, not only throughout the Dominion and the United States, but to the mother country and New Zealand as well. The first factory on the modern system



O. G. ANDERSON.

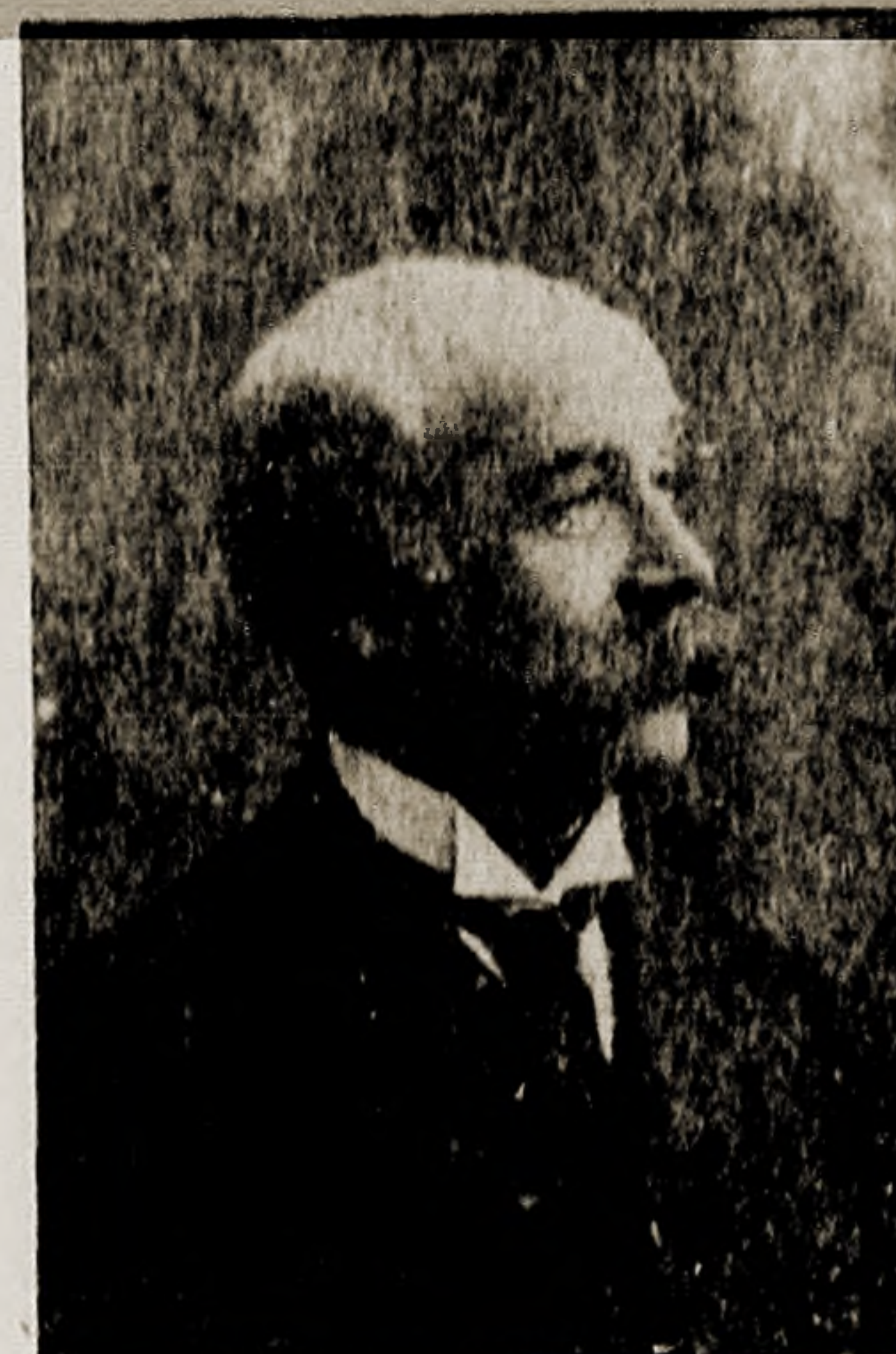
neing Kerr afterwards discharged the duties of secretary, as well as Mr. Jas. S. Seufft. The Board has always been foremost in promoting the best interests of the town and district. The members have the advancement of the town at heart and never lose an opportunity to further its best interests. The council of the board is composed of the following gentlemen: John White, president; H. H. Powell, vice-president; J. G. Wallace, secretary; D. W. Karn, J. F.



D. W. KARN.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD**—George R. Pattullo, chairman; James T. Bain, C. J. Brehard, Dr. A. T. Rice, Dr. A. McLay, Clifford Kemp, G. A. Bean, Geo. J. Fraser, Robert Anderson, Geo. Parker and W. A. Reid, secretary.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**—W. van Ingen, chairman; D. W. Karn, Wm. Pott, W. G. Clarke, R. R. Fulton, George Caldwell, Dr. Andrew Mackay, mayor; Dr. A. McLay, medical health officer; and Daniel Peacock, sanitary inspector.



J. F. STEWART.

was built by the late honored Harvey Farrington in the Township of Norwich, a few miles south of Woodstock, away back in the early sixties. From that small beginning the industry has grown until the exports from Canada are now worth thirteen and a half millions in a single year. There are about twenty-five factories in the neighborhood of the town; while the market here, held on Wednesday of each week, draws salesmen from Burford on the east to Thames-



ROBERT WHITELAW.

Stewart, Robert Whitelaw, O. G. Anderson, J. A. Bain, G. de C. O'Grady, E. W. Nesbitt, Dr. Mearns, W. E. Griggs, C. M. McCuaig, A. J. McIntosh and T. H. Parker.

made no rejoinder, but there was a subtle sneering in the way he went and shook down the furnace to suggest that his mind was even yet entirely at rest.—Detroit Journal.



J. A. BAIN.

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**—R. M. Revell, chairman, A. J. McIntosh and Dr. Andrew Mackay.

Town clerk, John Morrison; town treasurer, Geo. C. Eden; town assessor, D. M. Perry; town surveyor, W. Mahlon Davis; town solicitor, J. H. Nellis; police magistrate, G. C. Field; chief of police, H. R. Will; chief of police, Geo. Johnston.



E. W. NESBITT.

ford on the west; from near Stratford on the north down through the County of Norfolk to the lake on the south. During the past and the present season the highest prices of the district have been paid here; and Woodstock is very proud of regarding herself as the geographical and railway centre of the dairy industry of Western Ontario. The cheese product of Oxford County is estimated at a million dollars annually.





"ALTADORE," RESIDENCE OF G. DE C. O'GRADY.

**THE PRINCE ENTERTAINED**

The picture of "Altadore" recalls an historic incident in the life of E. J. Cottle Esq., the builder and owner of the present structure in the year 1866. It was also the year of his mayoralty, being the fourth mayor of Woodstock.

The Prince of Wales, then in his nineteenth year, made a tour of this colony accompanied by his suite, with the Duke of Newcastle as chief, and accepted an invitation to visit Woodstock. The night previous had been spent at a grand ball given in his honor at London. They arrived at the J. W. R. Station here in the forenoon where the party was met with the best carriages obtainable, and an immense crowd followed the procession along James street and Broadway to Dundas; thence eastwards to Huron street, up Huron to Altadore, where a beautiful decorated

stated that one of the mayor's daughters secured the glass he had used for an heirloom, and another his autograph. There was a very large number of school children present, who greeted the arrival of the prince by singing the National Anthem. The time of the party was so limited that they drove very fast and returned, by way of Kay street. The streets were well decorated with evergreens and bunting. Messrs. Parker, Reed, and Hood furnished the Brussels carpets used, and Mr. Parker has a part of it in his own home yet. The prince wore a brown hat, and a sharp letterer and salesman in that firm, advertised a large lot of that amiable color, as the Prince of Wales hat, and ball were immediately disposed of at a profitable price.

Some say that the peach stone left by the prince was claimed to have produced more than one



RESIDENCE OF WARREN TOTTEN, Q.C.

tent had been erected, over a raised platform on the lawn at the east side of the fine residence. Here, as many as could be accommodated, besides the royal party, stood, while the Warden of the county, John Harrington Esq., T. J. Cottle Esq., Mayor of Woodstock, and Dr. Fyfe, Principal of Woodstock College, read engrossed addresses of welcome to the Prince and loyalty to his Queen mother. After replying to the addresses, the councillors, trustees of the college, and some others were presented to the youthful and gracious Prince.

A fruit-lunch had been provided and laid in the spacious east rooms, where a select few joined the royal party. It is remembered by some who were present that the prince simply ate one peach and drank half a glass of sherry. It is also

tree, and others say, that the prince planted a Norway spruce tree, while at Altadore, which is still pointed out, but neither statement can be verified.

**SOUTH SIDE PHARMACY**

This drug business was established nine years ago by Fraser & Gunn, the present proprietor, Frank Hyde, having clerked for them for four years before graduating. Since then he has been acquiring a practical knowledge by experience in Toronto, London and Chatham before returning to his native town to take control of the above pharmacy. It is but natural that when Mr. Hyde returned to a place where he was so well known his business greatly increased. Since this business was first established it has made a specialty of doctors' prescriptions and home receipts, and is now the leading store in this branch of business. Every care is taken to procure the very purest and best drugs and chemicals manufactured. Although our lines of sundries such as perfumes, sponges, brushes, sprays, rubber goods, etc., has always been well stocked, they have been greatly increased since Mr. Hyde took over the store. In addition to the drug business a line of choice cigars and cigarettes has always been carried, but it was not until last year that the ice cream soda department was made such an important summer feature. This department has been equipped with a special clerk and all the modern and up-to-date ideas are not in any way inferior to any of its kind in Canada or the States in point of service and variety of drinks made from pure fruit juices. Among the many preparations prepared by Mr. Hyde his Dr Jekyll's Cough Cure, Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, headache powders, Witch Hazel Creamline and baking powder have become well known as the



VANSITTART AVENUE.

any testimonials he has received, clearly prove prices here are always very reasonable and Mr. Hyde's personal attention in the dispensing department and shop insures the best of service, while Mr. Hyde attends personally to night calls.

**H. MEADE, DRUGS, ETC.**

The drug business carried on by Mr. H. Meade, late T. Scott & Son, is the oldest in Woodstock and has always had the reputation of being the old reliable drug store. The stock is most complete in every line and the public can always depend upon getting the very best and purest drugs and medicines that are to be had. Since Mr. Meade has been running the business he has not only improved the appearance of the store, but he has increased the stock. He has also reduced prices in every line possible. The dispensing department is most complete and the proprietor has made it a point to give this his full attention.

Those having prescriptions or receipts they wish compounded can depend on them being correctly and carefully dispensed, also that they get the best of everything prescribed and no substitution allowed under any circumstances. Mr. Meade has the agency for the well-known firm of Wyeth & Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and keeps a full line of their goods. He has also arrangements with one of the leading houses dealing in surgical instruments, bandages, gauzes, etc., so he can supply any article at list price. His stock of garden and flower seeds are fine and complete. He has also everything needed for artists work, Windsor Newton's tube and water color paints, canvas, academy board, sable brushes, pallets, paint boxes, etc. He has also on exhibit a fine collection of water color paintings which everyone



THE IMPERIAL BANK.

should see who loves art. Those requiring anything in the line of cut glass bottles, vases, statuary, plush goods, etc., will do well to give him a call as these lines are being sold at cost price and some below cost. Remember the number is 458 Dundas St. (Opp T. Scott & Son) and give him a call.

**CHAS. SIFTON, PHOTOGRAPHER.**

Mr. Sifton has purchased the photographic business of J. C. Walker. He comes from London, and is a thorough up-to-date photographer, having had experience in the leading galleries in the province. Leaving his business first with that well known photographer, Frank Cooper of London, who has the largest gallery in Ontario, and latterly in the United States and other Canadian galleries he has perfected himself in all branches of the photographic art. Mr. Sifton is determined that everyone who patronizes his studio shall be satisfied, and with this end in view will spare neither time nor expense. When this determination is combined with a thorough knowledge of the business, artistic ability and the best modern appliances, he is certain to maintain the reputation of the studio for the highest class work. Mr. Sifton has all the negatives which have ever been taken in the gallery and can supply duplicates at any time.

knickerbocker straps and resorting to straps. Knickerbockers strapped about the knee lack finish. The calf band not only holds the breeches in place, but adds an air of completeness to them such as is seen in regulation riding breeches. A few venturesome Bent Brummels have appeared on their wheels in riding breeches, and their good appearance cannot be denied. Riding breeches are not quite full enough about the knee to allow of free action on the wheel, and those who have noticed this are having cycling breeches made up between the full knickerbockers and the breeches of the higsback ride. Cycling stockings are generally more substantial in color and design, but the man of old tastes can be quickly satisfied.

