

Beautiful



Oakville

OAKVILLE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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"Nor rural sights alone, but rural sounds,
Exhilarate the spirit and restore
The tone of languid nature."

—WM. COWPER.

1897

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MAYORS OF OAKVILLE

SINCE 1857.

1857-'62	G. K. Chisholm.	1884-'87	Geo. Andrew.
1863-'65	W. F. Romain.	1888-'91	John Urquhart.
1866	G. K. Chisholm.	1892	Geo. Andrew.
1867-'70	John Barclay.	1893	Thos. Patterson.
1871-'72	W. McCraney.	1894	W. H. Young.
1873-'74	G. K. Chisholm.	1895	C. G. Marlatt.
1875-'83	P. A. McDougald.	1896-'97	W. H. Young.

OAKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

FOR 1897.

W. H. YOUNG, Mayor.

A. D. CHISHOLM, Reeve. CHAS. F. DOTY, Deputy-Reeve.

Ward 1—W. H. Morden, D. Ford, Geo. Hillmer.

" 2—H. Shaw, G. H. Morden, E. Hillmer.

" 3—Jas. Hunter, Jas. Ford, A. S. Forster.

R. BALMER, Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR 1897.

CHAS. A. BRADBURY, Chairman.

John Barclay

Wm. Busby

John Ion

Thos. Andrew

E. Bray

Wm. Whitaker, sr.

C. B. Patterson

Wm. Forester

C. Armstrong

H. Wilson

C. W. Coote


S. B. GANTON,

Secretary.



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**"The wandering mariner, whose eye explores
The wealthiest isles, the most enchanting shores,
Views not a realm so bountiful and fair,
Nor breathes the spirit of a purer air."**

 **W**HERE the Sixteen Mile creek empties into Lake Ontario, forming an excellent harbor, and midway between Toronto and Hamilton, twenty miles from either of the two principal cities of the province, is situated this charming summer resort, the subject of our sketch.

Oakville is an incorporated town with a population of about three thousand, and noted for its many natural attractions.

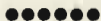
... THE TOWN ...

is situated in the heart of the district famous for strawberries, grapes, peaches, plums, pears, apples and other fruits. It was in this district that the cultivation of strawberries on a large scale for the markets was first introduced into this province, and to such proportions has this industry grown, that the annual output is said to exceed three-quarters of a million of quart baskets, and during the berry season it is not unusual for as much as three carloads to be shipped by train or boat in one day.

Oakville being essentially a summer resort, manufacturing is not encouraged to the same extent that it is in less favored localities. There are, however several extensive works conducted here, the tannery of Marlatt & Armstrong, and the Oakville Basket Factory each requiring the services of a large number of men during the entire year. There are also lumber mill, planing mill and factory, two roller flour mills, the STAR newspaper and printing house, carriage factory and electric light plant.

The streets are shaded by rows of maple trees, many of which were planted

nearly half a century ago, by men to whose foresight Oakville is indebted for the reputation which it now enjoys of being one of the most beautiful and picturesque towns on the continent.



THE PARKS.

ORCHARD GROVE

situated alongside the harbor, is a favorite resort for camping and picnic parties. Its maple trees and grassy slopes, fanned by the lake breezes, make it a most desirable resting place.



GEORGE'S PARK

is situated in the centre of the town and occupies an entire square, has grand old shade trees, pavilion for public gatherings and band stand.

CHURCHES.

There are six churches in which service is regularly held, comprising Episcopal, Roman Catholic, two Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian.

SOCIETIES.

The leading fraternal societies are represented by flourishing lodges, the names and times of meeting being as follows :

Golden Rule Council, No. 60, R. T. of T.—each Friday evening.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C.—first Tuesday on or before new moon.

Oakville Lodge, No. 132, I. O. O. F.—each Monday evening.

Court Oakville, No. 64, C. O. F.—first and third Wednesday evenings in the month.

Oakville Lodge, No. 242, A. O. U. W.—second and fourth Thursday evenings.

Oakville Lodge, No. 272, I. O. L.—first and third Wednesday evenings.

Court Trafalgar, No. 1099, I. O. F.—last Thursday.

White Oak Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

SCHOOLS.

In addition to the Public Schools, is the High School with an efficient staff of teachers.



AMUSEMENTS

are provided in their season by Tennis, Hockey, Cricket, Baseball and Bicycle clubs.

The Commins Music Hall affords ample accommodation for dramatic entertainments, concerts, etc. This magnificent building is constructed of ornamental pressed brick, and is elegantly fitted with all the latest improvements in scenery, drop curtain, folding chairs, steam heat and electric light.



