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CONDITIONS IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Every City a Hive of Industry—Cheap Power the Secret—Some Pointers for Kingston.

By M. McIntyre Hood.

A tour throughout Western Ontario, that hive of industry, is full of suggestiveness to a Kingstonian. Although at all times eager to boost the Limestone City, and to sing its praises on all occasions, one is forced to look upon the thriving industry of the western cities with feelings akin to admiration and envy, and there are some lessons which Kingston might well learn from them. This article is written as the result of a trip to that part of Ontario, and the observations are put forward in the hope that they might be instrumental in stimulating the public bodies of the city.

Not all things observed on the way can be commended. Going into Toronto from the east, one cannot fail to observe some of the deplorable consequences of that city's mushroom growth. These are most noticeable in some of the crowded residential districts occupied by what probably is the lower strata of the working class. The houses are crowded together closer than the proverbial sardines in a tin. They are mostly wooden buildings, once white and neat, but now blackened and unrecognizable by smoke and grime. They are as narrow as the proverbial alley made, built in rows, close to one another so that there is not an inch of daylight between, and the backyards are small and of ramshackle appearance. Factories have been planted right in the midst of these dwellings, and overshadow them, casting an apparent doom over the district. The smoke from the tall chimneys throws a pall of soot over everything, and the whole has a most unwholesome flavor. This is one of the results of Toronto's mad rush for growth during the last quarter of a century, and while more modern housing schemes are now being carried out, this section stands as a warning to those cities which seek to grow, but which grow internally, without a full utilization of the many acres of land available in their outlying districts.

Hamilton shows signs of expansion, and is rapidly approaching the metropolitan stage. The development of its harbor is proceeding apace, and a kind government is lending valuable assistance. The factories are going up in the western suburban area and along the extended harbor front. Business was never better. Housing accommodation is scarce, but the Housing Commission is rapidly pushing to completion dozens of fine dwelling houses, built under the terms of the Ontario Housing Act.

A trip by electric railroad from Hamilton is a revelation. As the tramcar ascends the mountain the whole country is spread out like the view an airman would obtain. For miles the pastoral scenery rolls back, with clusters of dwellings, indicating the community centres. Behind lies the city of Hamilton, with its many industrial plants, its solidly built public buildings and homes, and as a background to all is the shimmering water of Lake Ontario.

Brantford is a typical Western Ontario city. Its manufacturing plants are so many as to almost defy enumeration. They are to be found on all sides, and embrace all lines of industrial activity. Several new plants are in course of construction, and when completed Brantford will be one of the greatest Canadian industrial centres. The housing situation, although a serious one, is being well met by the housing commission. The commission has secured a large piece of land, and building operations are to be carried on as extensively as can possibly be done. And this is being done under the Ontario Housing Act, which the Kingston City Council of last year decided was unworkable.

Brantford is proud of its progress and lets the world know about it. A large sign board is displayed opposite the Grand Trunk railway station, and on it are the words: "Brantford, fourth manufacturing city of Canada. Cheap Niagara power.

Five railroads. Cheap factory sites. Watch us grow." Brantford is indeed growing, and the secret lies in electrical power. The white coal of Niagara has set the wheels of industry going, and has made this once rural village a throbbing, humming hive of industry.

Yet the agricultural nature of the surrounding country is not forgotten. The Brantford Creamery takes care of the products of the dairy herds. And it was an interesting pastime to observe the sale of a herd of cattle by auction on the market square of the city.

Woodstock is a small, but live city, of eleven thousand people, but it, too, is growing. During the past year industries have been coming in, and its development will be rapid. This city owes much of its recent growth to the fact that it has an efficient industrial commissioner, who has been the community's greatest asset since his appointment. This is a point which might well be borne in mind by Kingston.

The city of London is another great industrial centre. Its factories embrace everything from biscuits to freight cars, from corn-flakes to stoves and furnaces, from hosiery to automobiles. And every factory is working at full pressure. Its Chamber of Commerce is a powerful body, made up of leading business and professional men who are willing to make sacrifices that their city might become greater. Its buildings are splendid structures. Its schools are modern and up-to-date in every detail. One in particular, the Ryerson school, is a model. It covers a large area, but has only one floor. The class rooms are large, with superabundant light and ventilation. It has two splendid auditoriums. It is altogether a unique structure. Plans have been passed for the construction of a splendid new collegiate institute this year.

