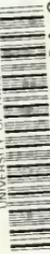


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OAKVILLE
Past and Present

*Being a Brief Account of the Town, its
Neighborhood, History, Industries, Merchants,
Institutions and Municipal Undertakings.*

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OAKVILLE STATION



OAKVILLE Babbling over rocks and pebbles through the grass-grown glades and wooded hills of a Halton County ravine, a little stream (Sixteen Mile Creek, the early settlers named it) wends its way toward the western end of Lake Ontario. Here and there it gladdens the heart of rustic youth with "swimming holes," while all along its winding way loyal followers of Izaak Walton find finny response to baited hook and line. As it reaches nearer the lake its sylvan banks grow farther apart, the water deepens and the little stream becomes a river, which evenly glides along its tortuous course until it quietly empties into the great waters of Lake Ontario on their way to the St. Lawrence Gulf. At the point where lake and river meet is situated the Town of Oakville.

Looking across the lake northeast from this point on a clear day the City of Toronto is visible in striking outline, the Canadian Pacific Railway building and the tower of the City Hall breaking softly into the skyline. To the southeast may be seen the mountain hill of the Niagara Peninsula, and in front, as an ocean, the blue waters of Lake Ontario stretch out in seemingly unlimited expanse.

High banks, here sloping gently to a wide and sandy beach, there dropping cliff-like to the water's edge, give picturesque effect, while the quiescent music of incessant wash of waves against the shore lends indescribable charm to the all-enchanting scene.

Along the lakeshore on both sides of the river and extending inward some two miles, the residences

of the town nestle in avenues of beautiful shade trees of near a century's growth. Villa after villa lies secluded midst maple, oak and elm which generations of growth in the native rich and loamy soil have made superbly grand, while along the waterfront and in the parks and outskirts majestic pines sigh sweetly with the lakeside breeze. It is a place for homes.

HISTORY

The Mississauga Indians, who under Chief Brant played so important a rôle in the war of 1812, once occupied the land where Oakville now stands. When the Government surveyed this section of country, 960 acres were here set apart as Indian Reserve. Afterward the Reserve was ceded to the Crown. Under Government instruction and by public advertisement, dated the 10th of July, 1827, Thomas G. Ridout, then Surveyor-General, announced that the property would be sold by public auction at Crooks' Mills, Nelson, on the 10th of August of that year. The sale took place accordingly, the land being purchased by Colonel William Chisholm. He obtained charter from the Government of Upper Canada and immediately commenced the construction of Oakville Harbour, which was completed so as to admit vessels in the year

1830. Colonel Chisholm became the pioneer of the white oak-stave trade, the oak staves being manufactured in Trafalgar and near-by townships and floated down the Sixteen for shipment to Quebec.

The oak-stave trade became the origin of the town's name. Colonel Chisholm laid out the town-site, and the name of Oakville was given by the Hon. Robert Baldwin Sullivan, then Commissioner of Crown Lands. Colonel Chisholm represented the County of Halton in Parliament for sixteen years.

By Act of Parliament Oakville was created a town in July, 1857. Colonel George King Chisholm, a son of Colonel William Chisholm, was unanimously



THE OAKVILLE RIVER



AN OAKVILLE RIVER SCENE

elected first Mayor, which position he held for six consecutive years, namely until the close of the year 1863, when he refused re-nomination. Since then the municipal chair has been filled as follows:— 1863-65: W. F. Romain; 1866: Col. G. K. Chisholm; 1867-70: John Barclay; 1871-72: W. McCrancy; 1873-74: Col. G. K. Chisholm; 1875-83: P. A. McDouglad; 1884-87: George Andrew; 1889-91: John Urquhart, M.D.; 1892: Geo. Andrew; 1893: Thomas Patterson; 1894: W. H. Young; 1895: C. G. Marlatt; 1896-97: W. H. Young; 1898-99: John Urquhart, M.D.; 1900: Hedley Shaw; 1901-03: John Kelley; 1904-05: W. H. Robinson; 1906-07: John Kelley; 1908-09: W. S. Davis; 1910-12: George Hillmer.

TOWN COUNCIL AND OFFICIALS

The 1912 Council is thus composed: *Mayor*, George Hillmer; *Reeve*, A. S. Forster; *Councillors*: Walter Whitaker, W. H. Carson, Chas. H. Cross, W. D. Gregory, J. T. Madden and W. E. Featherstone.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSIONERS: C. G. Marlatt, *Chairman*; Mayor George Hillmer and P. A. Bath; Mrs. M. C. Irvine, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

ASSESSMENT COMMISSION: Oakville was one of the first towns in Canada to adopt the idea of an assessment commission. L. P. Snyder, *Commissioner*; W. S. Savage, *Assessor*; Robert Marsh and James Hunter, *Evaluators*.

OFFICIALS: J. H. Shields, *Police Magistrate*; W. E. M. Crawley, *Town Clerk and Treasurer*; Alfred Hillmer, *Chief of Fire Department*; W. H. Sweet, *Chief of Police*; Mrs. M. C. Irvine, *Librarian*; J. S. W. Williams, M.D., *Medical Health Officer*.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP AND IMPROVEMENTS. ETC.

The Electric Light and Waterworks are under municipal control, being managed by three commissioners. The mayor is always one of the commissioners. The other two commissioners hold office for two years, one retiring each year, his successor being elected by popular vote at the annual municipal elections. A retiring commissioner is eligible for re-election, Mr. C. G. Marlatt, for instance, having been a first appointee and successively elected since.

For lighting purposes electricity is secured from the Dominion Power Company at a very low cost and is supplied the residents at moderate rates, and yet sufficiently in advance of cost to net the town a good revenue.

The waterworks system is exceptionally good. The water is secured from Lake Ontario, some half-a-mile out, passes through a filtration basin, is pumped into a standpipe and from there distributed to all parts of the town. Official analysis shows the water as of the best in the Province. It is supplied the residents at low cost, but the commissioners have so managed that a substantial revenue is secured the town from this source.

Sewage, granolithic walks and other local improvements are paid for by a frontage tax extending over a number of years.

For the computing of taxes Oakville property is given low valuation, notwithstanding which the assessment reaches over a million and a half of



UP THE RIVER

dollars, and the revenue from taxes, electric light and power, waterworks and other sources reaches considerably over \$20,000 a year.

At the present time the town is installing a thorough and most modernly constructed sewage system, on which some hundred thousand dollars is being spent this year. This is of necessity disarranging the streets for traffic to a certain extent, but as soon as work on the sewers is completed the streets are to be paved and otherwise improved at large outlay until they will vie with those of any town in Canada.

Granolithic sidewalks, of which there are already some twenty-five miles, prevail throughout the town and new streets are being constantly laid with it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Oakville Fire Brigade is a volunteer organization whose efficiency has been well demonstrated on more than one occasion, notwithstanding that the town has been remarkably free from fires. There are forty-four members with Mr. Alfred Hillmer as their Chief. Fire drills take place regularly once a week. The equipment includes hook-and-ladder wagon, hose-reels and all the most modern appliances for fighting fire. The water supply is unlimited. It is pumped from Lake Ontario to a large standpipe and carried from there throughout the town. The electric pumping station for filling the standpipe is equipped with the most modern appliance. Hydrants are placed at all needful points of the town. The maximum hydrant pressure registers 120 pounds and the minimum 70 pounds. The Fire Hall is substantially constructed of brick. It is centrally and well located. As a result of the efficiency of the Fire Department the insurance rate set by the fire underwriters is low.