THE HORTICULTURAL GROUNDS

are located in a convenient portion of the town, and are provided with a commodious pavilion, horse ring, etc. At the annual fairs held here, not only are fruits and flowers shown in almost endless variety, but agricultural products equalling in quality the best in the land.

HOTELS.

There are in the town five good hotels, which entertain visitors at very moderate rates. Even this number would be insufficient for the accommodation of summer visitors, were it not that many private residences in the town and suburbs are open to boarders who desire a quiet and retired resting place in the holiday season.



LIVERY AND BOATING.

Those desirous of visiting the many beautiful drives in the vicinity will always find suitable carriages at moderate prices.

Pleasure boats are also kept to rent, and a pleasant evening can be spent on the river or on the lake in one of the numerous small craft to be had for a trifle.



The Steamer Greyhound makes three round trips daily during the entire summer season between Oakville and Toronto, and is a favorite with those who enjoy a trip by water.

THE RAILWAYS.

The Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways, which pass through the town, afford ample shipping and travelling facilities, there being not less than thirty passenger trains daily, and it is expected that in the near future electric railways will be in operation between Oakville and the cities of Toronto and Hamilton.



SURROUNDINGS.

In addition to the suburban residences of retired business men and others, can be seen many magnificent farm houses, nestling cosily in pretty groves, which with well kept lawns and beautiful flowers present ever-varying scenery that excites the admiration of thousands of visitors. The excellent farming lands in the vicinity are utilized in dairying, the production of fruits, grain and fat stock.

An important industry being the feeding and exporting of fat stock, prominent among stock men are Messrs. Morrison & Anderson, whose shipments to the old country markets each year exceed twenty thousand dollars.



OAKVILLE—LOOKING FROM THE PIER.



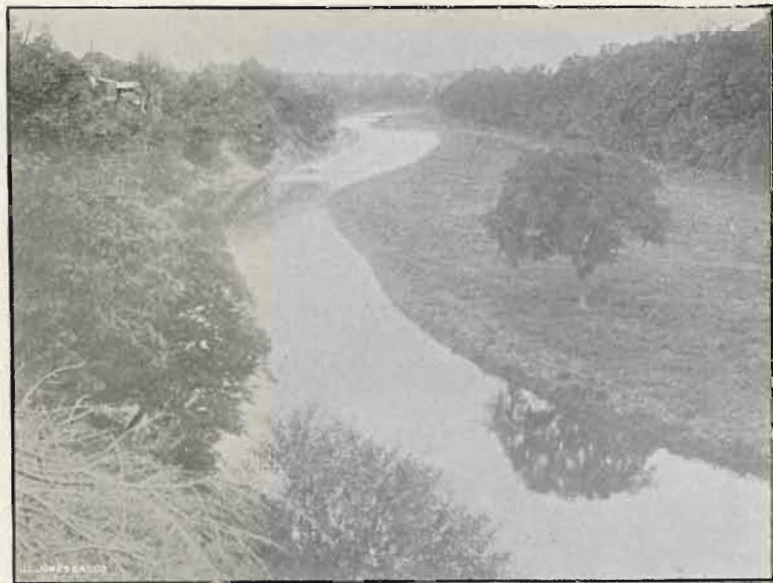
COMMINS MUSIC HALL,
W. C. COMMINS, PROPRIETOR.



GEORGE'S PARK—LOOKING EAST.



OFFICE OF
C. W. ANDERSON AND SON, BANKERS.



THE SIXTEEN—BELOW THE ISLAND.



METHODIST PARSONAGE.



NAVY STREET—LOOKING SOUTH.



PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOLS.



LAKE FRONT—FROM THE PIER.



ROBINSON BROS.
GENERAL DRY GOODS, ORDERED CLOTHING.



"WESTWOOD,"
RESIDENCE OF CLAUDE C. HEAVEN.



W. H. YOUNG,
FURNITURE STORE.



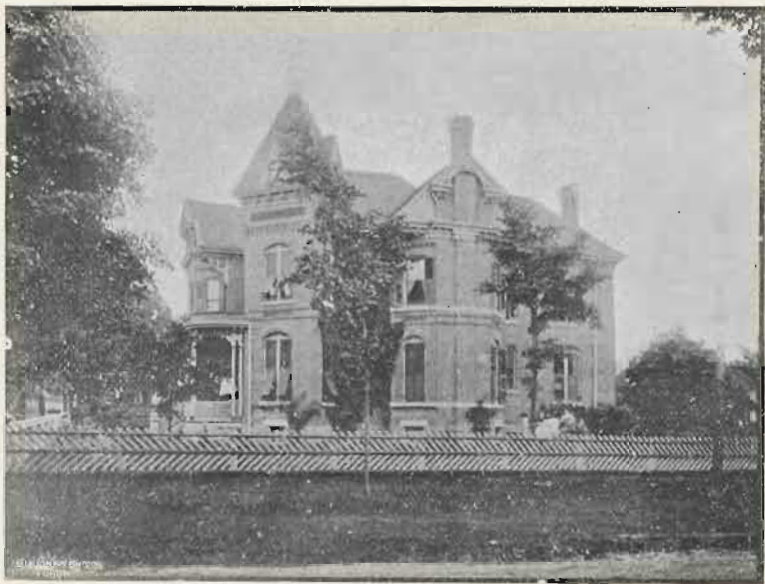
OFFICE OF THE STAR,
A. S. FORSTER, PUBLISHER.