The influence cycling has had in the past over the established laws of dress will be watched with great interest this year. As the bicycle habit had the effect of noticeably levelling the distinctions between morning and afternoon, and even evening dress last year, it will be a matter of much concern among men of fashion to see how much further this levelling process will go. Cycling is exerting a tremendous influence over the dressing habits of men. The comfort of the cycling costume is letting the more stiff clothing get moth eaten in the closets. In London, even now, men are dressing in tweeds instead of black morning coats, frock coats, Chesterfields, silk



F. H. W. HYDE'S DRUG STORE.





LAWN SCENE ON VANSITTART AVE.

hats, fancy gloves, and patent leather boots. London tailors say they have never made so few extra fine coats. In England this freedom in dress has led to a demand for special materials, elastic, soft and withall gentlemanly. This kind of dress is donned in the morning that a man may cycle to his club, to pay a call, to go to lunch, for which, by the way, he used to dress

not, he does not take it off at all. The straightened, particular, high-drawn etiquette of society has not had a shock in all this, but has welcomed it and is welcoming it still; is looking forward to its development in the future.

Paris is constantly holding up her reputation as being the leader of the eccentric in dress. Last season a swell yachting club made up of prominent Parisians adopted a yachting uniform which involved so much gold braid that the admirals in the regular French navy felt ashamed of their calling. —Exchange.

JOHN WHITE & CO.

The immense dry goods and clothing establishment of Messrs. John White & Co. is one of the largest in Western Ontario. The business was established in 1870 in a store then situated on the corner of Riddell and Dundas streets. From the first the firm did a lively trade and which gradually increased until the premises were on two occasions greatly enlarged. Mr. John White built the centre store (an interior view of which is given) of the three which the firm now occupy in 1896. It was then considered the finest dry goods store in the Province. Later the firm added two other stores—the one to the east for men's ordered and ready-made clothing and men's furnishings on the ground floor and carpet and window shades and window poles department on the second floor. The store west of the centre building referred to is filled



JOHN WHITE & CO.'S DRY GOODS STORE.

Mr. John White has crossed the ocean on purchasing trips over sixty times and his late partner, Mr. MacWhirter, who died at sea two years ago had made about the same number of voyages on behalf of the firm. Thus representatives of this house have made one hundred and twenty ocean trips to the great purchasing centres in Europe. In this connection it is worthy of note that Mr. John White crossed the ocean to purchase goods two years after he commenced business.

WHITNEY BROS., STOVES, ETC.

The Messrs. Whitney Bros. of 425 Dundas St. carry a large stock of stoves, tinware, plumbing goods etc. They are agents for McClary's famous stoves and furnaces. Their new range, the Famous Active, in 4 and 5 holes, is not only a beauty, but one of the finest working ranges made. The new Famous Model for wood is a perfect baker and very handsome in appearance, with steel oven and thermometer in oven door. Intending purchasers should see these stoves. They also handle a full line of summer stoves, several different styles of gas, gasoline and oil stoves. The Blue Flame is something new and much admired by the ladies. Refrigerators, washing machines and wringers—great labor savers. In the plumbing room you will find roll rim porcelain baths, the Booth steel clad and

YOU'LL NOT BE "IN IT."

In the world's broad field of battle  
You will not be "in it" boys,  
If you do not daily rattle  
Round and make a heap of noise.

While we make this suggestion we respectfully invite you to rustle around and see our bright new stock—fresh and crisp as new bank notes—which we offer at moderate prices. We've no old shades in tan goods. Ours are the latest colors and styles, and you'll not be "in it" if you wear anything else. Our ever increasing business is the best evidence of the goods we sell. See the great range of bicycle shoes at prices from \$1 to \$2.50. We're always "in it" with both goods and prices. Watt's shoe store, next to Caldwell's.

W. A. KARN, DRUGGIST.

This cut represents the interior of one of the finest furnished and best equipped drug stores in Western Canada. The proprietor, W. A. Karn, is now the pioneer chemist of the town of Woodstock, and is a member of the council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. He is not only a druggist of wide experience himself, but is one of the few retail drug men in the Province who employs a graduate clerk to assist him in the dispensary and behind the counter in order that his customers may at all times rely upon securing the advice and services of experienced and competent men. Mr. Karn has not only a handsomely furnished chemist's shop, but has it well supplied with one of the largest and best assorted stocks of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines and druggists' sundries to be found in Western Canada. His dispensary, above all things is his pride, having it fully supplied with the rarest medicines from every portion of the globe. He, in consequence, enjoys very largely the patronage of the physicians of this locality. His place of business is central at 423 Dundas street.



W. A. KARN.

French baths, closets of latest patterns, marble-slabs, etc. Gas fixtures and globes in great variety. Milk cans, pails, strainers aerators and anything wanted for the dairy always on hand.

Why do the people of Canada and the United States speak English? It is because John and Sebastian Cabot discovered North America 400 years ago June 14 next. Columbus did not discover North America. Central and South America were the only parts of the continent upon which he set foot; on that account they were claimed by Spain, and Spanish is their language. But Cabot discovered North America, and on that account this part of the new world was claimed by the English, who later sent colonies to settle it.



INTERIOR VIEW OF JOHN WHITE & CO.'S CENTRE STORE.

up, and in many cases he has changed to flannel and to colored shirts instead of the costly and elaborate dress white ones.

Not long ago a man went out with a lady he must put on a certain kind of garment far more costly than a cycling suit. Today he sallies forth, whether a town or a country gentleman, in a soft tweed knickerbocker suit, until he has to doff it for dinner, or, as likely as

with staple goods, the curtain and house furnishings department being in the rear. The centre store has been greatly enlarged and improved this spring. A modern and handsome elevator has been erected, which greatly facilitates customers reaching the various departments upstairs. The three stores have a frontage of sixty-seven feet and are a hundred feet in depth, giving a total floor space of 21,000 square feet.



DR. A. B. WELFORD'S RESIDENCE.



W. A. KARN'S DRUG STORE.



AN OXFORD CENTENARIAN.

The north of Scotland is in many ways closely connected with the history of the early settlement of Zorra and Nissouri townships of Oxford, and from some of these counties—Ross and Sutherland—came many of those hardy pioneers whose names are inseparably united with the early annals of Oxford, and there is no doubt that should the story of the municipalities be written, as requested by the Oxford Historical Association, many of these names will occupy no unimportant place.

John McLean of Harrington is, according to his own reckoning, 100 years old, but his family think, as near as they can reckon, his age is only 98. In early life Mr. McLean followed the sea, he being drawn from that hardy fisher class to which Britain owes so much as a training school to her invincible navy. Meeting all the vicissitudes common to a sea-faring life, our friend overcame them all, and there can be no doubt that this early training helped to give him his iron frame, for in spite of his century of years he is still as erect as an athlete. In 1837 Mr. McLean, along with his wife, Mary McKenzie, emigrated to Canada and settled on the west part of lot 10, con. 6, West Zorra, now known as the Guinness farm, at that time the property of Rev. Donald McKenzie. On the place he built a temporary residence, where he remained until he purchased lot 27 con. 3, W. Zorra. This is still his property and here many of the trials incidental to life in the back woods were endured with that spirit which admits of no defeat. The



JOHN McLEAN.

winters were spent in chopping and clearing; the spring in planting the limited clearings, while the early harvest months saw a pilgrimage of the Zorrites to Burford plains, there to engage as harvesters. Among these harvest hands Mr. McLean held no second place, there being no cradler able to say that he could leave McLean

as a hinder, and as a result he was always sure of work until the harvest was over there. Thence these harvesters wended their way homeward, having now made what would likely pay the instalment on their farms and also their taxes for the year. In matters of religion Mr. McLean is a Presbyterian of the old school, his ideas of worship being Puritan in their simplicity. To him all societies in connection with church work are an innovation not to be countenanced, while every description of instrumental worship ought to be abhorred. In politics he has always been a staunch Liberal.

Mr. McLean was twice married, his second wife being Ann Ross, living at the time of her marriage on lot 10, con. 7, W. Zorra. His first family consisted of four daughters, Kate, Barbara, Isabella and Mary. The second, John, Kenneth, Margaret and Donald. Of these, two are dead, Kate and Kenneth, the rest with the exception of Barbara, who resides at Kombeck, Iowa, all live in this county.

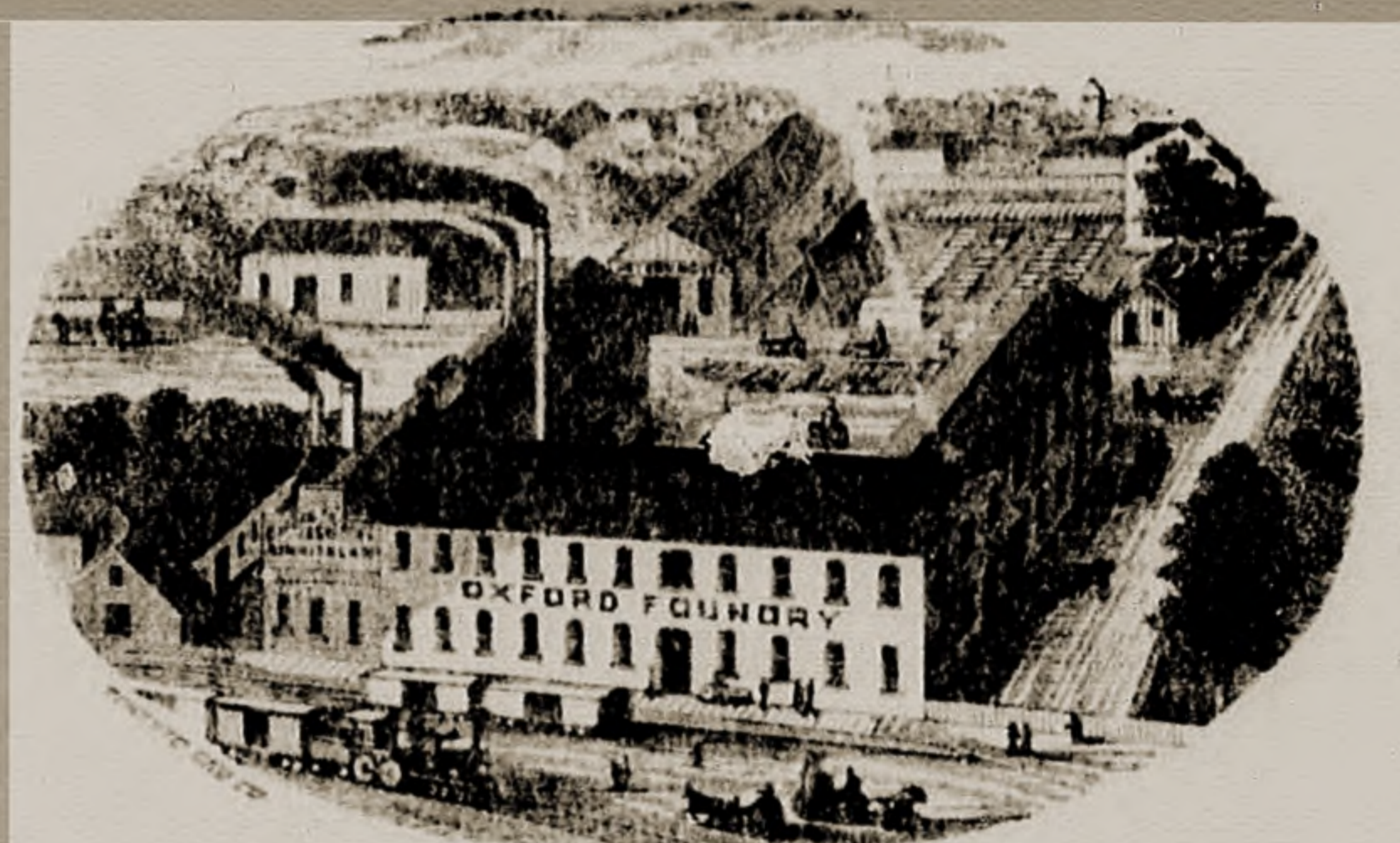
The Flag of England, a dramatic cantata, words by Rudyard Kipling, and music by Dr. J. F. Bridge, will be performed in London at a Queen's celebration concert next June.

THE TOWN MARKET.

THE OXFORD FOUNDRY.

The Oxford Foundry has made Mr. Whitelaw's name well known the country over. The business originated at Beachville in 1830 and was removed to Woodstock in 1875. It is the only engine works here and one of the largest in the west. The shops are directly opposite the G. T. R. station, comprising three separate buildings in which are constantly employed a force of seventy-five men. A leading specialty is made in the manufacture of high class engines and boilers. In this line the firm control the sole right in Canada for the manufacture of the Shepherd Patent Vertical Engine, which is much superior to the old styles, combining as it does economy with better regulation than is usually found in high speed engines. Their thrashing engine has found a large sale in the North West Territories, while the trade for their different lines of machinery extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They also turn out a full range of machinery for oatmeal mills, flour mills, saw mills, etc. and supply cheese factories with a complete mechanical outfit. Mr. Whitelaw is Canada's pioneer manufacturer in cheese supplies.