'THE AGGIE'—AN OAKVILLE CUP WINNER

The Public Library and Reading Room would do credit to a much larger town. There are some five thousand volumes in the library, and the reading room is supplied with the best magazines and periodicals of the day. The Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and the Circulating Library from 3 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Mrs. M. C. Irvine is the efficient and courteous librarian; Mr. H. L. Read is Secretary-Treasurer.

EDUCATION

The educational interests of Oakville (1912) are under the direction of the following Board: Wm. Busby, *Chairman*; Rev. J. E. Munro, Dr. C. B. Dorland, J. C. Morgan, H. W. Page, H. W. Litchfield, Alfred Hillmer, J. J. McDermott, T. W. Slean, Thos. Harker, D. LeBarre, Alex. MacDonald, W. O. Joyce; W. E. M. Crawley, *Secretary*.

The Public School, which is situated on the east bank of the river close to the main street, occupies the same ground that it has for generations. Its interior has recently been remodeled and it is now modernly

equipped throughout. Between two and three acres of land reaching to the water's edge make ideal playground. There is an average attendance of some three hundred pupils and the school shows a high standard amongst the public schools of the Province. Mr. R. F. Sanderson is principal and is ably assisted by the following teachers: Miss N. Sherman, Miss C. E. Pollock, Miss B. Wolfe, Miss B. E. Browne, Miss N. E. Hunter and Miss E. G. Gilbert.

The Oakville High School is one of the best in the Province, not only as respects the building itself with its four acres of well-planned grounds, but also in the matter of teaching and teaching facilities. The



IN LAKE-SIDE PARK



present building was completed and opened in the spring of 1910. It is a large and handsome brick edifice with every convenience that science has brought to the art of modern school building. The class-rooms are spacious, the ceilings high, the corridors wide, the ventilation (air changing by automatic device every twenty minutes) is perfect. The laboratory is admirably equipped and throughout everything requisite for the conduct of a high-grade institution of learning is provided. An ideal lecture-room gives scope for debates, literary entertainments and public meetings, while two side rooms, one for each sex, give opportunity for preparation of participants. The staff is as follows: L. J. Williams, B.A. (Queens), principal, Mathematics and Science; Miss Winifred Ovens, B. A. (Western University), Latin, French and German; Miss Winifred Dengate, B.A. (MacMaster), English, History, Art and Commercial.

On the lakeshore just west of the town is situated the well-known Appleby School for Boys, planned after the great preparatory schools of England. The buildings are new, large and especially constructed to meet all the requirements of a high-class residential school. In addition to usual studies, special attention is given to scientific physical training, boating, riding, etc. The location on the lake is particularly good. There are some thirty-three acres of beautifully-wooded land, well adapted and well laid out for the purposes of the school. The following is the staff: *Headmaster*: J. S. H. Guest, M.A. (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge), late of Upper Canada College; *House Master*: V. H. de B. Powell, B.A. (Keble College, Oxford); The Rev. W. S. Blyth, M.A. (Toronto University); E. Whittington, B.Sc. (London University); *Lady Superintendent*: Miss Edith Grindley; *Assistant Superintendent*: Miss Olive Sheringham; *Secretary*: Miss K. C. Leslie; *Physician*: C. A. Page, M.D., L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh); *Physical Training Instructor*: Sergt.-Major Joseph Young (late of Royal Marines.)



BRIDGE OVER LAKE

POST OFFICE AND CUSTOMS HOUSE

The Post Office and Customs House Building is a substantial brick structure on the main street. Mr. L. V. Cote is Postmaster. Captain Maurice Felan is Collector of Customs. Mr. Wyatt S. Wood, Inspector, and Mr. J. Eyre Coote Holmes, Assistant Inspector of Customs, are stationed here.

PARKS

LAKESIDE PARK comprises some three acres of exceptional beauty stretching along the lakefront close to the Harbour. The banks are high, the beach wide, the outlook over lake superb. Band concerts here on moonlit summer evenings are without compare.

GEORGE'S SQUARE This resting-place lies midway between the lake and the Grand Trunk Railway station. It is a delightful grove of old and stately pines. The property was presented to the town for park purposes by the late Colonel George King Chisholm.



WILLIAMS STREET



A new park of some four acres has recently been secured to the town by the acquisition of the old Horticultural and Agricultural Exhibition Grounds. It is proposed to make this an ideal Recreation Park, with proper provision for cricket, lacrosse, baseball, running track, bowling green, tennis courts, etc., and for winter use a large outdoor skating rink. It is further planned to remodel the building now on the ground and make it suitable for indoor athletics of all kinds, including gymnasium, skating rink with heated dressing rooms for both sexes, and arrangements for entertainments of various kinds, such as lectures, stage performance, dancing, etc. The whole



✓ IN THE HARBOUR

proposition is unique in Canadian municipal undertakings. According to the plan now in progress of being carried out the Council is expected to vote a considerable sum towards the necessary outlay and upkeep and the balance requisite is to be secured by subscription. In order that arrangements and regulations may not be subject to the whims of changing municipal councils it is intended that the management shall be placed in the hands of a permanent Board, on which the Council will, of course, be represented. A number of prominent residents have already subscribed a substantial amount and a general subscription has been opened.

THE BAND

Those who have heard the Oakville Band resound its praise. Those who have yet to hear it have a musical treat in store. Mr. W. H. Tuck is Bandmaster, and has with him some thirty members, each of whom is a musician trained to his own instrument. On summer evenings concerts are given at Lakeside Park, where lake and music make combined attraction.

CHURCHES

Pleasing architecture is a feature of Oakville's churches. There are five. *Methodist*, Rev. Thomas Dundop; *Anglican*, Rev. H. F. D. Woodcock; *Presbyterian*, Rev. J. E. Munro; *Roman Catholic*, Rev. Father Savage; *American Methodist Episcopal*, Rev. Joshua Wickard Edgchill.

CLUBS

The Oakville Club is a select organization that is a credit to and a pride of Oakville citizens. It is open to both sexes. Membership is by ballot. Expenses are paid by membership fees and dues. The Club House, which presents a pleasing exterior of shingle-finish, is situated on the river's eastern bank near to the Harbour. Without, there is a boathouse for



AT THE WILD DAM

members, bowling green and tennis courts; within there are rooms for social gatherings, card rooms, dancing room, bowling alley, billiard tables, reading room, and all the perquisites of a well-furnished club. Mr. F. A. Prime is President, Mr. W. S. Davis, Vice-President and Mr. H. L. Read, Secretary.

Besides the Oakville Club the town has its full quota of athletic clubs, covering every variety of sport.

RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS

The main line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and Hamilton passes through Oakville, making connection at these points for all parts of the country. Fourteen passenger trains stop at the Oakville station daily, giving opportunity to reach the near-by cities at almost any hour of the day or night.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has running rights over the Grand Trunk System on this division, and while its passenger trains do not stop here its freight trains do, making it a competing point with the Grand Trunk.