"GLEN PROSEN,"
RESIDENCE OF THOS. PATTERSON, J. P.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE TOWN.



RESIDENCE OF C. G. MARLATT.



DAM AND RAILROAD BRIDGE—LOOKING WEST.



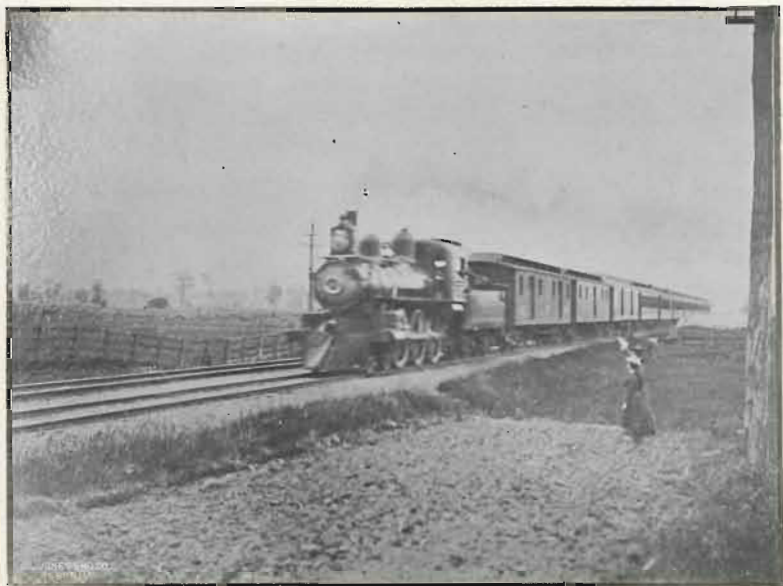
THE MORDEN FUEL CO 'S OFFICE,
W. H. MORDEN, MANAGER.



ST. JUDE'S CEMETERY.



J. BARCLAY'S GENERAL STORE,
ESTABLISHED 1853.



FIRST C. P. R. TRAIN TO PASS THROUGH OAKVILLE,
8.33 A. M., JUNE 29, 1897.



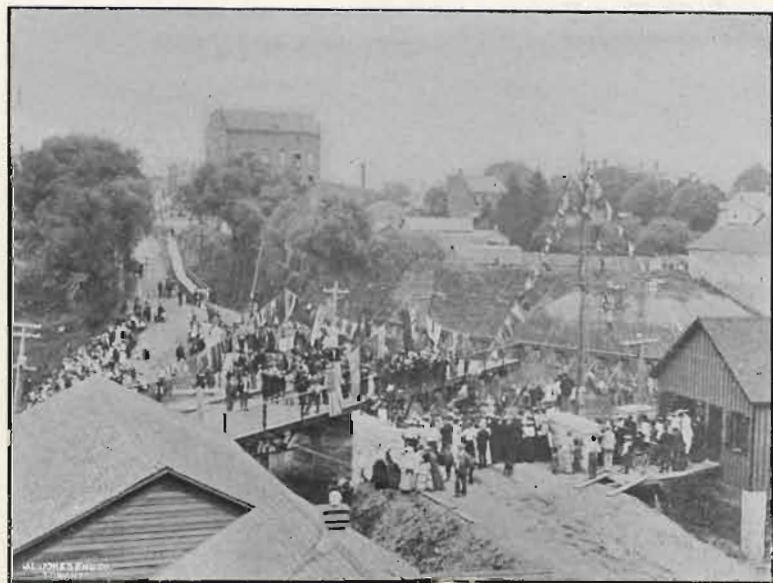
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COLBORNE STREET—LOOKING WEST.



ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL,
C. H. STRONG, PROP.



OPENING OF ABERDEEN BRIDGE,
SEPTEMBER 18, 1894.