The Molsons is one of the sound financial institutions of the country and the local agencies do a large business. It has branches or agencies in every town and city in Canada, as well as in the United States and throughout Europe. The Molsons Bank was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1855 and has a paid up capital of \$2,000,000, and a reserve fund of \$1,400,000. The head office is in Montreal. Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, an eminent financier, being the general manager. The local agencies are prepared to make collections in all parts of the Dominion and returns promptly remitted at lowest rates



THE OXFORD FOUNDRY.

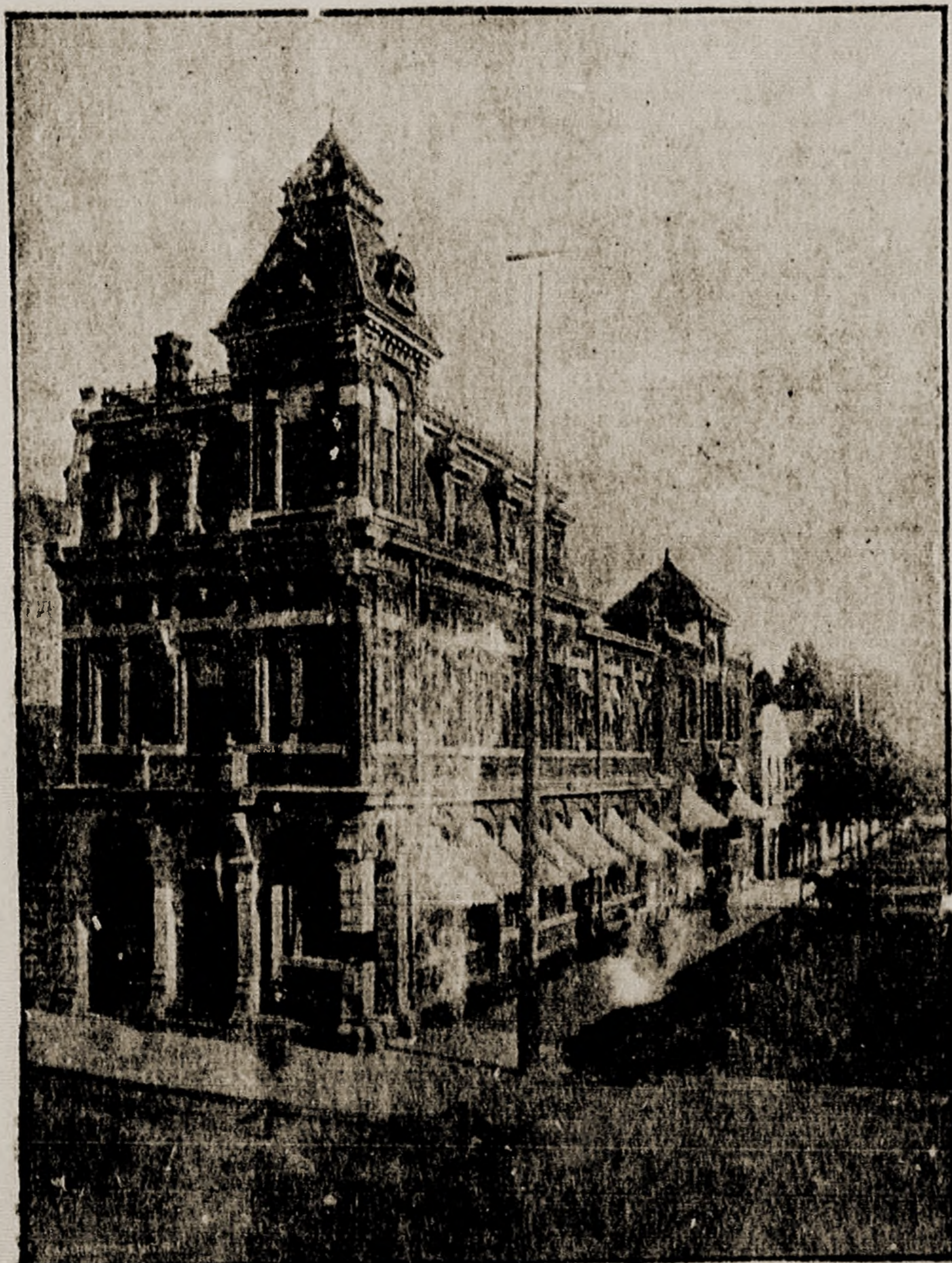
THE MOLSONS BANK.

The Molsons Bank block, a cut of which is published herewith, is one of the most modern and attractive in Woodstock. This well-known banking institution opened the local agency in 1884, and in the year following Mr. C. M. McCuag, the present manager, was appointed to take charge of the Woodstock agency. There is also another agency in Oxford County—at Norwich, the manager of which is Mr. J. R. Wainwright.

of exchange. Commercial letters of credit and travellers' circular letters issued, available in all parts of the world.

ON FACES.

Miss Travel—Do you know, I've met persons who have what is known nowadays as a bicycle face. Now, the captain, there (by the way, what an awful red nose he has), I should judge by appearances, has what one might call a salt water face.  
Deck Hand—Salt-water, is it? Futh, an' I would call it a gim plaz, mum!



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Sweedish and American granite and also marbles from the best known quarries. Besides cemetery work he carries on a large trade in cut stone for buildings, having filled large contracts throughout the country. Outside of his marble trade Mr. Adams has had 25 years' experience in building and contracting and has erected some of the finest buildings in the town. Any work entrusted to him is bound to be satisfactory. His office is 533 Dundas St.

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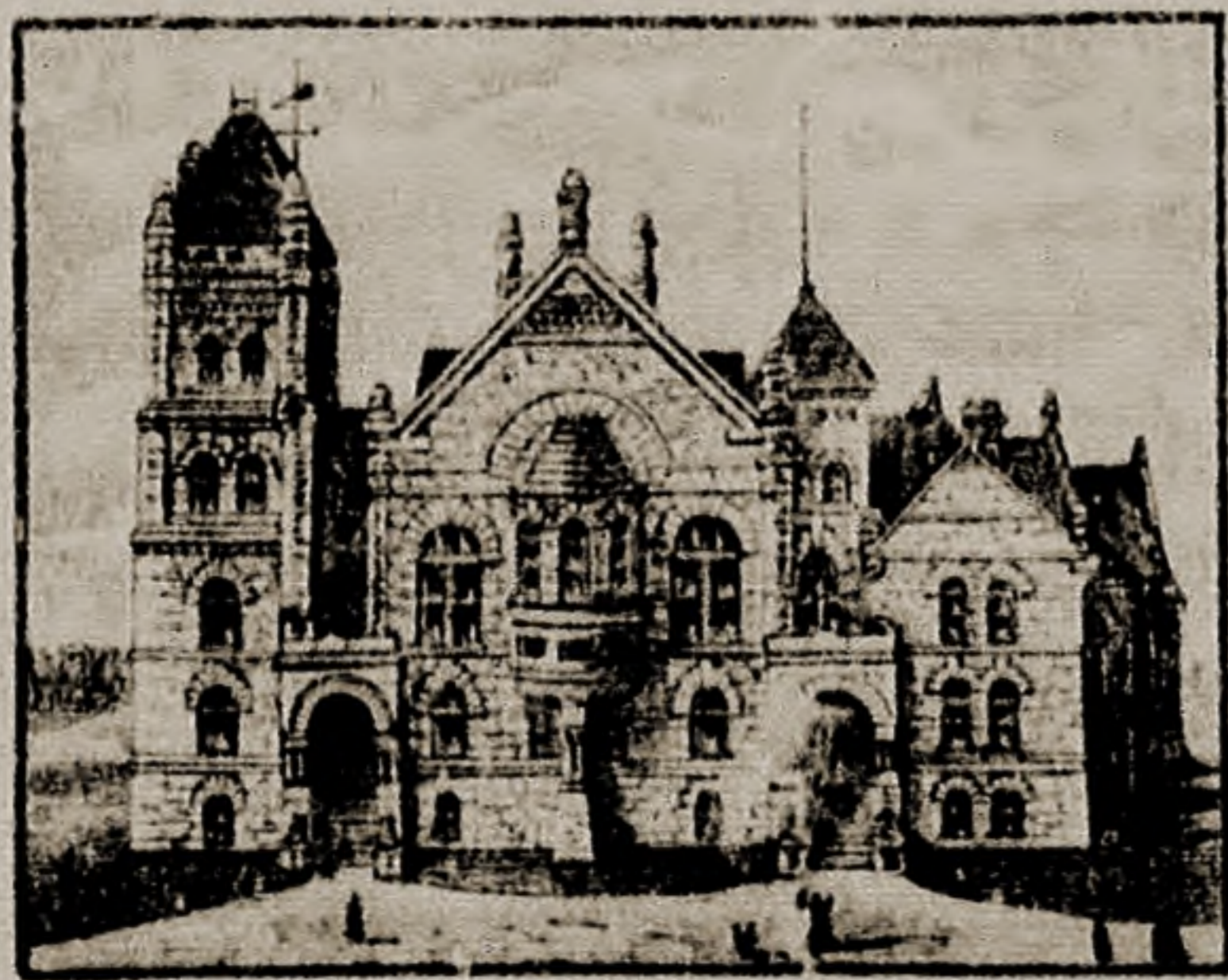
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HE TOOK THE HINT.

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**A PROGRESSIVE BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION....**

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THE POPULARITY of the system on which Building and Loan Associations are operated cannot be better explained or demonstrated than by a study of the Dominion and the Ontario Government reports, which show the rapid increase in growth, from year to year, that these Associations are meeting with, and no more popular or progressive Association can be pointed out than the ONTARIO PERMANENT BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION.

The Association was organized about 42 years ago and you will see by the comparative table given below that the increase during the first three years was of a three-fold nature, and that during the fourth year ending November 30th, '06, the Association loaned a greater amount than the combined total of the three previous years:

	AMOUNT LOANED DURING THE YEAR.	LOANS IN FORCE.	ASSETS.	PROFITS.
Dec. 31, '03.	\$ 10,200 00	\$ 10,200 00	\$ 10,567 63	\$ 480 48
Nov. 30, '04.	30,200 00	40,400 00	42,728 90	7,327 44
Nov. 30, '05.	61,125 00	120,325 00	132,725 00	7,834 31
Nov. 30, '06.	154,000 00	273,500 00	280,867 90	18,814 43

The Assets at the present time are over \$2,000,000 and the Subscribed Capital is \$2,000,000.00.

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**INSTALMENT STOCK,** 25 cts., 50 cts., and \$1.00 per share per month.

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The security to shareholders is first mortgages on improved residence property and at the close of the last financial year the amount loaned was only 47% of the sworn valuations of the properties under mortgage. This, together with the fact that the loans are all in the Province of Ontario, and the mortgages deposited with the Imperial Trusts Company, as Trustees, for the protection of the shareholders, gives undoubted security to investors.

**A FEW OF THE ATTRACTIVE FEATURES ARE:—**

- All profits belong to the shareholders.
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**HEAD OFFICE, WOODSTOCK, ONT.**

for full information.

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- JAS. HOLMES, W. BICKERTON, N. L. STEWART.