The Canadian Northern Railway is about to construct a line from Toronto to Hamilton, which it is understood will pass through Oakville and thus further increase the town's rail facilities.

The Hamilton Radial Railway has an hourly service between Oakville and Hamilton. A radial line from Toronto now reaches Lorne Park, but nine miles from Oakville, and it is promised that this will be completed to Oakville at an early date.

RESIDENCES

No town in Canada is so uniquely and so advantageously situated as a place of residence as is Oakville. Lying midway between Toronto and Hamilton—less than twenty miles from either city—it becomes in these



THE LIGHTHOUSE

days of rapid transit but a suburb of the two greatest cities in the Province of Ontario. Little over half an hour takes one by railway or tram to these cities and this time will be appreciably lessened as facilities increase, while an hour's easy run by auto takes one to either place.

It will not be many years until Toronto's population reaches the million mark, while Hamilton's growth as a manufacturing city is fast making it one of the great industrial centres of the world. As these cities grow and become congested the demand for suburban homes will constantly increase and more and more will come the desire to live away from the hustle, bustle, heat and dust of the tumoiling city—to be able to reach the city daily for business hours and when the day's work is done to practically step into a complete change of atmosphere where clear air and happy surroundings will offset the strenuous work of the business day. This cannot be found in the city itself; but miles away, and yet it must be somewhere that affords all of the many modern city conveniences. Oakville not only completely fills all these requirements but it is so close to the near-by cities that advantage may be taken of theatres, concerts and all the many evening enjoyments of a

great city and the return home made by the after-theatre trains, while students at the University, Conservatory of Music and like institutions may daily attend and yet be home at night.

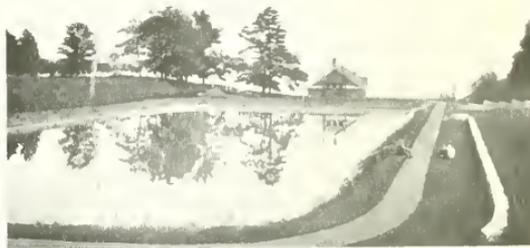
In summer and winter alike Oakville is ideal. In summer time the Oakville Beach makes one of the most delightful bathing resorts—both lake and river are alluring to lovers of the rod—an excellent boathouse affords canoes, rowboats and sailboats for those who do not possess their own, while the bowling green, tennis courts and near-by golf-links offer their special attractions. In winter time skating, curling and all the bracing, health-giving sports of Canadian winter life are to be had. At home in Oakville one seems as if a thousand miles from stifling city life and yet in actuality is but a step away.

As is natural with the wonderful strides being made by



OAKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Toronto and Hamilton, Oakville's population (now about 2,500) is rapidly increasing and property values are steadily going upward, and as the residential property in the almost adjoining cities soars in price, there will be a corresponding upward tendency in Oakville real estate. Yet, always, no matter how the near-by cities grow or how congested they become, Oakville from its very position will remain truly suburban, and there will be opportunities for the securing of real villa homes—homes that in so-called suburban city lots would run into prohibitive prices.



FRUIT GROWING

THE RESERVOIR

Not even the wonderful Niagara Peninsula nor the famous Annapolis Valley can excel the Oakville District in the raising of fruit. Apple, plum, pear and cherry orchards for miles around not only make a veritable forest of trees, but they produce fruit of the highest grade to be found anywhere in Canada. Vineyards abound, yielding grapes of all varieties. In all directions may be found acres upon acres of highly cultivated bushes bearing blackberries, raspberries, black and red currants and gooseberries, while more strawberries are grown in this section than in any other part of the Dominion. Each year the area under yield is growing rapidly and the cultivation becoming scientifically better. In no part of Canada is there such opportunity afforded for investment in fruit lands as in this district, not only because the location and soil are peculiarly adapted to the growth of fruit, but because the great cities of Toronto and Hamilton give immediate markets for everything produced. The completion of the permanent paved roadway between Toronto and Hamilton will still further augment the great advantages of this district to fruit-growers, farmers and market-gardeners by enabling them to utilize motor-trucks to the fullest extent in the transportation of their produce to market.

MARKET GARDENING—FLOWERS

Owing to the proximity of Toronto and Hamilton, the vicinity of Oakville enjoys the most advantageous position in Canada as a place for market gardening and the cultivation of flowers for sale in the two great cities, where the demand is greater than the supply and the prices correspondingly good.

Mr. John Cavers, the well-known horticulturist, has his famous Douglas Gardens at Oakville, and already there are others here who find paying business in flower culture, while vegetable-raising is combined with fruit-growing with highly-profitable results.

SMALL FARMS—CHICKEN RAISING—SQUAB INDUSTRY

Like the Niagara Peninsula the Oakville District is rapidly becoming a centre for small farms, which, through high cultivation and scientific utilization, are proving far more profitable than the old-fashioned hundred-acre farm where unscientific methods were employed.

Not only are these farms devoted to fruit and vegetable growing, but also to the raising of chickens, which, with eggs at present prices and the high market value of poultry, proves a very paying enterprise.

With the marvellous growth of Canadian cities there has come a strong demand for squab. Very few in Canada have entered this business, but now at Oakville Mr. P. A. Bath has established a pigeon farm and is breeding thousands of Garneaux pigeons, a Belgian bird of large size, the young of which are reputed as the finest known squab. Large buildings have been constructed for the pigeons, the most approved nest arrangements have been adopted and modern contrivances of all kinds utilized. It indicates but another development of the small farm for which no district in Canada is so advantageously situated as Oakville.



THE OAKVILLE CLUB





A CORNER ON COLBORNE STREET

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THE ROBINSON HOME

OAKVILLE LAND INVESTMENTS

Land has been the safest form of investment since the world began. That it will so continue is certain. Canada to-day is offering the greatest opportunities for land investment of any country in the world. Nowhere in Canada is investment in land more certain to prove profitable than midway between the rapidly growing cities of Toronto and Hamilton. This is the Oakville District. A perusal of this booklet proves Oakville to be one of the beauty spots of Canada and pre-eminently suited for the building of country homes. Good roads and better transportation facilities are being advocated for this

District by those in high authority. This indicates advance in land values and means that the present is the time to buy.

Probably the best investment just now is in acreage property,—acreage that will in a few years be reckoned by the foot. Five acres planted in fruit will soon become more than self-sustaining and will at the same time, be an ideal country home, the value of which cannot be estimated. The increasing population of Toronto and Hamilton demand a greater supply of fruit and vegetables every year, and with this increased demand, prices of both land and produce must advance.

As is indicated by their advertisement, which appears at the end of this booklet, Messrs. Robinson & Chisholm, of Oakville, are making a specialty of providing small acreage farms. They recently purchased the well-known Morrison estate property, comprising some two hundred acres of the very best of fruit land to be found in the Oakville district. It is conveniently situated and in the best neighborhood. They have divided this property into holdings of five acres each. These holdings are meeting with ready sale. The purchasers are mostly Toronto men of moderate means who wish to live in the country and at the same time

have easy access to the city. They have also a number of larger farms: Fruit farms, Stock farms, Dairy farms, Grain farms, and farms that can be used for any and all of these purposes.

