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HER BUSINESS MEN AS OTHERS SEE THEM.

Mr. Geo. Thompson, of Brantford, who
is taking a trip through Ontario, "writing
up" the towns and cities, spent two
days last week here, and left for insertion
in THE LIBERAL the following synopsis
of the village institutions together with
the principal places of business:

We found the place beautifully situ-
ated on a raise of ground, and taken alto-
gether is one of the prettiest places we
have yet visited in Ontario. There are
four churches, viz., Methodist, Presby-
terian, English, and Roman Catholic.
The first three congregations have fine
churches, and the last named is prepar-
ing to build a handsome new edifice the
present winter. The High and Public schools
are doing excellent work and are well
attended. Socially, the town is in advance
of most places of the same size. In it
there is a thriving Mechanics' Institute,
a Masonic Lodge, Foresters' Court, A. O.
U. W. Lodge, Epworth League, R. T. of
Temperance, Sons of Scotland Camp,
Patrons of Industry, an efficient Fire
Brigade, &c., &c. The citizens gen-
erally are well off and they work in har-
mony together. The following are some
of the places of business:

WM. TRENCH.

Among the carriage factories of this
section of the Province the one carried
on by the gentleman above named take
high rank for the superiority of the work
turned out. This is an industry of great
importance to our town and should oc-
cupy a prominent place in our review.
Mr. Trench, who is one of our most sub-
stantial business men, has been estab-
lished many years and has built up an
extensive business, which is widely and
favorably known. In the first place the
proprietor is an A 1 practical workman
and his success has been achieved by
giving close personal attention to all
work done and allowing nothing to leave
the factory but what may be relied upon.
A visit to the factory will show the pains
taken to have everything first-class.
None but the best season-d material is
used and the workmanship is of a high
order of excellence. On an average
about fifteen hands are employed. Mr.
Trench's celebrated Platform Spring
Wagon is known as one of the best
vehicles of its kind manufactured. Any
contemplating purchasers will consult
their own interests by calling and in-
specting the stock and prices. We would
call special attention to the fine line of
cutters on hand for this season's trade.
Next season the firm purpose pushing
the sale of the Trench Cart, which is
freer of horse motion, and is acknowledged
by competent judges to be by far the
best cart on the market to day.

ATKINSON & SWITZER.

This is a large and magnificently
equipped mercantile establishment, doing
an extensive trade and conducted in a
capable enterprising manner. The
business has a phenomenally successful
record. It was founded nearly half a
century ago by Mr. Wm. Atkinson, one
of our best known citizens, who retired
from the business the early part of the
present year, after a long and honorable
mercantile career. The firm name re-
mained unchanged, Mr. Will D. Atkin-
son succeeding his father. Mr. Switzer
has been a partner some 15 years. We
may say that through the advantages this
establishment offers to the public it ex-
erts a marked influence in drawing trade
to the town. The high commercial
standing of the firm enables them to buy
to an advantage. They import and pur-
chase from the best makers and the store
is noted for carrying a large and superior
stock. The firm have had a most satis-
factory fall trade and now that the holi-
day season is at hand they are offering
advantages and attractions which make
it an object to visit the store. We would
say that those who fail to inspect their
large and well selected stock of Dry
Goods, Groceries, Ties and Caps, Fur-
nishings, &c., will be doing themselves
an injustice.

O. J. BROWN.

One of the most interesting articles in
our review will be the reference to the
very attractive and well stocked store of
the enterprising gentleman above named.
In passing along the street one cannot
fail to notice the tempting display of
goods as shown from the window, and
the altogether attractive appearance of
the store. Mr. Brown has made great
preparations for the holiday trade, and
none of our readers should fail to visit
his store. On hand is all the choicest
delicacies in the grocery line, fine fancies
of all kinds, currants, raisins, spices,
canned goods, excellent teas a specialty.
The splendid display of confections, nuts,
&c., are alone worth visiting the store,
which makes it headquarters in this line.
He also does a large trade in sewing
machines and organs. He handles the
celebrated New Williams, Raymond and

Standard, and buying outright for cash
can sell cheaper than where a commis-
sion business is done. Mr. Brown is one
of our successful business men.