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- Henry Craig, barrel factory.
- The Woodstock Wire Mattress Co.
- D. Richards, toilet and laundry soap.
- W. Thompson, Great Western Roller Mills.
- Bickerton Bros., wholesale saddlery.
- Wind Motor Co., wind mills.
- Hay & Co., furniture manufacturers.
- Woodstock Wagon Mfg. Co., wagons and sleighs.
- Bean & Westlake, biscuits.
- S. Siggins, carriages.
- A. Thompson, carriages.
- John McLennan, barrel factory.
- P. Jones, cigar manufacturer.
- J. & T. Grant, tanners and felt goods.
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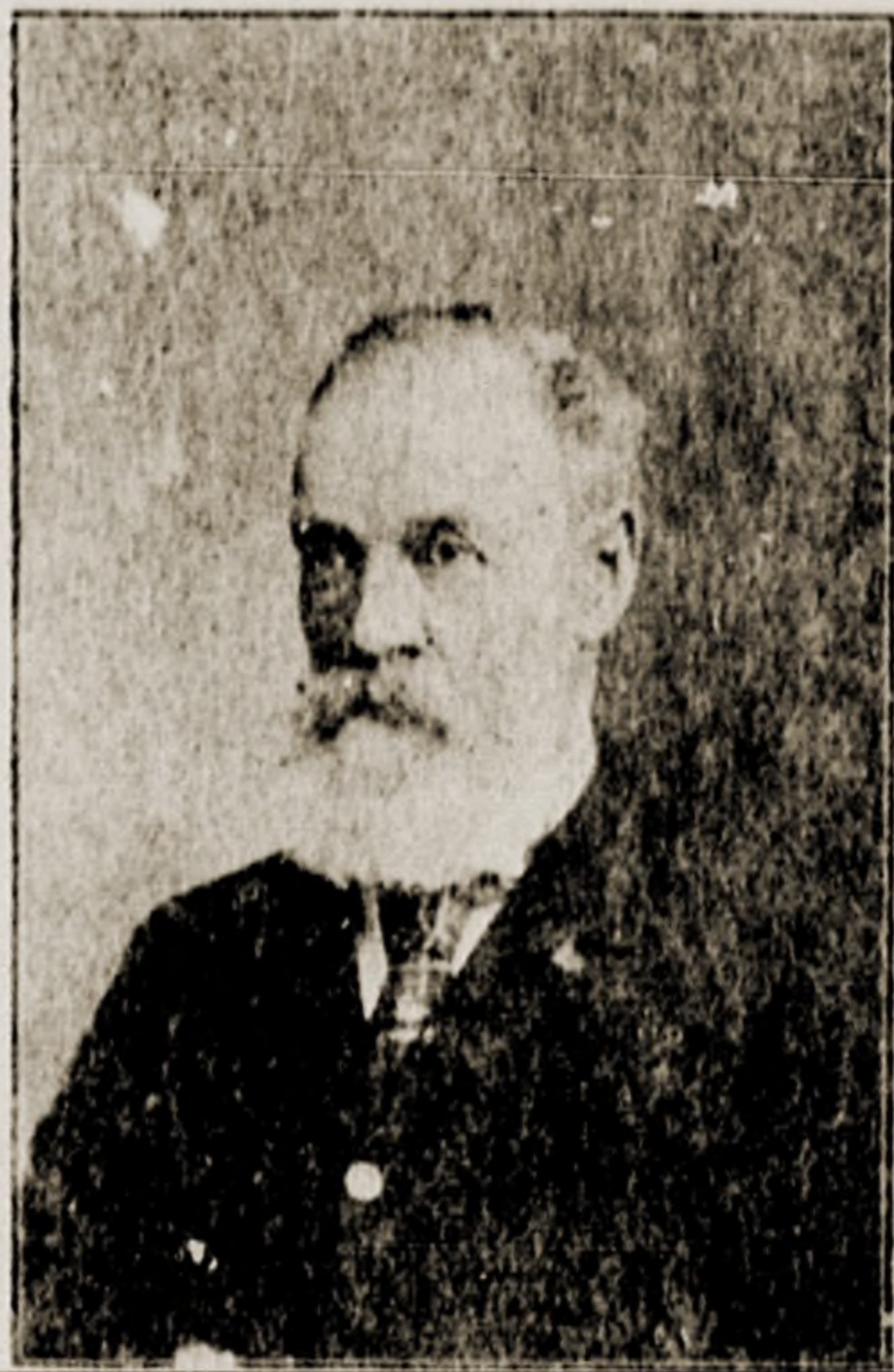
This is the only firm in town engaged in the manufacture of biscuits and confectionery for the wholesale trade. Their business extends over the greater part of Western Ontario. The firm is composed of H. Westlake and W.S. Bean. Their specialty is a very fine line of soda biscuits called *Creme de la Creme*. They also manufacture a full line of sweet biscuits and confectionery which compare favorably with the best goods in the market, and to supply the demands of their



WHOLESALE BISCUIT FACTORY.

trade the factory is taxed to its utmost capacity. They also do a large jobbing trade in nuts, peels, gum, cigars and pickles. This firm employs on an average twenty-five hands, and have a weekly pay roll of \$150 to \$200. Their annual turn over will aggregate from \$60,000 to \$75,000. They are represented on the road by four energetic travellers, and are without doubt one of the live firms of the town.





F. H. PARKER.

**THE IMPERIAL BANK.**

The Imperial Bank of Canada has an agency in Woodstock and another in the neighboring town of Ingersoll. The local branch occupies its own premises, which are situated on the corner of the market square and Dundas Street, and the block is one of the finest in Woodstock, the cost of which, together with the land oc-



G. DE C. OGRADY.

Woodstock. Collections of accounts are also made promptly in all parts of the country. In addition to its own branches the house has correspondents at all the leading banking houses in Canada, United States, and European cities, foreign drafts being issued direct. The institution has authorized capital of \$2,000,000, a paid up capital of \$1,000,000, a rest of \$1,150,000 and assets amounting to several millions, while its Board of Directors comprise a number of the



A. J. McINTOSH.

**STATEMENT OF PROFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH MAY, 1896.**

Balance at Credit of Account 31st May brought forward	\$ 34,589 55
Profits for the year ended 30th May 1896, after deducting charges of management and interest due depositors, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	194,945 85
	<b>\$ 229,535 40</b>



DR. MEARNS.

cupied exceeds 700,000, and the interior offices are among the finest in any town of this size, being finished in natural oak with modern bank railings and fixtures, vault, etc., while the safe used is constructed upon the latest and most improved principle with time locks, etc. The Woodstock branch was established in 1882 and for seventeen years has been under the management of Shelton B. Fuller. A good business is



C. M. McCAIG.

leading financiers and capitalists in Ontario as follows:—H. S. Howland, president; T. K. Merrit, vice-president; William Ramsay, Hugh Ryan, Robert Jaffray, T. Sutherland Stayer and Elis Rogers. The head office is at Toronto where it was organized twenty-two years ago, and its record and progress since that date has been unequalled, having now more than a dozen branches in Ontario at Essex, Fergus,



W. D. GRIGGS.

From which has been taken	
Dividend No. 41, 4 per cent. (paid 1st December, 1895)	\$ 70,544 00
Dividend No. 42, 4 per cent. (payable 1st June, 1896)	70,544 00
Bonus of one per cent. (payable 1st June, 1896)	10,679 00
	\$ 170,724 00
Balance carried forward	52,811 40
RUST ACCOUNT.	
Balance at Credit of Account 30th May, 1896	\$ 1,150,800 00



D. RICHARDS.

done by this branch in many parts of Oxford County, including all the smaller towns in the district, and one specialty is the savings department, being one of the largest in the country, and depositors are paid highest current rates of interest. The house transacts all kinds of modern banking, commercial loans being a specialty, and is patronized by many of the leading business men and manufacturers in



S. B. FULLER.

Galt, Ingersoll, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Rat Portage, St. Catharines, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Thomas, Welland and Woodstock; also six branch offices in Manitoba and the Northwest and two in British Columbia, while its foreign agents are Lloyds Bank Ltd., of London, Eng., and the Bank of Montreal in New York City.

Statement below for 1896 will show the condition of this flourishing institution.



W. H. VAN INGEN.

The little town of Yasso, in Sweden, has a feminine department, 150 strong, in its fire brigade. The water supply of the village consists simply of four great tubs, and it is the duty of the women "firemen" to keep these full in case of fire. They stand in two continuous lines from the tubs to the lake, about three streets away, one line passing the full buckets and the other sending them back.



## ONTARIO PAST AND PRESENT.

As a Field for Agricultural Pursuits—As It Was—As It Is.

As It Was—"Westward the star of empire wends its way." These words of the poet and the sage remark of the noted journalist, Horace Greeley, "Go west, young man" have exerted an unconscious as well as direct influence on the tide of emigration from east to west during the present century. First from Europe, then still westward over this continent, till now it has been explored to the Pacific ocean and its choicest portions secured for man's use. Until the middle of the century Ontario was the favorite Eldorado for British emigrants, and statistics prove that from 1840 to 1850 this province increased in population and wealth in agricultural



R. W. SAWTELL.

products faster than the United States by the ratio of nearly three to one. At that period the political atmosphere of Canada had been cleared by the McKenzie rebellion—so much deplored in the previous decade—but it led to freedom from misrule and gave the country self rule by responsible government. The supposed evil referred to advertised the colony and attracted the attention of emigrants who wished to remain under the protection and guidance of Britain; and by the middle of the century the province now known as "Old Ontario" was generally settled, largely with a class who possessed but little wealth on their arrival, but the price of land and terms of purchase enabled all who had energy and industrious habits to own from fifty to two hundred acres each of "bush land." The price, averaging say four dollars per acre, was enhanced by labor in clearing, fencing and erecting suitable buildings to five dollars per acre. The demand, and especially the Crimean war boom and the construction of railways, added a not inconsiderable value of from fifty to one hundred per cent. But these apparent gains were checked, first by the opening of the great prairies of the Western States to settlers on favorable terms, preceded by railways

explored, that we owned the largest and most prolific wheat area on this continent, if not in the world; and that the climate was not only endurable, but really enjoyable, (except in the northerly part and on rare occasions) by the more delicately constituted white man. The great plains lay ready for the plough and the reaper, and capable of producing food for a hundred millions of people. These facts and the construction of the C. P. R. right through the new Eldorado (still under the same flag) to the Pacific ocean brought the fever of restlessness to nearly every home in this older province, and thousands of farms were mortgaged to give the brightest sons a start on a prairie farm, leaving an encumbrance on the land, harder to remove than the original timber. It has also had effect of making those sons competitors in the wheat market, for the facilities of larger farms, with improved machinery, enables them to produce the article at half the cost, and this is true also of beef and other articles.

The competition, in railway and water facilities for transportation, not from this continent only, have so equalized markets in Europe that farmers here have been compelled to adopt a system of mixed husbandry, which, many believe, has made southern Ontario a suitable location for British farmers who wish to continue the pursuit in another land, and who have means to purchase a farm and stock it free from debt.

As It Is.—In the limited space at my disposal I cannot do more than suggest a few reasons why I believe the statement above made. (1) Political.—The British farmer would still be under the genius and protection of the flag that for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze, and the consolation of the Empire under the gracious influence of a Christian Queen, who has reigned for the unprecedented period of sixty years. These offer promises of greater endurance than those countries subject to frequent changes and rulers and should have some weight with men whose forefathers may have possessed the same farms in succession for many centuries. While under the same flag, we enjoy a liberty (not license) which the untravelled Briton neither knows nor of which he can form a just conception, and, as we believe, greater than any other country. Home rule and responsible government have supplied us with probably the best municipal institutions in any land, some parts of which we have copied, but from which many evils were eliminated. The race question has been occasionally obtruded into politics, but the policy of patriotism and reconciliation now introduced, we hope, will create a oneness in action that will be permanent and profitable. Our proximity to the United States has subjected us to the influence of their political torments and in some of their "windy" efforts pernicious seeds of evil have been blown across the boundary, among them the seeds of annexation, which have occasionally taken root, but one southern sation such as the "Venezuelan scare" proved that the seeds had fallen only on stony ground and one hot blast scorched the plants root and branch. The Chinese wall erected by their selfish policy of protection only serves to drive us nearer to our own kith and kin across the Atlantic ocean, and by trade relations and greater unity of interests cement the filial tie of kinship. While taxes have increased with the greater political, municipal and educational needs of the country, yet farmers are comparatively free from the



D. W. KARN'S RESIDENCE.

little time to reach them in medium if not the very highest conditions. Every locality is supplied with more or less churches of every denomination, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational and other minor bodies, but all are placed on the broad foundation of independence and maintained by voluntary self support. There is no state-aided or state-controlled church, and the Episcopalians, as well as all others, prefer and enjoy the independence of paying for their own theology rather than the system which the Devonshire laborer expressed by saying "I've been a member of the church six forty year and thank God 'tain't cost me a shillin."

the same habits here; but it would be necessary for them to adapt themselves to the practice of using machinery more and manual labor less than in the older lands, for the seasons are shorter and hands scarcer and more costly. The men who have succeeded here are those who have not mortgaged their farms nor adopted the habit of extravagance of the boom periods yet have lived well and worked well; and new comers would have to do the same, unless provided with an income to supplement the products of the soil. In most of my statements I am fortified by the remarks and reports of the commission sent to examine the agricultural possibilities of Canada in 1873, and from which, and in conversations



RESIDENCE OF SHERIFF BRADY.

(3) Education.—In the matter of education we can safely challenge any country to show greater progress in fifty years than Ontario. From little or none of a systematic character, we now possess a public system of education from the lowest form to the highest university courses open to all classes and sustained chiefly at the public expense. We have also denominational and private colleges, but not state-aided, so that emigrants of the higher, i. e. the wealthier, classes need not fear loss of privileges in the education of their families. Education along the line of temperance has also been rapid and Canadians are a proverbially Sabbath-keeping, church-going and order-loving people.