On the lake front they are offering some especially attractive properties, varying in size from three to thirty acres. The total available lake frontage is limited, but it is so desirable for summer residential property that it is being rapidly taken up notwithstanding comparatively high prices. The date is not distant when it will be impossible to secure lake frontage property anywhere between Toronto and Hamilton, excepting at practically prohibitive prices. Also they have several very desirable properties on the Lakeshore Road, in the heart of the best country-home district. A few years hence these properties will command almost any price asked. Just now they can be secured at moderate figures. In the town itself they can meet the desires of everyone in the way of building lots and attractive residences.

Both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Chisholm are natives of Oakville, and know the town and surrounding country thoroughly. Their business covers all branches of real estate and they are in a position to offer some of the best propositions to be had in the Oakville District.

THE OAKVILLE AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION AND HORSE FAIR

Annually the Trafalgar Agricultural Society gives an Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibition at Oakville, and this has now become also a Horse Fair which brings lovers of equerry from all parts of the country.

And the Fair is worthy their coming.

Although Oakville District is pre-eminently horti-



ON THE MORRISON ROAD



PUBLIC SCHOOL

cultural and agricultural, nevertheless it has always held high place in the raising of stock and its position in this regard has recently been enhanced by capitalists who have come to Oakville to live and who have purchased properties which they are utilizing exclusively for the raising of high-grade cattle. But even to a still greater extent is the district known for its horses in which from its earliest days it has taken exceptional pride. Of late years great stimulus has been given through the efforts of a number of prominent and wealthy Toronto men who have made Oakville their home and who have put time and money into the breeding of pure-bred horses until Oakville to-day is known over the Province almost as well for its horses as for its fruit.

Nowhere in Canada, not even at the great annual event at the Toronto Armouries, can a finer exhibition of the best in horses of all classes be seen than at the Oakville Fair, and here is the advantage of the open air movement. Horses from the adjoining counties and cities are exhibited—prize-winners of national and international fame, and among them Oakville itself is well represented, carrying off many a red ribbon. From the Emmisclare Farm of the Oakville District Mr. H. C. Cox, with whom Mr. Hugh Wilson is interested, sends some of the purest-bred horses in Canada, while from the Oakville Farm of H. Giddings come such famous horses as "Wicker," "Wire In" and "Warwhoop," the last-named being the 1911 King's Plate Winner.

In cattle and sheep also the section near to and about Oakville is proudly represented, the Holstein cattle from Mr. E. F. Osler's Lakeview Stock Farm and the Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Dorset Horn Sheep from the Forster Farm being among Oakville prize-winners in evidence.

One of the interesting features of the Oakville Fair is the annual procession by all the pupils from all the public and separate schools of the Town and County, who march from the Town Hall to the Exhibition Grounds,

where prizes are given to the successful school children competitors in singing, map drawing, freehand drawing, writing, sewing, fancy-work, etc., grain, fruit and flower collections, etc., and in horseback riding and the like.

The attendance at the Fair, which a few years ago was but in the hundreds, now runs into many thousands and the old Exhibition Grounds have become too small. The Society has in consequence purchased some ten and a-half acres admirably situated on the west side of the river on the line of the Radial Railway. Here, in time for the next Fair, will be built a splendid and modernly-arranged Main Building, large Stock Buildings and other structures, horse ring grand stand and fine entrance gates. In short, the grounds are to be made worthy the Exhibition. Heretofore the Fair has been held for only two days each Fall, but from this on there will be three days of Exhibition. Special railway excursion rates are procurable by all visitors.

The election of officers of the Trafalgar Agricultural Society takes place annually at Oakville and after the election a Banquet is given which is one of the greatest yearly events of the County of Halton. Representatives of the Provincial Government, of the Ontario Agricultural College and other men of note in agricultural, stock and farm pursuits and fruit growing come from all parts of the Province and instructive speeches and talks are given.

The 1912 Officers of the Society are:— A. S. Forster, *President*; Alfred Hillmer, *1st Vice-President*; Jas. N. McGregor, *2nd Vice-President*; J. L. Hewson, *Secretary-Treasurer*; W. S. Savage, and P. A. Bath, *Auditors*. There is a board of nine active and eight honorary directors.

THE OAKVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Like all horticultural societies throughout the cities, towns and villages of Ontario, the Oakville Society is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture of the Province. Subject to the Ontario statutes in respect thereof each



CANOEING ON THE RIVER



A HARBOUR SCENE

to which in many instances municipal grants and private donations are added.

The Oakville Society with W. S. Savage as *President*, W. H. Robinson, *1st Vice-President*; J. B. L. Grout, *2nd Vice-President*; R. F. Sanderson, *Secretary-Treasurer*, and such horticultural workers as Mr. John Cayers, Mrs. L. V. Cote, Mrs. W. A. Buckle, Miss M. Robertson and a score of others, has been making most gratifying progress. But the Society is handicapped by lack of funds, there being no municipal grant and that from the Government being very small. The last annual report of the Provincial Government shows the Oakville Society in receipt of but \$144 of fees for the year (\$1 per member) and but \$50 Government grant, a total of only \$194, while the actual expenditure ran into a total of \$252, making a shortage of \$58. The \$252 was thus expended: Seeds, bulbs, plants and civic improvements, \$120; lectures and periodicals, \$45; remunerations, \$20; other expenses, \$67. It is to be hoped that during the coming year the public spirit of the town will more potently manifest itself in respect of this most laudable enterprise. Many Ontario towns have become places of floral beauty through the hearty and substantial support of their horticultural societies. Oakville should be second to none.

The Oakville Floral Guild is a worthy auxiliary of the Oakville Horticultural Society. Its membership

local society makes its own rules and regulations, but largely these are made uniform in character by exchange of ideas through the Ontario Horticultural Association which annually holds convention in Toronto and to which the various local societies send delegates who elect officers and generally consider questions of horticultural interest.

The object of the Ontario Horticultural Association and of the many local societies throughout the Province, is to study horticulture and to impart such knowledge of the subject as will result in the beautifying of homes and municipalities. The expenses of the societies are met by membership fees and under certain prescribed conditions by Government grants



WHERE LAKE AND RIVER MEET

is made up of children who pay ten cents a year membership fee and in return are given flower seeds and are taught in flower and plant culture, prizes being given to those who prove most proficient in floral production. Mrs. John Cavers, President of the Guild; Miss Georgina Madden, Secretary-Treasurer, and a number of other Oakville ladies are devoting themselves energetically to the inculcation of floral knowledge and floral thought in Oakville's children. Every girl and every boy in Oakville should join the floral guild.

AUTOMOBILING AND DRIVING

There are few places anywhere that can be made centre for such delightful rides and drives as Oakville. Back from the lake the country is gently rolling, the roads are excellent and what with fruit farms, wooded groves, and turbulent brooks, the scenery for miles about is an ever-varying, never-ending charm. The lake shore drive is beautiful beyond description. Negotiations are now in progress for the building of a permanent

paved roadway over the Lakeshore Road through Oakville at a cost of some six hundred thousand dollars. When this is accomplished it will be without equal on the continent. Irrespective of this the Lakeshore Road is being rapidly well macadamized all along its line and will shortly form one of the best and most delightful roadways for automobiling and driving to be found in America. For those with motor-cars this has much meaning both in the matter of pleasure and the question of quick runs to the city.