ROBERT SIVERS.

Our town possesses the advantages of
an excellent boot and shoe establishment
of which a few words in our review will
be of interest and profit to our readers.
The proprietor of this business has been
established a number of years and has
always done a large trade. This store is
known as one of the best places to buy
to wear in this section of the Province.
Mr. Sivers thoroughly understands the
boot and shoe business. He buys from
the best manufacturers and his neatly
appointed store is filled with a large and
well selected stock of all the latest and
best makes of boots and shoes, from the
ladies' finest French kid to the men's and
boys' heavier wear. What would be
nicer for a Xmas present than one of
those excellent pairs of slippers? The
business is very popular with the people.

JOSEPH HALL.

In referring to the grocery trade of our
town we would make prominent mention
of the popular and long established busi-
ness of the gentleman above named who
has been identified with this branch for
a number of years back. Mr. Hall is
one of our substantial successful business
men. He has a large trade and the busi-
ness is popular with the people for his
capable, upright management. The neat-
ly appointed store is always filled with a
choice stock of all kinds of pure family
groceries, provisions, fancies, &c., and
for the holiday season any delicacy in the
grocery line is on hand. Mr. Hall does
a large trade in family flour. He buys
from the best mills, and handles the
leading brands of family flour, feed,
meals, seeds, &c.

A. J. HUME.

In reviewing the business places of our
town we wish to make prominent men-
tion of the popular and successful
tailoring business carried on by the
gentleman above named. Mr. Hume has
been established here a number of years
and has built up a very satisfactory pat-
ronage. Of his abilities as a cutter it is
unnecessary for us to speak as his work
well shows for itself. Suffice it to say
that the finest class of merchant tailoring
is done equal to what can be obtained in
the large places. The business deserves
its success.

GEO. McDONALD.

Our town can justly boast of having
one of the best equipped and best con-
ducted harness manufacturing establish-
ments in this section of the province.
This is an institution creditable to the
enterprise of its proprietor. It is now
some five years ago since Mr. McDonald
established here. The success he has
met has been gratifying. He has built
up a splendid trade and made the busi-
ness popular with the people for its ca-
pable management. He is a first class
workman and anything which leaves his
hands may be relied upon. He manu-
factures all kinds of harness, light and
heavy, double and single, collars, &c.,
and keeps everything to be had in a
first class harness shop, such as whips,
combs, brushes, robes, blankets, and all
kinds of horse goods. Mr. McDonald is
one of our most enterprising business
men.

A. L. SKEELE.

Mr. Skeele is one of our longest estab-
lished business men and without a proper
reference to his popular business our re-
view would be very incomplete. In ad-
dition to representing the jewelry branch
of our mercantile trade, he also keeps
constantly on hand a nice, clean, choice
stock of fine family groceries. In the
jewelry line he can offer every possible
advantage to the public.

DAVID HILL.

No business of our town is more de-
serving of prominent and complimentary
mention in our review than our first-
class bakery, fruit and confectionery
store successfully carried on by Mr. Hill.
Since establishing here about a year ago
Mr. Hill has met with gratifying suc-
cess. He has built up a splendid trade
and made the business popular with the
people for his capable management. The
bakery is noted for turning out a su-
perior quality of bread. Constantly on
hand is a choice line of confectionery,
fancies, nuts, bakers' sundries, &c. The
business has an appreciative patronage.

THE PALMER HOUSE.

In referring to the hotel accommodat-
ions of the town we wish to make promi-
nent mention of the popular house above
named, which is doing a large share of
the trade of the town in this line. Mr.
J. Kelly, the present proprietor, is a
gentleman well and favorably known to
the people. He took hold of the hotel
about two years ago and has made a suc-
cess of it, and has made it popular with
the local and travelling public. We note
the recent improvements in refitting and
papering the house. It is splendidly
furnished throughout, sets good tables.

