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Progressive Durham

ITS EARLY HISTORY AND LATER DEVELOPMENT

Its Principal Business Men and Its Manufactories

ITS PREACHERS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND HOTELS

An Excellent Site for Manufacturers to Locate

the upper town, in contra distinction from lower town, which occupies the immediate valley of the river.

Durham's first house was of course a log hut built somewhere about 1812 or 43, some sixty-four years ago, by the late Archibald Hunter, who was a pioneer in these parts, and father of the late J. H. Hunter M. P. P. for South Grey, and grandfather of Hunter Bros., of this town. Closely following up Mr. Hunter came a Mr. Davidson, whose son Archibald was the first white child born in Durham. He is at present Division Court Clerk here. Several families including the McDonalds, McKenzies, and a Mr. Smith had settled in the vicinity prior to 1818.

The location of the land office at Durham attracted many prospective settlers who would have located elsewhere. The village in this way received an impetus which soon raised it to the dignity of quite a "centre," as the surrounding country was of such a nature as to induce rapid settlement and having no trade rival of any considerable note, it continued to grow until the sixties, when it appeared to have reached the limit as an industrial centre. The place certainly enjoyed for a long time a reign of "masterly inactivity." The bottom seemed to have fallen out of it. Meanwhile the post office in the village, without any regard for convenience on the part of the departmental officials, continued to be designated by the name of "Bentick." This name was shortly afterwards changed to Durham.

The coming of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway stimulated the energies of Durham's commercial system.

The place was incorporated in 1872 as a town by special Act of the Ontario

eral education. There is a splendid school here, presided over by Principal Allan, who has held the position since 1888. He is assisted by a staff of some nine teachers. High school work being taken up in the school here. And in the record for good work, Durham is not outclassed by any school in the Province. As an evidence of this, many of Durham's boys and girls are to-day not only filling positions of trust and responsibility in this country, but in the neighboring republic as well. Durham has a public library of some 4,000 volumes. There are five churches here. English, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic, with earnest and zealous pastors administering to the spiritual wants of their various congregations.

Our medical men, of which there are four, Drs. Jamieson, MacLaurin, Gun and Hutton, are acknowledged to be professional men whose course of study and practice easy places them in the first rank.

Our present mayor is Mr. Archibald Hunter, a man who has served in every position in the Council and who makes a very efficient and painstaking officer, always having the betterment of Durham in view.

As a desirable spot for manufacturers to locate, there is no better place in Ontario, and those desiring a suitable site should consult their own interests and pay a visit to this enterprising town. It is far enough removed from the cities to act as a strikebreak; it is high and healthy; it is not overburdened by taxation and it is alive and progressive.

It is a matter for surprise to many outsiders who visit the town during the busy season, to find what a hive of industry it is. Its splendid schools, churches, fine hotels and integrity of

History of The Chronicle

ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The People's Great Family Newspaper

ITS RECORD FOR FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY

Its Steadily Increasing Growth and Its Influence for Good in The Community

We present our readers this week with this industrial number on Durham, giving a brief account of nearly all the business men of the place as well as the chief industries which today may be regarded as the internal activities upon which the life of the place depends. The industrial portion of the issue has been prepared by Mr. Charles Ellis, of Stratford, an expert advertiser, and a newspaper writer of long experience on some of our best metropolitan dailies. It was not our intention to miss anyone. It was our desire that every business should be represented, but the issue was produced on a purely business basis, and

with our increased transportation facilities.

Ten years ago we hadn't a whistle in the town. To-day the Cement Works, the Furniture Factory, the Cream Separator Factory and Smith's Foundry are veritable hives of industry, forced on occasions to work overtime, and always in a rush to fill their orders. We have certainly a good opening for the investment of capital in many manufacturing lines, and we hope that our Town Council will stir themselves to greater activity than ever to secure the desired end. We should never let up, and allow others to get in ahead of us, in a legitimate fight for business, but we want the fight to be an honest one and the results a permanent benefit. We expect to see a big change here during the next few years. The C. P. R. will pass through what is at present a residential portion of the town. Several houses will be torn down to make room for it, the school property, we understand, is to be taken and the forced building operations thus necessitated will result in the replacement of many of the homes by more modern and more comfortable structures, and the probability, too, is that the new Durham School building will be thoroughly up-to-date in appearance and equipment. Moreover, we must say that the railway Company, has not been showing a mean parsimonious spirit in regard to the property it has been forced to take over, but everyone so far as we know is getting good value for the property to be vacated, and with the cash in his fist the dispossessed householder can go on cheerfully to erect a more suitable home for himself and his family.