BOY SCOUTS

Until less than two years ago Oakville had no Boy Scouts. In April, 1911, however, Mr. F. H. Chisholm, at the urgent request of Mr. H. G. Hammond, of Toronto, the Provincial Secretary of the Boy Scouts, set himself to the task of interesting the Oakville people in the Boy Scout movement, and by incessant and arduous work has succeeded in bringing into active organization one of the best trained and best equipped Scout troops in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Chisholm's first move was to secure a Scout Council of able and representative men and a Scout Master who knew the work and how to impart his knowledge to boys. An admirable Council was secured, but the finding of a thoroughly qualified Scout Master proved a difficult undertaking and first efforts were not completely satisfying. It was not until more than a year had passed that Mr. Chisholm was successful in securing a Scout Master with all the knowledge, vim and energy the work demands. This summer however, he was finally successful in persuading Mr. John Cowan, Deputy Registrar of the Surrogate Court, Toronto, who resides in Oakville to undertake the onerous duties.



FACTORY BANK





THE GRIST MILL — AN OLD LANDMARK

Mr. Cowan had been for years identified with military and scout work in Scotland and came into the work here with a knowledge and an enthusiasm that from its very beginning made his success assured. Through him the boys have become imbued with an *esprit de corps* that has made their organization a living entity. They have caught his keen enthusiasm and have thrown themselves into the work with a heartiness and an earnestness that is worthy the ideals of General Baden-Powell's great organization of which they now form part—an organization that tends to the better physical development and the moral uplifting of every boy who has the good fortune and the honour of being a member.

Under Mr. Cowan's direction drills are held weekly, instruction is given in first aid to the injured, in ambulance work, in signalling and in all the many requisites to the achievement of the high aims of the Boy Scout organization. In furtherance of this great work illustrated lectures of an educational character are given and the whole work is made entertaining, instructive and highly moral. The Troop has now a bugle band which is under the able instruction of Oakville's Bandmaster, Mr. W. H. Tuck.

The following is the 1912-13 Council: J. C. Morgan, M.A., *President*; P. A. Bath, R. S. Wilson, C. A. Page, M.D.; Rev. J. E. Munro, Rev. H. F. D. Woodcock, W. H. Tuck, J. M. Wallace, L. V. Cote, E. T. Lighthourne, John Cowan, *Scout Master*, and F. H. Chisholm, *Secretary*.

SOCIETIES

Free Masons, Oddfellows, Foresters and the other many fraternal societies are well represented in their Oakville lodges.

The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, widely known as a great international fraternal insurance society, selected Oak-



THE PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS

ville as the best place in all Canada for the location of their Orphans' Home. This Home is but a link in the Foresters' systematic arrangement for the care of children of deceased members—an arrangement of the Order's own conception, one that bespeaks the very heart of brotherhood and that is worthy the emulation of every other fraternal society. It is the care from a general fund and by the Supreme Council of the Order of all Forester orphans in real need all over the world. Wherever such child may be found, his or her case, having first been duly considered by a proper Local Court Committee and found to merit the Society's care, is reported through the Local Court to the High Court and thence to the Supreme Executive, where decision is made as to disposition. Sometimes the child is brought to the Oakville Home, even from distant points in Canada and the United States and far-away places in the Old Land; sometimes the child is placed in some religious or other institution of which the Order has knowledge of particular fitness; sometimes, and often where the mother still lives, a regular allowance for the maintenance and education of the child is paid the mother through the Local Court which systematically reports in respect thereof. But, no matter what the particular arrangement may be, each child from the day it comes under the Supreme Executive's care, is considered as a distinct individuality to be personally looked after by the Foresters' Superintendent of Orphans, who not only keeps in touch through the Local Court, but commences a course of direct correspondence with the child which is kept up until the passing from the Order's charge—and afterward, for through the years of letter writing the far-away child has come to know the unseen Superintendent as a



THE RAILWAY STATION



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friend for life. Nor is this all—the Superintendent of his own initiative, has inaugurated a system of letter-writing between the orphans themselves in their various locations so that they keep in brotherly and sisterly touch with one another, and this is not only proving educative, but it must and does create a bond of world-wide friendship far-reaching in beneficent results.

In furtherance of the idea of individual care of these scattered orphans, the I.O.F. has also created a Trust Fund which is called the "Orphans' Happiness Fund" and which is sustained by voluntary contributions. Each individual birthday anniversary, and Christmas Day for all, are remembered and by means of the Happiness Fund each and every orphan receives a birthday and a Christmas gift that comes, as it were, from a loving parent who is gone. In addition to this prizes are sent to those who are successful at school, thus stimulating their industry in study. There are some seven hundred children scattered over the world who thus daily have the Foresters' guardianship and care.

The children at the Oakville Home have the Superintendent's personality more closely with them because

here the Superintendent resides and they are daily with him. The Oakville Home is beautifully situated on the west bank of the river, and it is in reality a *home*. The children (now some fifty in number) attend the Oakville Public and High Schools and thus become one with the other children of the town, while at the Home they are as one big family, each one of whom receives the fatherly and motherly care of those in charge—more, they have all the advantages usually found only in high-class residential schools in the way of properly-regulated physical exercise, athletic training, boyish sports—and kindly-administered discipline. Still further—the land pertaining to the Home (some twenty-three acres) is an actual fruit farm, with greenhouses and outdoor floral and vegetable culture added, and here practical training is given in scientific soil production. That home studies are not neglected is evidenced by the fact that all of the six children from this Oakville Home who wrote at the last High School Entrance examination passed with honour, two of them being first and second in the Oakville school and first and third in the big County of Halton.

The Superintendent of the Oakville Home and of all the near and far-away Forester Orphans, is Mr. J. C. Morgan, M.A., upon whom the success of this great orphanage administration chiefly depends. Mr. Morgan, who is a Double Gold Medalist of Toronto University, was Superintendent of Education for Simcoe County, Ontario, for thirty-six years. He brought to his orphanage work an extraordinary knowledge of child life and child education and a gift to impart. He is a disciplinarian, but a kindly one. His love of children is innate with him and is reciprocated. He is fond of art and music, is a practical horticulturist, a believer in technical education, a lover of all that is good and a hater of ill. It is impossible to conceive of one better fitted for this sacred charge of child life.





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ENGLISH CHURCH



ST. ANDREWS CHURCH



METHODIST CHURCH

The actual worth of his work is told in the healthy, happy faces of the children at the Oakville Home and the loving, child-like letters that come to him as their personal guardian from the many hundred children away.

Mr. J. W. West, as Bursar, and Mrs. West, as Matron, take an active part and a keen interest in all that concerns the Oakville Home and are ably assisted in this work by Mr. and Mrs. P. Casburn.

Apart from the I. O. F. Orphanage Superintendency, Mr. Morgan is one of Oakville's best and most prominent citizens, is member of the Board of Education, President of the Oakville Boy Scouts' Council, and otherwise actively identified with the affairs of the municipality.

NEWSPAPERS

Three weekly newspapers are published in Oakville—"The Star," "The Record" and "The News."