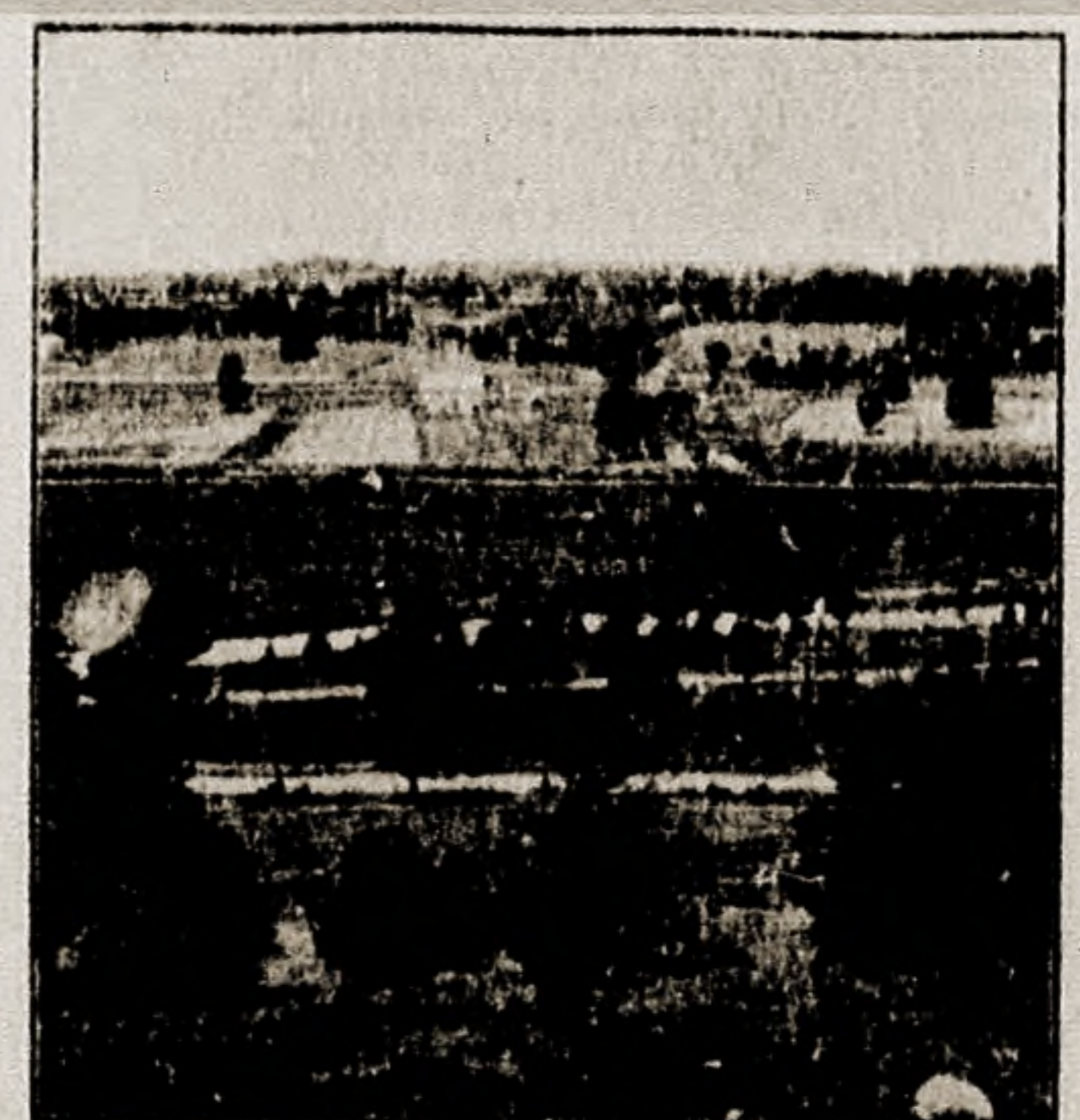
(4) Agricultural conditions.—In Britain the average farmer has of late been accustomed to mixed husbandry on smooth, fertile and well-tilled land; here he can find those conditions. He has been used to well bred stock, here he can find them equally good in almost all classes. He has been used to dairying; here in this county of Oxford he may find the pioneer issues and the present centre of that great Canadian industry which, at the great World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, the judges awarded 127 of the 128 medals given—the cheese carrying 99 1/2 points out of a possible 100 and about the same proportion in a much larger contest later. In fruit, flowers, vegetables, grain, live stock and other products Ontario bore the palm over any similar area, thus proving the salubrity of the climate and the fertility of the soil. In the general aspect of our farms and rural scenery we lack the trim hedges and picturesque roads of England, but we are free from rabbits and other vermin harbored by those beautiful hedges. There is, however, a hardy locust plant which is well adapted to hedge purposes and any who prefer such to wire or wood fences can have them. All who have left old Ontario for the broader prairies have not succeeded nor will all who may possibly try the experiment proposed in settling here, but British farmers are economical and would likely continue

and observations in visits to the British homeland, and over half a century's experience in this, but I have not space to produce details or lengthened arguments in this paper.

R. W. SAWTELL.

### THE VALLEY ROAD.

There are many good roads for cycling to be found all around Woodstock, but the most popular is that to Ingersoll, the second town in the county. This road is as smooth as a bicycle track and passes through a delightful piece of country—the valley of the Thames. The river flows along between rich farm lands which slope down to the water's edge, and the landscape is beautifully picturesque. Half way between Woodstock and Ingersoll, the whole distance being just ten miles, lies the village of Beachville. On a summer evening hundreds of ladies and gentlemen may be seen bowling along over this road, and at such a time one can easily understand why the bicycle has obtained such a strong hold upon the people. The small cut below shows a portion of the road, with the river between the two lines of railroad.



A FAVORITE ROAD FOR BICYCLISTS.



RESIDENCE OF JOHN WHITE.

together with the prodigious efforts of emigration agents and highly colored literature, diverted the stream to the United States, and westward to the great prairies, taking many of our own restless sons as well as their own. The second cause of the fictitious value of land disappearing here was when our own great Northwest Territories came under the control of the Canadian government. It was discovered, when fully

almost endless burdens imposed in the old lands for a score or more of purposes unknown here.

(2) Social and Religious.—Customs and old land habits worthy of retention have been established in this province. If one wishes to meet congenial and intelligent friends he can easily find them. If he would cultivate the arts and sciences and occasionally the privileges of city life on musical, theatrical or oratorical lines it takes but



**WOODSTOCK CHURCHES**

Woodstock has been famous for years as the home of fine churches, and with the addition of the new Knox church, now nearing completion, there is perhaps no town in Canada with finer places of public worship. The illustrations herewith will convince the reader of this statement. But Woodstock is not only noted for its large and well-furnished churches, but the percentage of church-going people has always been large. The pastors at present in charge of the various denominations are:

- Knox church (Presbyterian)—Rev. Dr. Mc-Mullen.
- Chalmers (Presbyterian)—Rev. Dr. Mackay.
- New St. Paul's (Anglican)—Rev. J. C. Farthing.
- Old St. Paul's (Anglican)—Rev. F. M. Baldwin.
- Central Methodist—Rev. John Pickering.
- Dundas St. Methodist—Rev. R. W. Woodworth.
- Norwich Avenue Methodist—Rev. W. J. Sippell.
- First Baptist—Rev. R. R. McKay.
- Oxford St. Baptist—Rev. Joshua Roberts.
- Congregational—Rev. A. F. McGregor.
- St. Mary's (Catholic)—Rev. Father Brady.

There is a Boston church where the contribution box has a small bell concealed in it, which rings only when a deposit is made. The collection is taken during the sermon, and the stingy churchgoers are thus easily detected.



**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY SCENE, ON DUNDAS STREET.**

**HOME OF LATE ARCHIBALD BURTCH.**

This cut is not given for its beauty or antiquity, but to recall the memory of one of the first and noblest pioneers of the county—Archibald Burch. He was born in Cooperstown, York State, May 13th 1789, and came here with his father, Zechariah Burch and family in the last year of the century. Being U. E. Loyalists they accepted the invitation of Governor Simcoe and came to Canada, residing some time at Mohawk, near Brantford, then coming on to the Horner settlement in Blenheim, where they procured

the present residence, nearer Dundas street, and this became the starting point for a village. His first wife died in 1824 and the same year he married Jane Blow, a prominent figure here for over 50 years, and known far and wide for her energy and zeal in the progress of the settlement as "Grandma Burch" (dying last year at the age of 92). Their house became the home and stopping place of all new settlers and so taxed their hospitality that they had to start a tavern in self-defence. For some time they sold whiskey (then the common beverage of the country) and, only

in memory of his generous gifts and honorable life still remain as one of the noblest pioneers of this beautiful county. — W. S.

**"THE GLEN" STOCK FARM, INNERKIP**

Situated on the banks of the Thames about six miles from Woodstock is that beautiful farm known as "The Glen." The proprietors, the Messrs. Whiteside Bros. are extensively engaged in the breeding of Clydesdale horses and Ayrshire cattle. The farm contains about 300 acres and is admirably adapted for the purpose, owing to the rich pasture afforded by the river flats, and the amount of feed still in the large barns is evidence of the productiveness of that portion of the farm devoted to the growing of crops. The proprietors are well known as the breeders of pure bred stock and a visit to the well kept stables would indicate that the Messrs. Whiteside have solved the problem of successful breeding. Their beautiful herd of Ayrshires with their large and well-balanced udders cannot fail to favorably impress all who are in search of stock, with which to improve their herds. The owners are enthusiastic horsemen as well, and the number of Clydesdales of the highest quality to be seen here is evidence that they have the greatest confidence in the future of the draft horse industry. The well-known imported Clydesdale stallion "Self Esteem" 377 (5344)—a splendid specimen of the breed—as well as a number of mares and fillies command themselves to all.



**DR. ANDREW MACKAY (MAYOR)**

**DR. A. M. CLARK, D. D. S., DENTIST.**

Dr. Clark, whose office is situated directly opposite the post office on Ferry street, has followed his profession in Woodstock for the past eleven years, and by close attention to business enjoys a good practice. The office now owned and occupied by Dr. Clark was formerly the residence of Mrs. Wm. Muir, and is one of the best laid out and equipped offices in Western Ontario. Dr. Clark is an honor graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons and of the dental department of Toronto University. He is representative for district No. 5 and treasurer of the College Board. He is also president of the W. A. A. A.

The life of the serpent is sometimes protracted far beyond a period that would be deemed reasonable. In the python temples of Western Africa there are serpents which are known to have been there a century and a half ago.

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**"THE GLEN" STOCK FARM, INNERKIP.**

provisions and pressed on westwards cutting the way for their oxen and sled through the swamp. The journey was tedious, requiring three days of arduous work to get to the hill overlooking where Woodstock now stands—lot 18, con. 1, East Oxford. Here they "squatted" alone in the wilderness and began a settlement. The first assessment roll of "Oxford on the Thames" yet discovered is dated 1812, and from it we learn

150 a gallon, but they soon saw the inconsistency of Christian people selling the "stuff" and discontinued it, yet continuing a boarding house, and during the erection of Old St. Paul's they boarded 14 workmen besides others, Mrs. Burch doing all the work alone. This oldest boarding house was still in use in 1842 as a private dwelling for the writer with others dined there on the Queen's Birthday of that year when an immense temperance demonstration was made. The present structure known as the Burch Homestead and occupied by R. H. Burch was erected soon after the date named. It is a square white brick two-storey structure with tin roof, situated on a knoll on part of the original farm. Mr. Burch gave the G. W. R. ten acres of land across his farm, also right of way to the old Woodstock and Lake Erie R. Co. He also gave the site and many gifts to the college, and once in its early struggles saved it from collapse by mortgaging his homestead to tide over the financial difficulties. For over 40 years he was deacon of the First Baptist church, whose 75th anniversary will be celebrated on the 24th of this month of May. For many years he was clerk, assessor and collector of his township; was among the first county councillors; was a magistrate for the county and always a straight Reformer and friend of Hon. Francis Hincks, who made his house his home while here. He died in January 1866 at the age of 80 years, but the



**THE BURTCH HOMESTEAD.**

that Archibald Burch was assessed for the north half of lot No. 10—six acres cleared, one horse and one cow. He subsequently bought the south half also. He married a daughter of Squire Teeple and erected a frame dwelling just north of



**RESIDENCE OF T. L. WILSON.**



## ONE OXFORD FARM.

### Description of Mr. Donaldson's Property, the Winner of a Valuable Prize.

If the many costly and artistic residences in the county of Oxford there are few with a history standing out with such prominence as that belonging to the home of our friend William Donaldson, and of the many estates of surpassing value giving character to this section of Ontario, there is none that so fully emphasises the importance of practical experience, coupled with painstaking industry.