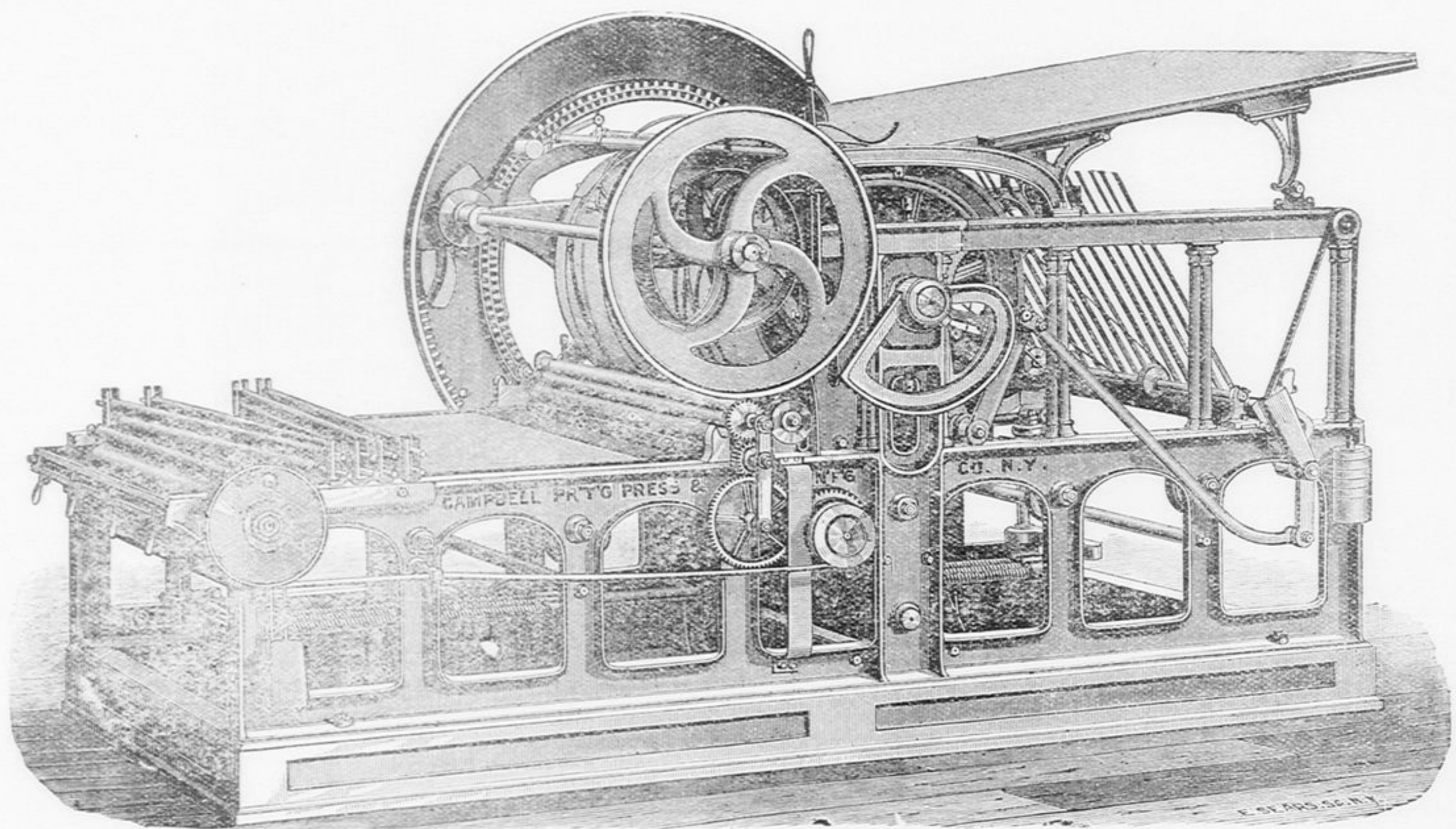
This issue goes to our whole list of over sixteen hundred subscribers, and besides these we have nearly two thousand additional copies which will be circulated throughout the length and breadth of the land. Surely the business men whose names appear are getting value for their money, and surely the publicity we give the town by this number will be a general benefit to every citizen.