"The Star" is the oldest paper in Oakville. It was first published as "The Argus." The name was afterward changed to "The Express" and in 1883 it took its present name. "The Star" is independent in politics, is devoted to local interests and is an indefatigable advocate of good roads. Mr. A. S. Forster took hold of the paper in 1880, at the age of seventeen, and has remained its editor and publisher continuously since. Mr. Forster is Reeve of Oakville, President of the Trafalgar Agricultural Society and active member of the Good Roads Association, to which he devotes much time and energy. He and his paper have been potent factors in the negotiations for a permanent paved roadway between Toronto and Hamilton, passing through Oakville, which now seems assured of success. An up-to-date job printing plant is conducted in conjunction with the paper.

"The Record" was founded about thirteen years ago. It has been owned and edited by Mr. William J. Fleuty since the first of May, 1907. Under its



Temperance Hall, erected 1843—a gift to Oakville at that time from Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Thomas Leech. Held in trust for the town by life trustees who name their successors.

present management it has earned the reputation of paying particular attention to the town's municipal affairs, and for taking a foremost place in its advocacy of measures that tend to build up a greater Oakville. The Record bears the distinction of being the only Liberal Conservative paper in the County of Halton. It enjoys a large subscription list and the office is thoroughly equipped for turning out fine job printing.

"The News," which is the organ of the Liberal party in Oakville, was started by its present owner and editor, Mr. Gerald G. Mitchell, in 1907 as a little four-page (47x22) paper printed on a Gordon press. It has been enlarged each year until to-day it is a seven-column, eight-page paper, the largest size of any paper in Oakville, and is printed on one of the latest cylinder power presses. The job department is especially well equipped both in presses and type. A large staff is employed in printing of all kinds, from posters to high-class book and pamphlet work.



MANUFACTURERS

Oakville has been so generally referred to as a summer resort and as a residential town that neither outsiders nor townsmen themselves have taken into serious consideration its many advantages as a manufacturing centre. Yet it has such great advantages in this regard that manufacturers are awakening to the fact and more and more this will be the case. Moreover, the situation is such that factories may be built and manufacturing carried on without interfering with or prejudicially affecting Oakville's enviable reputation as a place for homes.

Oakville offers to manufacturers one of the best shipping points in the Province, both by rail and water. It offers cheap power, the cost of electricity being furnished at about the same figure as in Hamilton, which has, because of its power facilities, become one of the greatest of manufacturing cities, besides which at Oakville



A RESIDENTIAL RIVER LAWN WITH WARE

factory; Carson & Son's planing mill and sash and door factory; Davis & Doty, builders' supplies; The Oakville Pressed Brick Works; Patterson's cider mill; The Oakville Fruit Evaporating Company; Whitaker's carriage works; Ashbury's flour mill; and the Oakville Bottling Works (carbonated waters).

YACHT BUILDING

In early times, before the days of railways, Oakville was one of the best known shipping points on the Great Lakes. Grain and produce of all kinds was teamed to Oakville from the country for miles around to keep filled the five large warehouses then at Oakville Harbour, and the Harbour itself was ever replete with ships coming for cargo and departing with their loads.

Shipbuilding was started and rapidly Oakville shipyards became famous for the excellence of the boats that were here designed and built. In 1861 Captain James Andrew, who was born in Scotland and there had his

there is direct water-power. It offers factory sites at nominal cost; it offers low assessment valuations and low taxes. As a fruit-growing section it affords special advantages to canning factories; as a place for homes for both employers and employees it is unrivalled, if equalled, in the Dominion of Canada.

At the present time the following factories are in active operation: The Ware Manufacturing Company, Limited; the only manufacturers of aluminium kitchen utensils in the Dominion of Canada; The Marlatt & Armstrong Company, Limited, Tannery, established 1854, one of the largest tanneries in Canada, and manufacturers of fine leather for auto and carriage tops and patent leather shoes; Glassco's, Limited, manufacturers of jams; The Oakville Basket Factory, makers of all kinds of fruit and other commercial baskets; McDermott's barrel



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early training, became identified with Oakville's shipbuilding and afterwards opened up his now-celebrated shipyards. He was soon renowned among sailors and shipmen as the builder of the fastest craft upon the lakes.

With the building of railways and the adaptation of steam to boat propulsion, the demand for sailing vessels became less and less, until it ceased to be a factor in the great question of transportation. But, though the great shipbuilding of Oakville thus became a thing of the past, yachting became more and more a national pastime and Captain Andrew's fame as a builder of fast sailing ships made him sought for in the building of racing yachts. It was an easy and natural step from the building of sailing ships to the making of yachts and the Captain soon became as widely and favourably known in this later work as in the former vocation. His Oakville shipyards are to-day known to all yachtsmen on the Great Lakes of Canada and the United States.

It speaks for itself that almost without exception the winning yachts of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club have been built by Captain Andrew. *The Canada* and *The Invader*, winners of the Canada Cup; *The Crusader*, *Minota*, *Beaver*, *Stratheona*, *Zorayo*, *Temeraire* and many other yachts of international fame were built by Captain Andrew at his Oakville shipyards.

Mr. C. G. Marlatt, Ex-Commodore of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and now Chairman of the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes, an international association, one of Oakville's most prominent citizens, is owner of the *Aggie*, one of the yachts designed and built by Captain Andrew which has won fame. The *Aggie* was built as far back as 1888, but the excellence of its design and its seaworthy qualities are yet in evidence as it is still unvanquished, being the winner of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club Championship for yachts of the First Division in the annual races of 1909, 1910, 1911 and 1912, against boats designed by Fife, Watson, Payne and other world-famous designers.



ON THE RIVER

At his Oakville shipyards Captain Andrew still builds other boats than yachts, now including tugs and small steamers. It is an industry of which Oakville is justly proud.

MERCHANTS

Oakville's stores are exceptionally good. They carry full lines of merchandise, are ably conducted and merit much greater support than they are getting. There is an inclination with many people to buy in Toronto or Hamilton. Some things can perhaps occasionally be bought to greater advantage in those cities, but in the great majority of cases the local merchants can give as good or better values. These local merchants are fellow-townsmen and, other things being equal, should be given preference. Whenever one can, it is a duty to buy at home. It helps to build up the town and to make a living for friends and townsmen instead of increasing the profits of some city dealer who has no interest in the welfare of either Oakville or its people.

CHARTERED BANKS

There are three Chartered Banks in Oakville: The Merchants Bank of Canada, of which Mr. H. L. Read is local manager; The Bank of Toronto, Mr. J. B. L. Grout, local manager; and The Bank of Hamilton, Mr. W. S. Davis, local manager. These Banks afford every banking facility to merchants, manufacturers and others.

HOTELS

Oakville has two licensed hotels, the Gibson House and the Murray House. They are well equipped to look after the travelling public and summer boarders. Besides these hotels there is a Temperance House and a number of private boarding houses which afford excellent quarters for summer guests.