The dwelling, like most English country houses, stands not on the roadside to be gazed at by the passer by. It nestles in a clump of nature's choicest products, our own Canadian maple, fringed with a proper complement of evergreens and enriched with foliage adjuncts that lend a charming effect. It stands on an eminence that overlooks a ravine of surpassing grandeur to the lover of the beautiful in nature. The ravine is divided by a stream that in the sunlight of an autumnal afternoon looks like a silver thread shaded here and there by the towering branches of lofty elms, or coursing along under stunted hawthorns swathed in mantles of

near the dwelling attention is powerfully arrested as your eye falls upon a prodigious beech of surpassing grandeur.

The accompanying illustration gives the reader an idea of an English country gentleman's residence. It is not, as will be observed, extravagant as some of our modern houses are through angles, towers and a useless waste of bricks and mortar. Style is there to an extent, but comfort



### THE DONALDSON FARM.

evidence that in pre-historic days this spot was an important camping ground of the red man; nor can we enumerate the treasures in fossils and other geological exhibits, petrifications, etc., rescued from the destroying hand of time by the taste of Mr. Donaldson. Let us rather follow our friend through his expansive acres, dwelling here and there upon growing crops of cereals, wide fields of waving grain, drunk in the perfume of its rich clover fields or stand in admiration looking at his herds of high-grade cattle, his mid-eyed Cotswolds or his pitman's ne Merinos. Thoroughbred stock is to Mr. Donaldson what the precious metals is to the miser—he could not exist short of this feature of his estate, and even his faithful collie lifts his eye to the admiring stranger with an expression akin to his master's feeling when stock is under inspection. Yes, Mr. Donaldson's cattle have won him honors in every provincial and local exhibition and we will all hope for continued success for one so deserving. It was our friend's good fortune on an occasion of rare importance to capture in a competition of no ordinary kind the gold medal awarded by the Provincial Agricultural Society for the farm presenting the highest points of excellence in this western district, and his estate today lacks nothing of that quality of superiority that made him the proud possessor of the distinguished testimonial.

those rich four hundred acres? What of the stabling that enables the fattening of a hundred bees, the safe sheltering of large flocks of sheep and the careful custody of a plethora of young animals and swine.

There are many fine barns in the county, but for capacity and for appliances to facilitate the occupation of those in charge of Mr. Donaldson's stock, implements, etc., none that we know of



### HUNTINGFORD—THE DONALDSON HOMESTEAD.

native grape vine; the picture perfected by the presence of grazing cattle, while the slopes are dotted with flocks of fleecy sheep and fields of golden grain swayed by the passing breeze lend to the landscape a heightened importance. The entrance to the house has its distinctive character, a spacious roadway reaching into the distance flanked on either side with well-kept gravel dotted here and there with graceful aspens, the Japanese maples or the European lindens glistening in the sunlight from its pebbly bed, an attractive approach indeed, and as you

less not been sacrificed for appearance. The ceilings are lofty, the rooms large and well lighted, and what is not usual, row-a-days, almost every room has its grate and its massive mantel. A conservatory is seen at the entrance and here it is, among the plethora of flowers, Mrs. Donaldson spends much of her time embowered amidst perfumed luxuriance. Space will not allow us to dwell upon the many features of interest afforded in and around this residence, the rare exhibits of Indian manufacture picked up from upland mounds, giving



A. McCLENEGHAN (POSTMASTER).

will compare with the outdoor premises of Huntingford.

Again, Mr. Donaldson, in the peculiarity of his situation enjoys what few can claim; his school house and his post office are, we might say, at his very door, and when the peaceful Sabbath comes he is called to his devotions by the solemn tones of Christ church bell which



### SOME WOODSTOCK HOMES.

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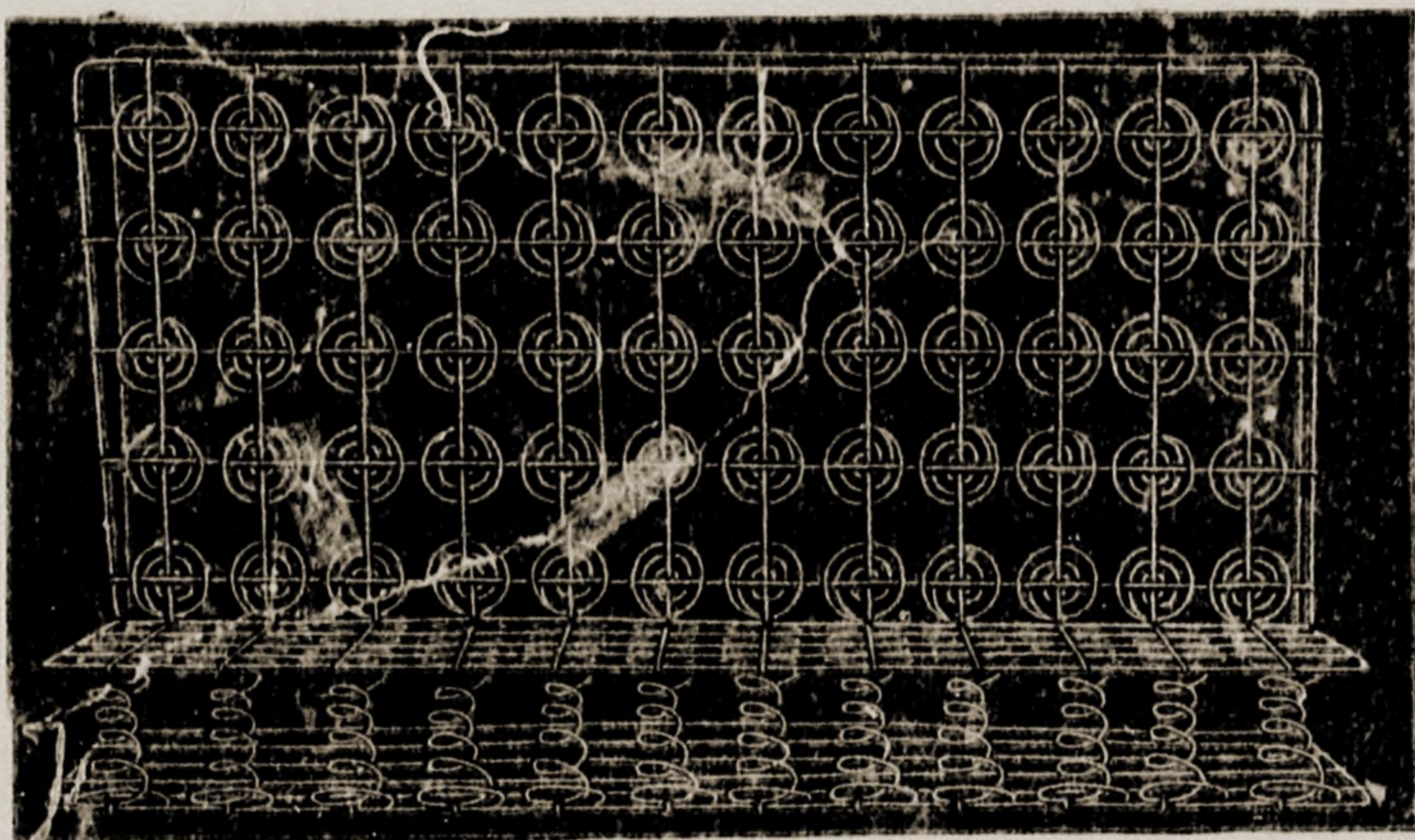
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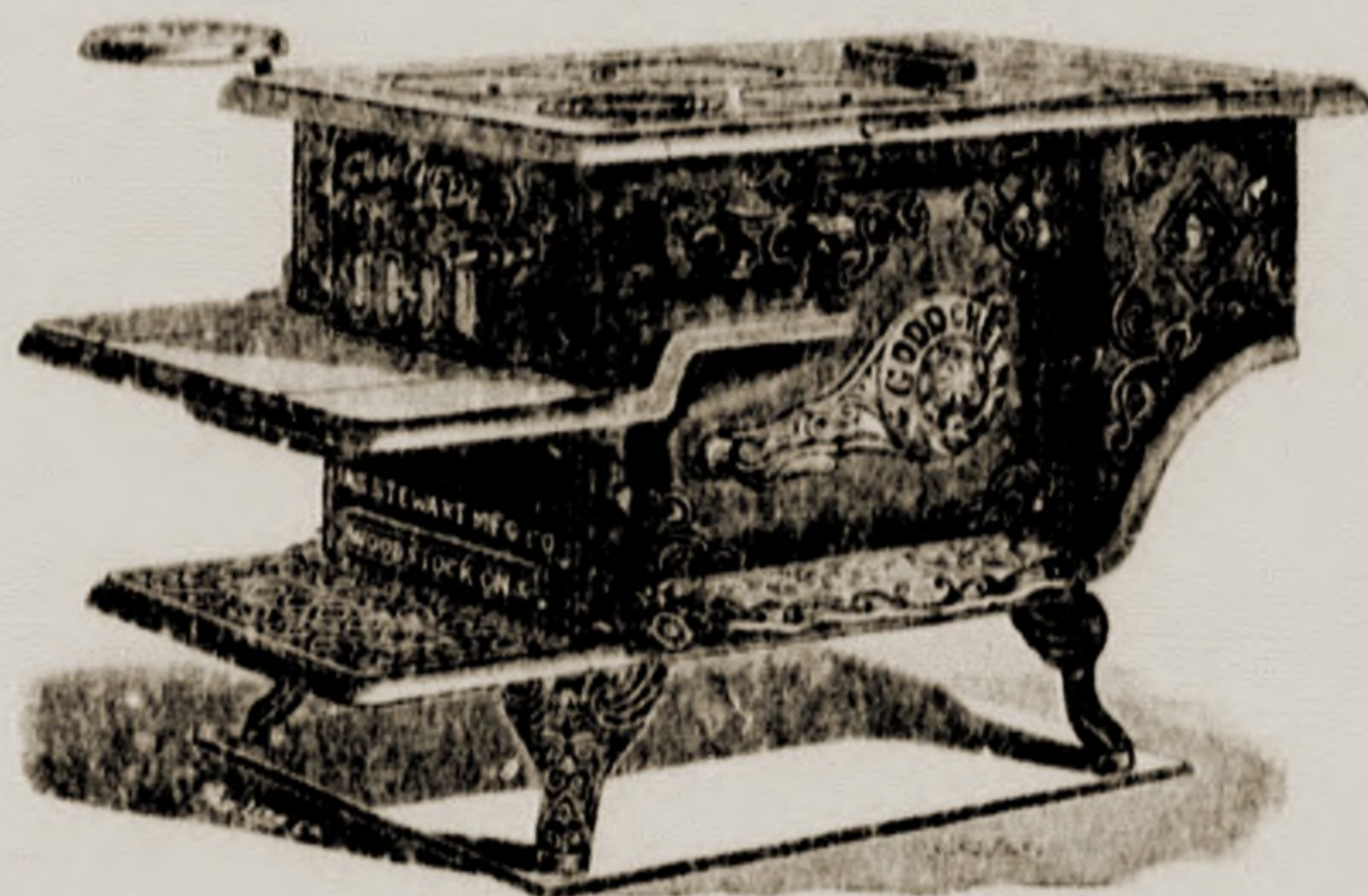
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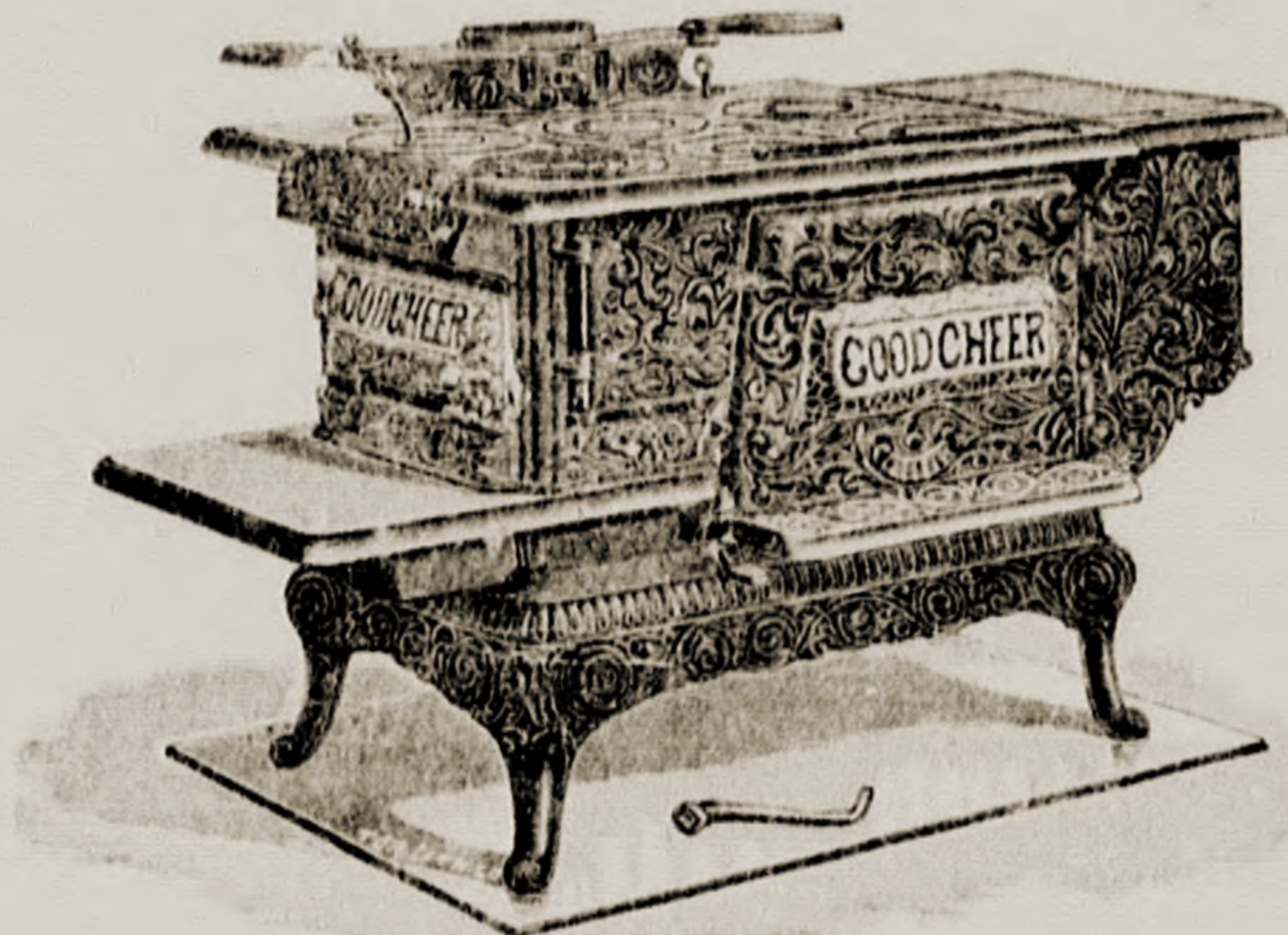
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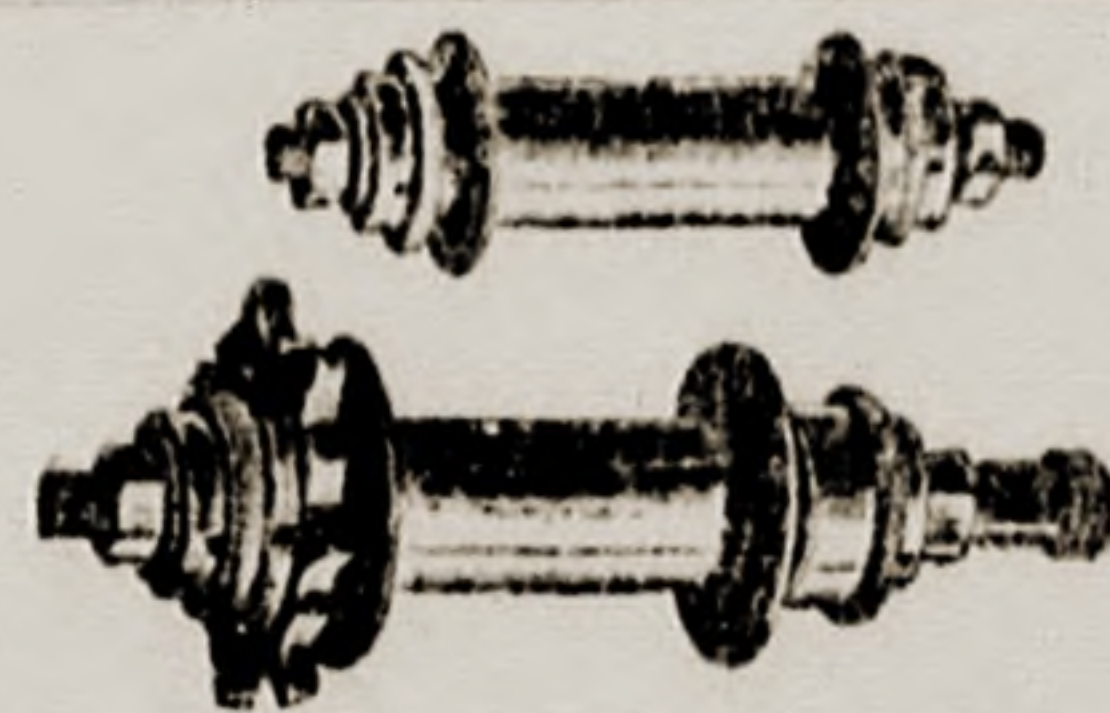
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general furniture. Their goods are for sale in every town in the Dominion, although they supply the wholesale trade at present exclusively, and their productions meet with a ready demand. The manager, Mr. James Fry, who is well and favorably known, has been connected with one of the oldest concerns in this line in Canada.