HISTORY OF THE CHRONICLE.

Owing to the dilapidated condition of the files of the Chronicle up to ten years ago, it is not easy to give a thoroughly reliable account of the birth and growth of the people's pioneer paper of South Grey. The first paper was issued in Durham on the 19th of February, 1857. It was then the Standard and S. L. M. Luke was the editor, proprietor and publisher as well as business and mechanical manager. We do not know how long he controlled the business, but his name still appears in copies published in 1859. In 1864 we see the names of White & Johnson as Publishers, The Durham Standard still being the name of the paper. In 1870, Jan. 6, appeared Vol. 3, No. 49, of The "Durham Chronicle," and Vol. 4, No. 1, appears on the third of February of the same year. Counting back from this first issue, the paper under its present name appeared the first of February, 1866, which made the Chronicle 40 yrs. old last February instead of thirty-nine years as shown by our Volume number. Some time in the late seventies, Mr. White severed his connection with the business and left Mr. Johnson in full power of the editorial quill.

The next to take a turn at the wheel was Arthur Henry Newton Jenkins, who conducted the business until 1887, when he sold out to W. J. Mitchell, who ran the paper successfully up to the end of 1896, when it passed into the hands of the present editor and proprietor to whom extreme modesty

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THE PRESS THAT PRINTS THE CHRONICLE.

There has never been in the world's history a country favored so by nature as Canada. We have the richest minerals in the world, the finest timber in the world; the greatest wheat raising country in the world; the largest fishery in the world, while Canada's sea-coast equals half of the earth's circumference, and there never was a young country that has made the progress in so short a time that Canada has. Canada's first census of 1865, showed 3,251 souls to-day we have over 6,000,000. Canada is destined to become the great industrial storehouse of the world. Over \$2,319,717,000 is the capital of Canada's industries. Canada stands third among the nations commercially. Canada leads in railway mileage. Canada manufacturing capital has trebled in nine years from 137 to 411 millions. The value of manufactured products in 1901 was over 452 millions. Canada has the largest grain elevator in the world; Canada has the largest canal locks in the world; Canada has the largest gold field in the world; Canada has more than one half the fresh water of the Globe, and we have the best people in the world.

In the great industrial expansion felt in every portion of this vast Dominion, every Province contributes its quota to make Canada what she is destined in the near future to become, the great industrial storehouse of the world. Just as the various villages, towns and cities contribute to the whole.

One great mistake that has been made, in the various towns, small cities and villages, and which the people in these various centres have during the past ten years, began to rectify, and that is, allowing prospective manufacturers to go elsewhere when a small loan of \$10,000 or \$20,000 would have brought them to their town. The history of a great many villages and towns in Ontario has been one of too strict economy. And where in many cases they have had factories they have allowed more aggressive centres of population, with inducements in the way of loans, exemptions from taxation, water rates and other considerations, to profit by their cheese paring policy and carry off these factories.

Durham has unfortunately been one of this class. Here as in most communities, there have been a lot of early settlers who helped to build up the place and who incidentally made fortunes for themselves. Unaided, they made whatever money they possessed and they could not understand why other people should receive assistance. And generally you could depend upon them stampeding at the sight of a bonus, by-law like a bull at the sight of a red rag. And as they were in the majority, things generally in the small towns went to the tarntation bow-wow. Progress was impossible in these places, the usual rut being good enough for these frugal citizens. These people either died or moved away, and their places were taken by younger and more progressive men, who had been educated in a different school. These young men knew the value of factories and assisted to find them out and locate them, believing that if a man who made two blades of grass grow where one grew before, was a public benefactor, then the town which secured one factory where there was none before, was doubly a benefactor.