THE BEACH - LAKESIDE PARK





LOOKING LAKEWARD

To meet the great influx of summer visitors and provide for the entertainment of touring motorists, the town is further to have an Inn, fashioned after the Old Country Inn of coaching days, but fitted with modern luxury. Mr. H. F. Harrison, of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, has purchased a considerable block of land overlooking the lake and has already let the contract for the building of the Inn. It will have some thirty to forty bedrooms, large dining-room and rotunda and wide verandahs. It is promised that the Inn will in every way be in keeping with the requirements of a high-class establishment. An ample garage for tourists' motors will be built in connection.

MAKE OAKVILLE YOUR HOME

Residents of Toronto and Hamilton who are considering the question of either a summer resort or a permanent suburban home will meet with opportunities and advantages here that for them cannot elsewhere be equalled.

People in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, who contemplate making Canada their home will find that with comparatively small investment of capital greater advantages and much more desirable living may be had in the Oakville District in the Province of Ontario, than can be secured in the much-vaunted Canadian West, great as the opportunities there undoubtedly are.

A letter to Mr. W. E. M. Crawley, Town Clerk, Oakville, Ont., will secure information on any desired point.



"EDGEWATER," ON THE LAKE



A LAKESIDE HOME



A LAKEFRONT RESIDENCE.



HOME OF MR. W. S. DAVIS



"BALSAM LAWN"



GRENVILLA LODGE—A LAKE-SHORE HOME



A TYPICAL OAKVILLE HOME

The Country Home Idea

THE idea has become general. In fact, almost every man has the desire for "a little place in the country." Oakville is naturally Toronto's and Hamilton's country home district. The question is just what to select.

Is a fifty-foot lot outside the city with a house on it, surrounded by other fifty-foot lots with houses on them, any more desirable than the city lot with a house on it? Can the "little place in the country" idea be carried out on a town lot? It cannot be done. "Life in the country" includes a cow, a pony, chickens and an abundance of fruit, vegetables, milk and eggs, and these at first-hand. Five acres of the right kind of land make a snug little farm. Five acres will keep a hired man busy and pay his wages, besides supplying the owner with all that makes life in the country enviable.

ROBINSON & CHISHOLM are the pioneers of the Country Home Idea at Oakville. They are selling five-acre holdings with frontage on the "Morrison Road," which road, a mile long, they are presenting to the Township of Trafalgar. The Morrison Road is one of the beauty spots of the Oakville district, and a five-acre holding facing on it is something worth while— it has the making of a real country home. In a very few years it will be impossible to obtain anything like this within reasonable distance of either Toronto or Hamilton.

Write or telephone what train you are coming by and we will meet you at railway station, drive you over town and to see our properties. Examine our properties before you make choice.

ROBINSON & CHISHOLM, *Real Estate and Insurance Brokers*, (Phone 458), OAKVILLE, ONT.



ONE OF THE COUNTRY HOMES ON THE MORRISON ROAD PROPERTY

The Writing of Booklets: An Advertising Specialty

THIS is an age of Specialization. Doctors, lawyers, mechanics, electricians, artisans of all kinds, business men, everyone, specialize. It pays to devote one's self to special work and employ other specialists for work that pertains to their special knowledge.

The writing of booklets for advertising purposes is a business of itself. Business men cannot afford time, thought and energy necessary to proper preparation of booklets and special advertising. The mind preoccupied with other affairs misses the secret of successful presentation.

Advertising pays, and booklet advertising is one of the most profitable forms; yet much money is constantly wasted in such advertising. There are many causes of non-productive advertising which may be overcome by the advertising specialist. The mistake may be in saying too much, or it may be in not saying enough. An artistic advertisement may lose effect by bad wording and a well-worded one by untoward appearance, while poor printing may ruin both. Money spent may be practically lost because of economy in paper and ink—a common error in booklet work. Twenty per cent. saving in materials may mean one hundred per cent. loss in effect, and as a result the booklet, or whatever it may be, finds its way to the wastepaper basket instead of the desk.

Is your advertising a success? If not it will pay you to utilize our services. We specialize in writing and publishing booklets and preparing special advertising. We give special attention to the writing, preparation and publishing of booklets for towns and cities.

GRIFFIN & GRIFFIN, Office of Lakeside Press, 1548 Queen Street West, TORONTO, CAN.

Capital: \$5,000,000

Rest: \$6,000,000

The Bank of Toronto

HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO, ONTARIO

115 BRANCHES IN

ONTARIO, QUEBEC AND THE WEST

IN OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT Interest is added to balances twice a year. Sums small or large (\$1.00 and upwards) may be added to your balance at any time.

The Bank's large resources (\$57,000,000) assure you of safety. Loans made to responsible people. Cheques cashed. Drafts and Money Orders sold. Travellers' Cheques and Letters of Credit issued. Every convenience of modern banking maintained for the use of customers.

D. COULSON, *President.*

W. G. GOODERHAM, *Vice-President.*

JOSEPH HENDERSON, *2nd Vice-President.*

THOS. F. HOW, *General Manager.*

J. B. L. GROUPE, *Manager of Oakville Branch.*

The W. S. Davis Real Estate Business

MR. W. S. DAVIS, the leading Real Estate Agent, has been instrumental in locating many of Toronto's and Hamilton's best citizens in Oakville and the surrounding district.

If you want a lakefront lot, a choice residential lot with fine trees, a furnished cottage for the summer, a small fruit farm or a dairy farm, Mr. DAVIS can furnish you with just what you want, and the price will be right.

Mr. DAVIS' office is in the Davis Building, on Colborne Street. Write or telephone him for an appointment. Long Distance, Oakville 41.



A BRANTWOOD SURVEY BUNGALOW

Brantwood Survey

SOME months ago a Syndicate purchased some two hundred acres (known as the Anderson Farm) at the easterly end of the town. This they have sub-divided into building lots. Streets have been put through the property, miles of cement walks have been put down, roads have been graded, water mains laid, and new sewers are being constructed.

These lots are beautifully wooded and are restricted to high-class residential homes. The situation is ideal: ten minutes' walk from the Grand Trunk Railway station and ten minutes' walk from the lake. A number

of fine homes have already been erected and many more are being arranged for.

There is no place in Oakville or the surrounding district which offers such present opportunity for those who desire to have a country town home within ready reach of Toronto or Hamilton.

Parties contemplating the purchase of property in or about Oakville should make an investigation of the Brantwood lots and look into the exceptionally reasonable terms on which they may be secured, before making any decision as to location.

W. S. DAVIS, Oakville, is the exclusive selling agent for this property.



WATSON AVENUE - BRANTWOOD SURVEY

OAKVILLE is fortunate in having among its professional men, an eyesight specialist of more than ordinary ability.

We refer to THOS. NISBET, who is an honor graduate of the Canadian Ophthalmic College, Toronto, and of the Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology, Chicago. He has served a number of years as optician for John Wanless & Co., Toronto, and also for the Winnipeg Optical Co. People suffering from headache, nervousness and defective vision, frequently come to Oakville from distant points to consult this noted specialist, and have their eyes properly fitted with spectacles or eyeglasses.



THOS. NISBET, OPT D



THE NISBET HOME

ONE OF OAKVILLE'S OLD-EST AND MOST ATTRACTIVE RESIDENCES, NOW BEING REBUILT ON LAKE ONTARIO TO THE ABOUT THE YEAR 1850 BY THE LATE REV. JAMES NISBET. THIS PLACE, ONE OF THE OAKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

MR. NISBET is also the local representative of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., and proprietor of Oakville's leading Musical Emporium, where lovers of music can obtain anything in that line from a Jews Harp to a Player Piano and at prices as low as in any of the large cities.