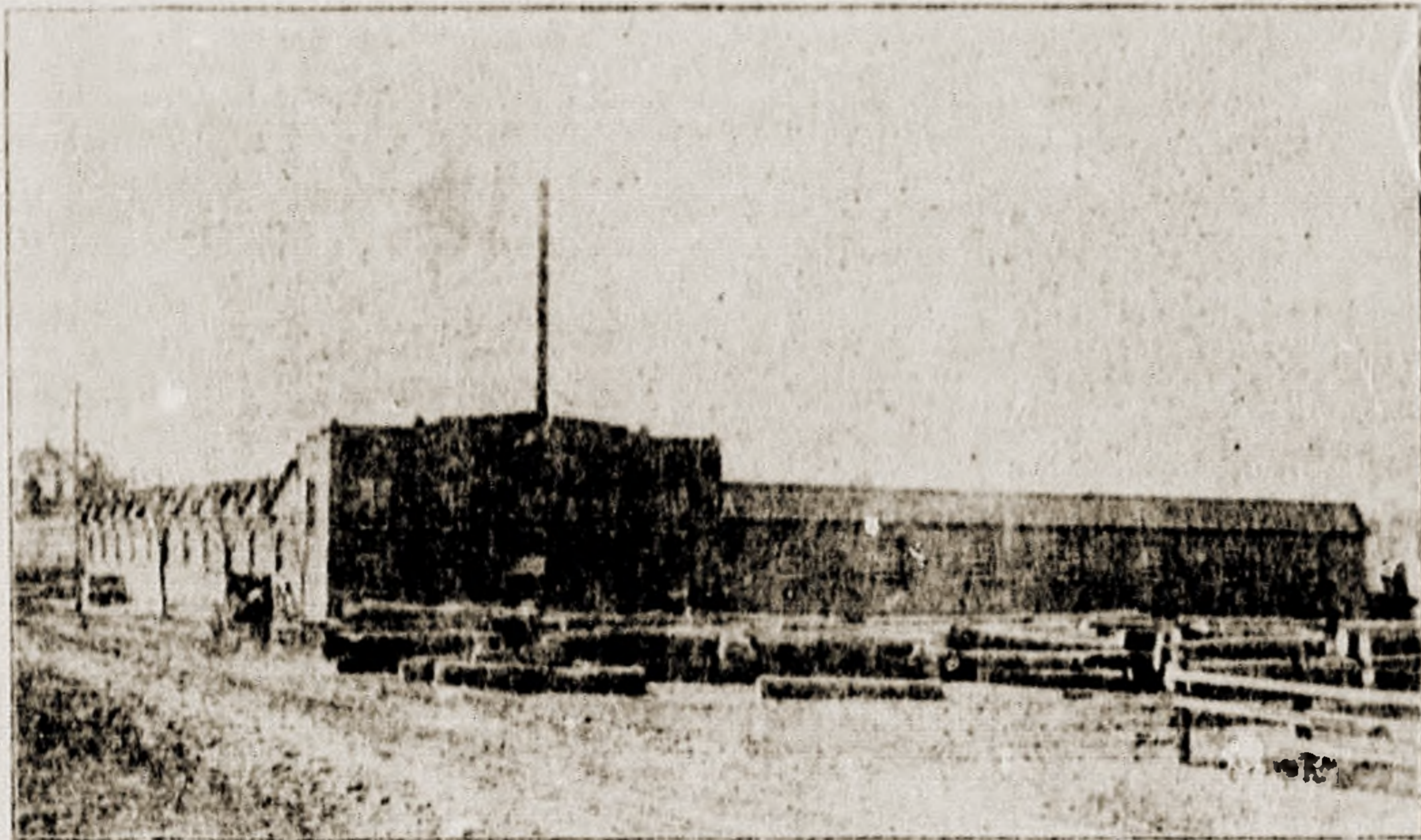
The great Mohammedan school at Cairo, El Azhar, meaning "The Splendid," has clear records dating as far back as 975



OXFORD PERMANENT LOAN BUILDING.

public for a considerable number of years and are well and favorably known in every part of the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It has won recognition as a first-class wagon and one which stands at the head of its kind in Canada. Thousands of farmers throughout the Dominion are using the "Bain" wagon in all climates, and on all conditions of roads, with the greatest satisfaction. It is admitted on every hand that for durability, strength, lightness of draft and beauty of finish they are unsurpassed. The Bain Bros. established the business in 1882-3 in the west end of the town, and the business was carried on by them until 1893 when it was removed to the city of Brantford, and was there carried on most successfully until the fall of 1916, when the entire plant was removed to the premises known as the Patterson building in the east end of Woodstock. Since the business has been resumed here the number of employees has been nearly doubled as compared with those employed in Brantford and the demand for their goods has been so great as to necessitate running the factory 12 1/2 hours per day for the past four months. This is a very encouraging condition and we bespeak for this Company a

prosperous future. Their goods are sold throughout the Dominion by the agents of the Massey-Harris Co., Ltd. of Toronto, who are their sole representatives and distributing agents. It is expected that the Company will in the near future open up a foreign trade with Australia, England and other countries.



HAY & CO'S FURNITURE FACTORY.

benches, planer stool screws and supplies for the Spillinger wire fence. They give special attention to iron and brass castings and general repairing. The business was established in 1861, and the officers at present are David Scott, Pres., J. H. Downing, Vice Pres., Thomas Watson, Sec. Treas., who, along with R. G. Mackay form the board of directors. Their business is rapidly increasing, and already extends to many parts of the Dominion.

**THE BAIN WAGON CO.**

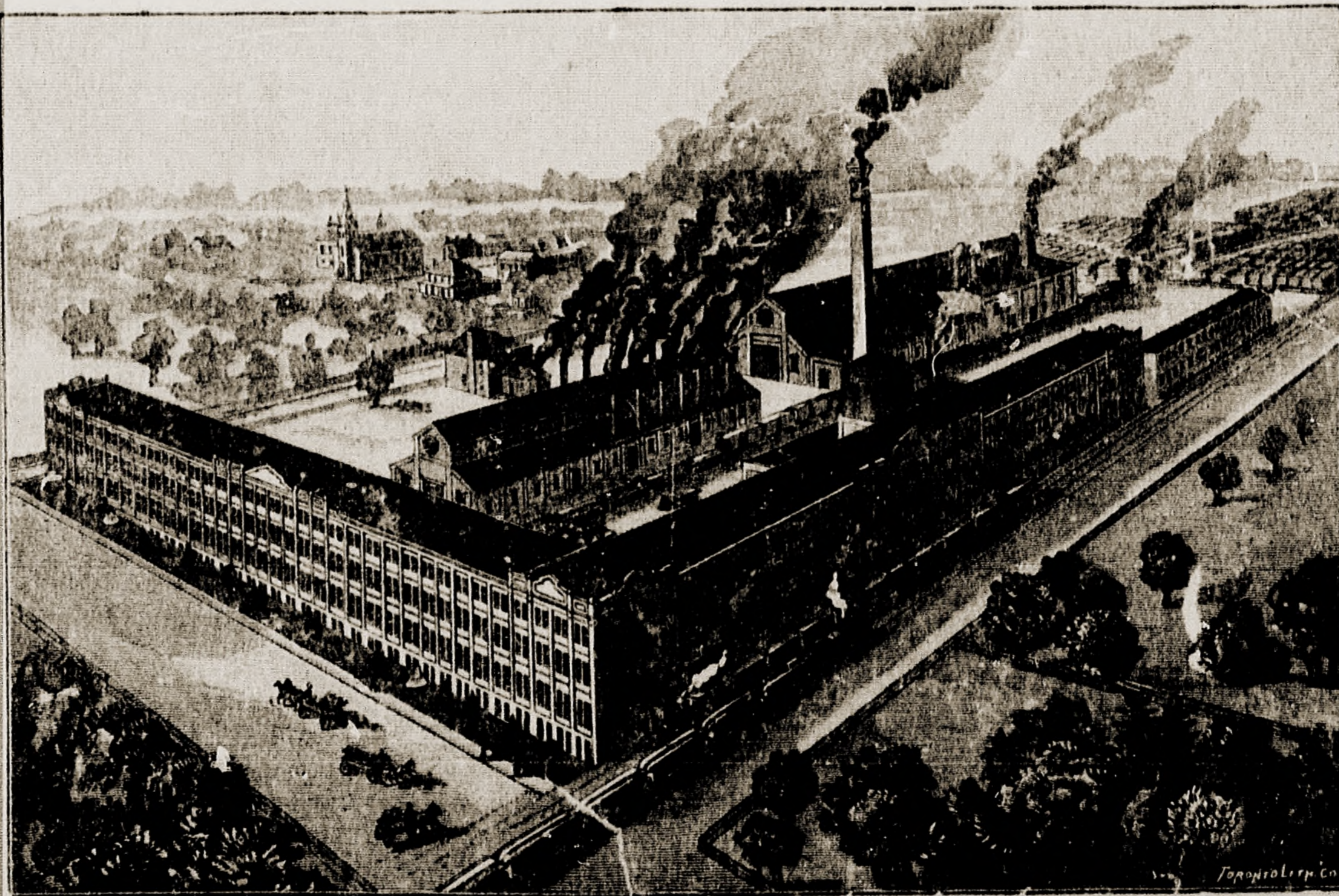
As is already well known the Bain Wagon Co. Ltd. recently purchased the magnificent plant formerly owned by the Patterson & Bro. Co. Ltd. and have equipped this large factory with all the latest and best machinery and appliances that could be procured for the manufacture of farm and freight wagons and other vehicles. The celebrated "Bain" wagons have been before the



KNOX CHURCH MANSE.