The housing situation has been felt here, too, but building is proceeding at a great rate. During an afternoon's automobile ride around the city, no less than over two hundred new houses were seen in the course of construction, many of them nearly ready for occupation. The housing commission has secured a large park reservation, known as Pinelawn, and has planned to build forty workers' dwelling houses on this location. The streets of London are models of city-planning, wide and well paved, with the houses a considerable distance back from the street line.

The whole district is splendidly developed and prosperous. Agriculture is at a high stage of efficiency. Over seventy-five per cent. of the people own their own homes. When asked for a reason for this remarkable condition, a prominent citizen remarked that it was the natural result of "Old Country thrift transplanted to Canadian soil." Whether that is true or not, it remains a fact that London is one of the best laid-out and best developed cities in the length and breadth of the Dominion.

Sarnia and Windsor show the same conditions. Everything is busy, and there are good times everywhere.

Kingston is not alone in being in a poor position regarding hotel accommodation. All along the line the same conditions were met. Overcrowded hotels, and travellers sleeping in the rotunda, were experienced in Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor, Ontario; Port Huron, Bay City, Saginaw, Lansing and Detroit, in Michigan, and at South Bend, Indiana. The same conditions prevail all over the country, and there is no relief in sight. And there are today more travellers on the road than at any previous time.

The foregoing will show what other cities are doing in industrial expansion and in meeting housing needs. Cheap power is the first essential of industrial growth. Sufficient proper housing accommodation comes next. When Kingston has these, added to her present advantages, the city will grow and develop, but not until then.

Letters to the Editor

Building Not His Property.
Kingston, April 17.—(To the Editor): Sir,—In Friday's issue of your paper there appeared a paragraph relating to the fire of Monday last, and it referred to the building as my property, which is incorrect. The house was sold to Mrs. Merriman, who sold it to Captain Tullock, of Kingston, on April 10th.

I had some personal effects in the building which unfortunately were not covered by insurance, but these were only slightly damaged by water and smoke.

Truly yours,
—GEO. H. GILLESPIE, Lieut. Col.

FIRST BAPTIST EVENT.
Sale and Concert Held by Ladies' Aid on Friday.

The school room of the First Baptist church was on Friday the scene of what was probably the most successful sale and concert ever given by the Ladies' Aid of that church. The event was under the capable leadership of Mrs. James Leslie.

Three tables were under the direct supervision of the Ladies' Aid. At the home-made cooking table Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Martin did a brisk business. Mrs. Phaley, Mrs. J. W. Litton, Mrs. Pappas and Mrs. Silver were equally successful at the fancy work booth, while Miss Cliff and Mrs. Osborne quickly disposed of a large and varied assortment of aprons. Handkerchiefs and dainty aprons were the specialties on a table presided over by the young ladies of Mrs. Bolton's class. The young ladies of Miss Jean Kline's class had a worthy part in providing the articles sold at this booth. Sunshine, smiles and sweetness were dispensed at the candy table by a fine group of

young ladies from Mrs. LaFlair's class. Miss Edith Sharpe and Mrs. Savage poured tea and coffee for the guests, who were served by Mrs. Harcourt and another group of "sunshine" girls. The unseen base of supplies was efficiently managed by Mrs. A. H. Pickering, Mrs. LaRonge and Mrs. Hussy. As the ladies and a few courageous men entered they were welcomed by Mrs. J. A. Hendry and Mrs. James Leslie, while Mrs. Chas. Isaacs saw that they had a suitable place to deposit their nominal admission fee.

The concert in the evening was greatly enjoyed by a splendid audience. The programme consisted of orchestra selections by a seven-piece orchestra, under the leadership of Sidney Salisbury (vocal solos by Mrs. Turner, Master Stewart Salisbury, Forman Frost, Rechab Tandy; a vocal duet by Miss Ruth and Jack LaFlair; piano numbers by Miss Isabelle Leslie and Miss Dorothy Brooks; a violin solo by Mrs. Newlands; and recitations by Miss Gladys Pennell. Rev. J. S. LaFlair was chairman. At the conclusion of the programme Mrs. Leslie thanked all who had helped to make the occasion so successful, and announced that the total proceeds were \$213.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham and child arrived in Renfrew on Saturday from Philadelphia. Mrs. Kirkham and the child will remain, probably for the summer, while Mr. Kirkham had gone on to Janesville, Wisconsin, to take a position as metallurgical superintendent for the General Motors corporation, a big and growing concern.

See page nine for details of Steacy's big anniversary sale.
The waterworks and sewerage system for the town is in contemplation in Almonte.
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