The bar is stocked with the choicest
brands of liquors and cigars. Large and
commodious stabling in connection.

L. INNES & SONS.

A flourishing successful industry of our
town which deserves special mention in
our review is that carried on by the en-
terprising firm above named proprietors
of our saw and planing mill, and sash and
door factory, and contractors. Messrs.
Innes & Sons have built up an extensive
business for which their experience and
ability amply qualify them. Their com-
modious factory is equipped with all the
latest machinery for doing all kinds of
work in planing, matching, dressing, the
manufacture of sash, doors, blinds and
interior finish, besides the manufacture
of lumber. The yard is constantly stock-
ed with a fine line of lumber, lath,
shingles and all kinds of building ma-
terial. They rank among the most suc-
cessful contractors in this section, and
any one contemplating building will con-
sult their own interests by calling on
them.

PETER G. SAVAGE.

In the purchase of household furniture
our citizens and the people of the sur-
rounding country have special advan-
tages at the establishment known as The
People's Store. This is one of the best
places to buy furniture in this section of
the province. Mr. Savage in the first
place has the advantages of long practical
experience and thoroughly understands
the business. He buys from the best
manufacturers and a visit to his store
and an inspection of his stock will show
the bargains he can offer. Mr. Savage
carries the largest stock of wall papers in
the town, and besides his grocery de-
partment he does an extensive business
in picture frames, paints, oils, varnishes,
glass, &c., &c. The proprietor is also
general agent for the Confederation Life,
which company fully appreciates his
valuable services.

F. McCONAGHY.

In referring to the boot and shoe stores
of our town we would call the attention
of the public in an especial manner to
the advantages to be had in dealing at
the popular store of the gentleman above
named. It generally means a saving of
money and always perfect satisfaction to
deal here. Mr. McConaghy's thorough
knowledge of the boot and shoe trade is a
guarantee to the public. A call and an
inspection of his stock now will show the
bargains that are offered. Mr. McCon-
aghy is a first class workman and gives
special attention to custom work, in
making to order and repairing. The
proprietor's genial disposition coupled
with his straightforward manner of doing
business have won for him a large pat-
ronage, many of his customers being the
most prominent citizens in the town and
community.

CHARLES MASON.

We come next in our review to our
popular hardware, stoves and tinware
store successfully carried on by the gen-
tlemen above named. Mr. Mason has
been identified with this branch of our
mercantile trade for many years back and
has always supplied the town and sur-
rounding country with a first class busi-
ness in his line, which he conducts in a
capable manner and always does a large
trade. The public find every advantage
in dealing here. From long experience
Mr. Mason thoroughly understands the
business and knows the wants of the peo-
ple. Besides a complete stock of all
kinds of general and shelf hardware,
farmers' supplies, &c., we note specially
a fine line of stoves, ranges, &c., well
worthy of inspecting. Special attention
is given to such work as roofing, eave-
troughing, furnace work, &c., which is
done in the best manner.

WRIGHT BROS.

We wish to include in our review a
reference to our faultless undertaking
establishment which is one of the best
conducted undertaking businesses in this
section of the province. The proprietors,
Messrs. Wright Bros., are gentlemen
widely and favorably known. They en-
joy the advantage of long practical ex-
perience and have a thorough knowledge
of the business. They are competent
funeral directors and skilled embalmers,
and keep constantly on hand a full line
of caskets and all kinds of funeral sup-
plies. They make a specialty of embal-
ing, and give thorough satisfaction to
those who require their services.

ISAAC CROSBY.

In reviewing our business places we
may say that no name is more favorably
known than that of Mr. Isaac Crosby,
whose popular business is the subject of
this sketch. This store commands a good
share of the trade of the village and the
public find in dealing here every advan-
tage which capable management can se-
cure. The stock is always well bought
and carefully selected embracing all kinds
of general merchandise as dry goods,
groceries, furnishings, &c. Mr. Crosby
is one of the early business men of the

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