**HAY & CO.**

The factory and office of Hay & Co. are on the Norwich Road. The plant occupies about three acres, with first-class railway sidings in connection with both the G. T. R. and the C. P. R. Their new factory just completed is regarded by competent judges as being a model of its kind for the production of high class work, expeditiously and economically. The new buildings built of brick in excellent modern design, 200 x 175 feet in size, with one and two stories. It is provided with complete fire protection. The works are equipped throughout with the best machinery obtainable for their special work. A number of new machines have been recently added of the latest approved style. The engines and boilers are from the Whitelaw Engine Works of this city, being a fast running, upright engine of improved type, made from designs specially imported from England, some of which were exhibited at the World's Fair, and are now being extensively copied in the United States. Every convenience is provided. We may say that this factory is heated from the heat of the smoke after it leaves the boiler, and in this particular is considered unique, it being the first of its kind in the Dominion. The force at present employed numbers from 80 to 100 hands, with a capacity of 200, which are being gradually taken on as the business warrants. It is believed this industry has a promising future. The production comprises wood work for sewing machines and



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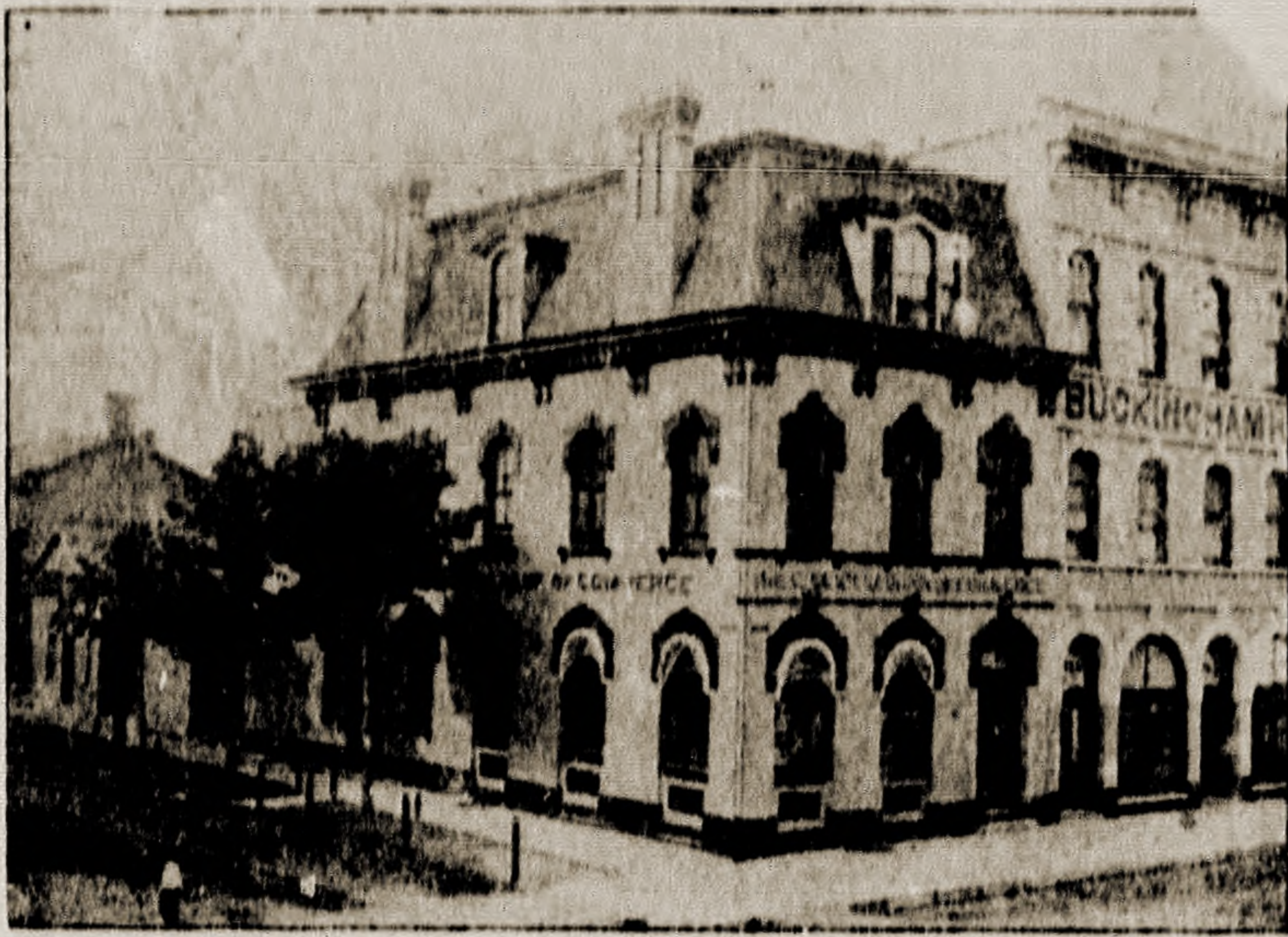
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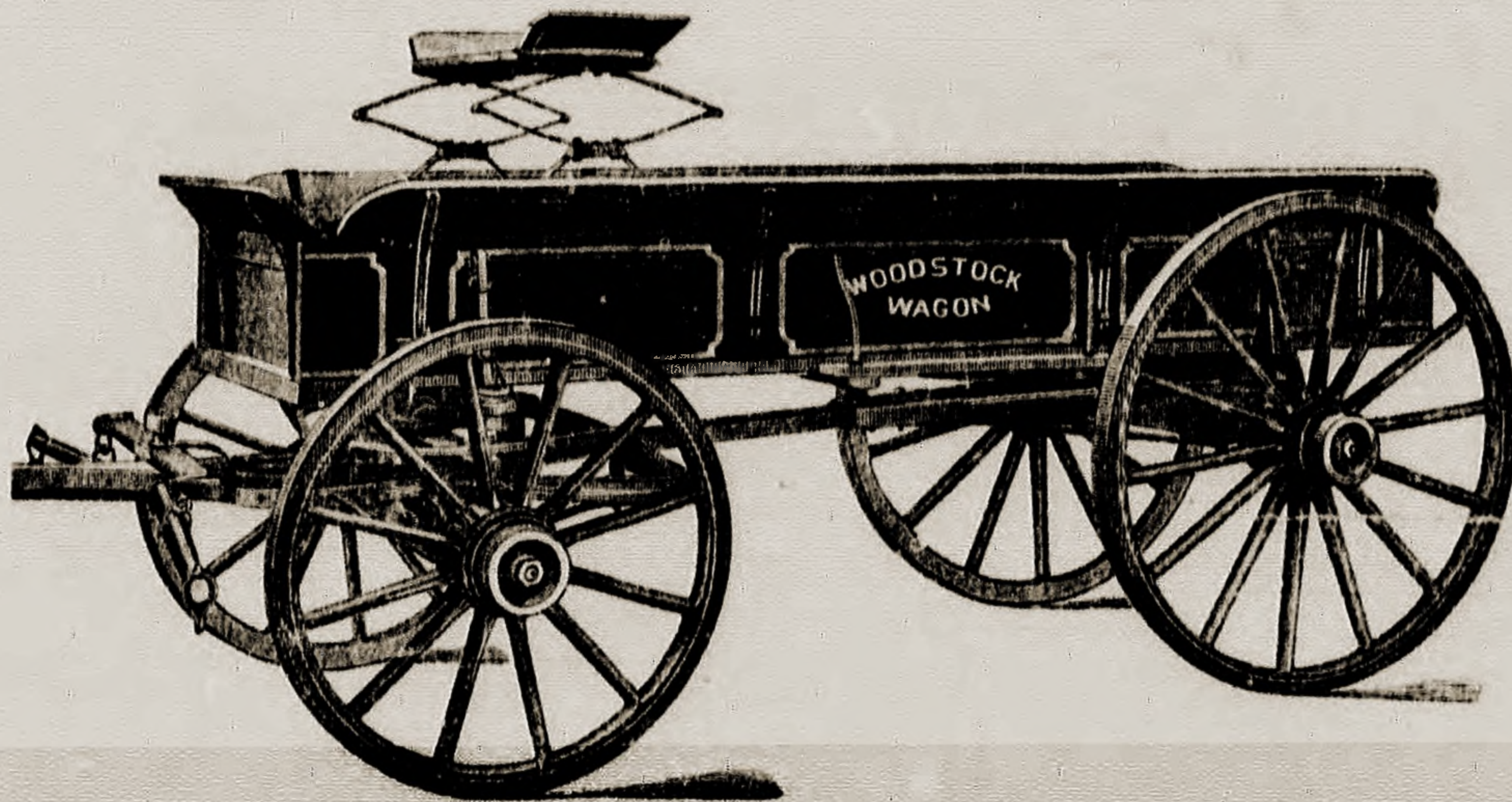
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while adding to their durability gives them a neat appearance. In addition to this they are equipped with their patent slide attachment on hind bob, allowing it to dip easily in pitch holes. Combined with this attachment is a swivel coupling from reach taking bolt which does not permit of any strain on, or danger of breaking reach on rough roads. Their large sale last season bespeaks their popularity and they commend them to all contemplating the purchase of sleighs for the coming winter, feeling assured that they will be found right in every respect.

**G. KARN, DRUGGIST.**

Mr. Karn has been located in Woodstock for thirty years. He is a gold medalist of the Ontario College of Pharmacy and has been over sixteen years engaged in the druggist business. His drug store is the only one at the east end of the town, where he carries a full stock of everything in the drug line, and also a choice variety of domestic and foreign perfumes, besides a complete assortment of medicines and physicians' supplies, rubber goods, trusses, crutches, fine cigars, and drug sundries. One specialty is the prescription department, which has a liberal family trade and large physician patronage. Night clerk in attendance.

**J. D. MCKENZIE, GROCER.**

It's only a few months since Mr. McKenzie succeeded to James Scott's general grocery business, but he has been able in that time to not only hold the trade of his predecessor, but has as well extended and filled in the circle of trade to a most gratifying extent. The motto of equal justice to his customers and himself is a prime contributor to this result. The store is old established, commodious and stocked with the very best lines that money can buy. It includes not only all kinds of standard groceries, but has besides an enormous stock of crockery, glassware and silverware—the latest in design, sold at prices most astonishing. The business enjoys a large trade from the rural districts, which enables the proprietor to keep his storehouse well stocked with the sweetest and freshest products of the dairy and farm, a feature that contributes materially to the already broad yet steadily increasing town trade. The store is essentially a city grocery, and while keeping only the best grade of goods, insures even prices with all competitors. The choicest wines and liquors for medicinal use on hand.

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gymnasium and physical culture courses afford excellent facilities for healthful exercise. A well-furnished reading room, a library of 4,000 volumes and an annual course of lectures by prominent men give the student opportunity to broaden and liberalize his education. The discipline of the school as administered by the faculty is of such a character as to develop self-control, manliness and right concepts of mutual relationship. The College is exclusively a Christian school. The Bible is studied as a part of the regular curriculum. The authorities of the school, realizing their responsibility to the parents who commit sons to their care, seek to do for these

all that it is possible to do educationally, morally and spiritually. Full particulars concerning the school may be obtained from the Principal.

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