The value of factories to a town was never better illustrated than in the case of Durham, when ten years ago we had no factory of any kind. Now we have four of as fine industries as one can find in a day's travel. The Portland Cement works; Cream Separator works; the Durham Furniture Factory and Smith's Foundry. These

way in the great maelstrom of life.

Durham has many great natural advantages as a manufacturing centre, we have splendid locations for factories, land is cheap, living is cheap, labor is cheap and at the same time we have excellent water power, that renders manufacturing cheap and profitable. And with the coming of the C. P. Railway Durham as a shipping centre will not be excelled in this northern country. Manufacturers desiring a suitable location in as good a little town as there is in Ontario, would do well to investigate the inducements the place is prepared to hold out. The more manufacturers the more population, the more population the more business. Each and every business is benefited by an increase in the number of manufactures. The towns that have them are soon in a fair way to become industrial centres.

HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Durham is one of the oldest founded communities in the County of Grey. It is situated on either side of the Garfraxa Road, where the highway is crossed by the Durham Road, extending along the former upwards of a mile. One of the prime attractions of this place in the eyes of the pioneer, was the crossing of the Saugeen river here, affording water power for mills which sprung up soon after its first settlement, and assisted so materially in its subsequent development. The greater portion of the town was built upon the upland which flanks the Saugeen on the north, this being called

Legislature. It then had a population of about a thousand. The first mayor elected was Alexander Cochrane, with Archibald McCallum as reeve. When Grey was erected as a separate county, the claims of Durham to be made the county seat were strongly urged. It was certainly more central than Owen Sound, but as the roads in the county were of a primitive character, and at times almost impassible, and Owen Sound a lake port the claims of the latter prevailed. Durham lies in the midst of one of the finest agricultural districts there is in Ontario. It is also a great stock-raising centre. Some of the best horses in the Dominion having been raised hereabouts.

Durham is a picturesque place and certainly is one of the busiest marts of commerce in this northern country. Some great writer has said: "This education forms the common mind, as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." Fortunately in this country our educational system—one of the best in the world—although having its defects, has none of that superficial learning, for which so many countries are noted. The people are all well grounded in the three Rs. The elementary training alone has often proved sufficient for many who endowed with great natural abilities have reached many of the highest positions in the gift of the people. And once a pupil has gone through the public and high schools in this country he may be said to be as far advanced as many in other countries who have gone through college. In short he may be said to have a lib-

its business men, their sound financial standing, and enviable record for fairness go a long way to make Durham one of the best business centres in this part of the country.

This issue of the Chronicle is probably one of the finest art productions ever attempted by any country weekly in Ontario, and outside of the photo engravings, which were executed by one of the best engraving companies on this continent, is an all home publication. Everything printed here. Those who know anything at all of the art preservative can readily understand what this means, where there is no merghantaler to set up the edition. And then as to the press work, why those who know the difficulties in getting a good impression on a country press can form any idea of the kind of picnic we have. However, here is the production, which we think will compare very favorably with any similar venture gotten out in the Province.

To those business men who so generously responded to an appeal to give the town a boost, we offer the kindly esteem of our respectful admiration. May they live long and prosper. And as the town develops and grows and as the country on the whole, during the incoming century develops numerically and financially into a vaster Dominion; we shall here from the uttermost cliff in the Atlantic, that blushes in the kindling dawn, to the last promontory in the Pacific, which catches the parting kiss of the setting sun—Canada built better than she knew.

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We invite all ladies to come and get acquainted with the new winter style. To say they are interesting is saying little. For trimmed hats are much in evidence and the rich effects obtained with such trimmings as Canadian mink and ermine are as engaging as they are new. Many styles too in silk panne velvet. Soft white and grey felts will be seen in a different way.

MISS DICK
Durham, Ont.

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