A visit to this attractive store and optical parlor will be found by all to be a pleasant, entertaining and profitable pastime.

The
James N. McGregor Business

ALWAYS in all cities and towns there is some particular store which everyone recognizes as the place to go for the best goods. The Hardware store of JAMES N. MCGREGOR enjoys this distinction in Oakville.

MR. MCGREGOR'S business, however, is not confined to Hardware. He has also a separate



HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

store devoted to Stoves, Furnaces and the like. He has a large building for his tinsmith business and plumbing trade. He has a large warehouse for general stock storage.

Hardware, Paints, Oils, Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Tinsmithing, Plumbing and Heating, Builders' Supplies and everything allied to the trade, can be secured of the best quality and at lowest prices at Mr. McGregor's stores.



STOVE DEPARTMENT

The Ware Manufacturing Company, Limited



Aluminium will not crack, chip or burn. Aluminium heats three times as quickly as any other ware, thus saving time and fuel. Aluminium is the lightest material and so is easily handled. Aluminium never rusts nor tarnishes; it is always as bright as silver. Aluminium is the most easily cleaned of any material. Aluminium is sanitary. Aluminium utensils are not only better than any others but in the long run are much cheaper, for while manufactures of other ware have constantly to be mended or replaced by new goods, aluminium goods last a life time—aluminium simply does not wear out. Aluminium ware will outwear any ware.

The WARE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, commenced business in Oakville in 1910, and so great has been the demand for their goods that they have already had to increase their factory. The Company gives promise of becoming one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Canada. Oakville was selected as the place to start the business in Canada because of its shipping facilities and other advantages.

Ask your dealer to show you Oakville Aluminium Ware.

THIS is an industry in which Oakville leads all Canada. Here only in the Dominion of Canada is Aluminium Ware manufactured.

Aluminium is recognized as the most suitable material yet known to the world for the manufacture of cooking utensils. Granite ware superseded tin goods for kitchen use. Aluminium is taking the place of both. Aluminium has all the advantages of tin and granite ware and none of their disadvantages. It has many advantages that neither of them possess.



IN THE R. B. BARCLAY STORE

The R. B. Barclay Business

MR. R. B. BARCLAY is the head of what is now the longest established store in Oakville.

In 1849, when Oakville was a great grain shipping port, Mr. John Barclay built a large grain warehouse and in connection with it a large general store. When the railways usurped the grain trade, Mr. Barclay concentrated his energies in his store, which became one of the largest and most successful establishments in this section of country. Mr. R. B. BARCLAY,

son of John Barclay, was brought up in the business and eventually succeeded his father.

The R. B. BARCLAY BUSINESS to-day is a Specialized Business, being devoted to DRY GOODS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS AND CLOTHING.

Long experience has made Mr. BARCLAY a recognized judge of quality in the lines of goods which he handles and the financial standing of the house enables him to buy at close figures, the advantages of all of which are reaped by his customers.

The long and continued success of this business may be attributed to four things:—
Good goods, close prices, courtesy, satisfied customers.

W. H. Hawkes, Builder and Contractor

THERE are three important things to be taken into consideration in giving out a contract for a building. They all have reference to the Contractor:—

- (1) His capability.
- (2) His trustworthiness.
- (3) His financial standing.

Mr. HAWKES' record in Oakville as a Builder and Contractor gives positive assurance as to all these points.

Mr. HAWKES makes a specialty of stair-building and hardwood finishing. He gives personal attention to all details and is prompt in execution of undertakings.

Get an estimate from Mr. HAWKES.



The Merchants Bank of Canada

THERE are over one hundred and eighty Branches of this Bank in Canada, Oakville being one of the locations.

The Bank has a paid-up Capital of \$6,600,000, and a Reserve Fund of \$6,000,000. Its assets exceed seventy millions of dollars.

Special attention is given to Savings Accounts. One Dollar opens an account, and additions may be made at any time in sums of one dollar upward. Interest is allowed at highest bank rate and added twice a year without application or presentation of Pass Book. No

delay in withdrawals. Two or more persons may open a Joint Account and arrange to withdraw by individual receipt.

Commercial Letters of Credit, Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques issued, available in all parts of the world.

Bank Drafts and Bank Money Orders sold. (This is the cheapest and best way of forwarding money.)

Cheques, Drafts, Express Orders, Postal Money Orders, etc., cashed.

Loans made to merchants, manufacturers, farmers, live stock dealers, municipalities and school sections.

All forms of banking business transacted and customers afforded every modern facility.

Head Office: Montreal. *SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN, C.V.O., President; JONATHAN HODGSON, Esq., Vice-President; E. F. HEDDEN, Esq., General Manager; T. E. MERRITT, Esq., Superintendent of Branches.* Mr. H. L. READ is *Manager of the Oakville Branch.*

The Grocery Trade of Gordon Wilson

FEW places even in the city carry the full line of high-class Groceries, Flour, Grain, Seeds, Fruit, Provisions, etc., to be found at GORDON WILSON'S Oakville store.

The WILSON business was established in 1871 by HENRY WILSON, father of the head of the business to-day. The store has an enviable reputation, not only in Oakville but throughout the Oakville district, and this has been gained by close attention to customers' wants, by careful buying, and by supplying the best goods at the lowest possible prices.

Those who have not yet become WILSON customers will find it profitable and pleasant to deal with him.



The Bank of Hamilton

THE BANK OF HAMILTON, incorporated in 1872, is one of the strongest financial institutions in Canada.

The Bank has a paid-up Capital of two million seven hundred thousand dollars, a Reserve Fund of over three million dollars, and Assets of over forty-four million dollars.

Travellers' Cheques and Letters of Credit are issued. Cheques are cashed and Money Orders sold. Loans are made to merchants, manufacturers, and other responsible parties.

In the SAVINGS DEPARTMENT special care is given to customers' interests. Accounts of one dollar and upward may be opened and added to at any time in sums of one dollar or larger amounts. Interest is added twice a year. Convenient arrangements exist for withdrawals.

A general banking business is conducted, and all modern banking conveniences provided for customers.

THE BANK OF HAMILTON is thoroughly represented by Branches throughout the Dominion of Canada, which give it exceptional collecting and exchange facilities.

The Oakville Branch is in the Davis Block, on Colborne Street, and is one of the handsomest offices in town.

Head Office: Hamilton. SIR WILLIAM GIBSON, *President*; J. TURNBULL, ESQ., *Vice-President and General Manager*. MR. W. S. DAVIS is *Manager of the Oakville Branch*.



THE GIBSON HOUSE

The Gibson House

THE GIBSON HOUSE, substantially built of brick, is centrally located on Oakville's main street. But a block from the river, and within three blocks of the lakefront, it is most conveniently situated for summer visitors and tourists who wish to enjoy the delights of Oakville's aquatic pleasures.

The House has fine, large bedrooms, baths, hot and cold water, large dining room, good writing room and attractive parlours.

Commercial travellers will find sample rooms and every commercial convenience.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Independent Order *of* Foresters

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