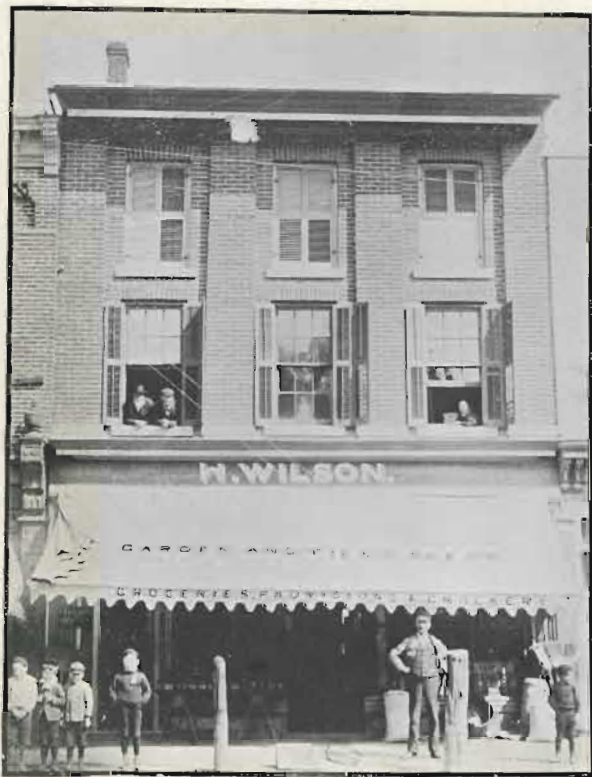
PETER KELLEY'S FURNITURE STORE.



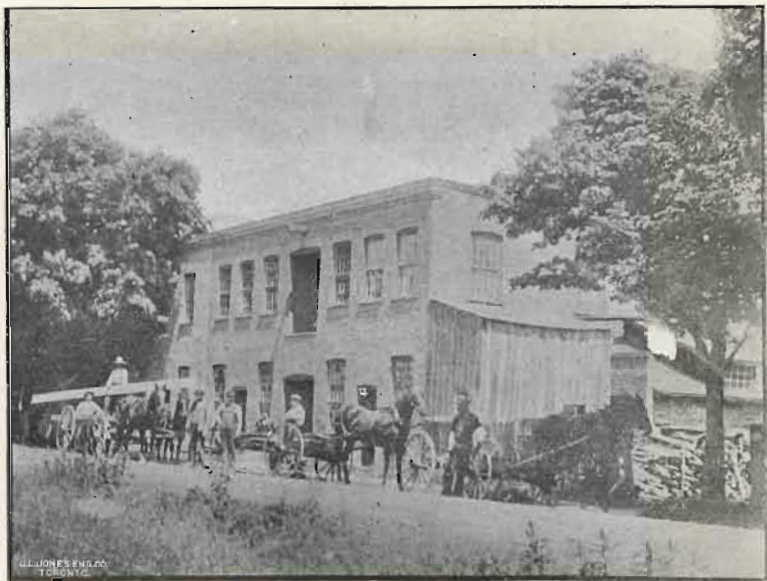
COLBORNE STREET—LOOKING WEST.



"CEDARHURST,"
RESIDENCE OF ROBT. HOWES.



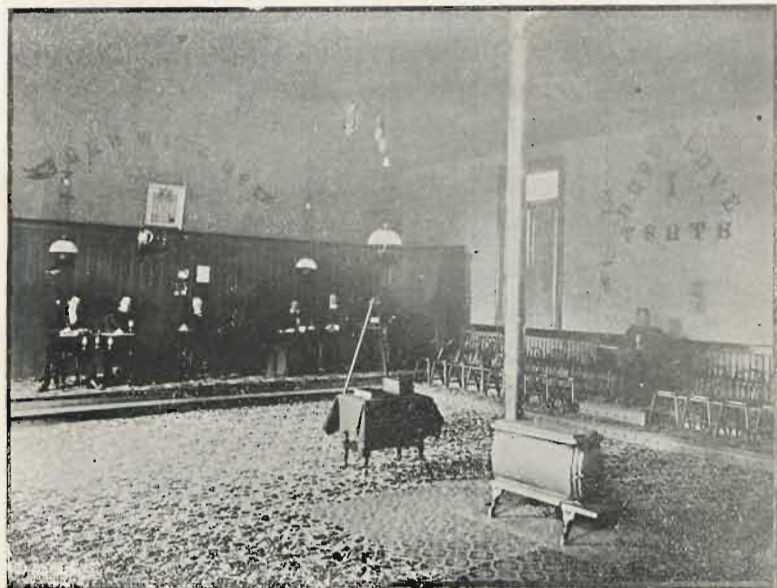
H. WILSON,
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.



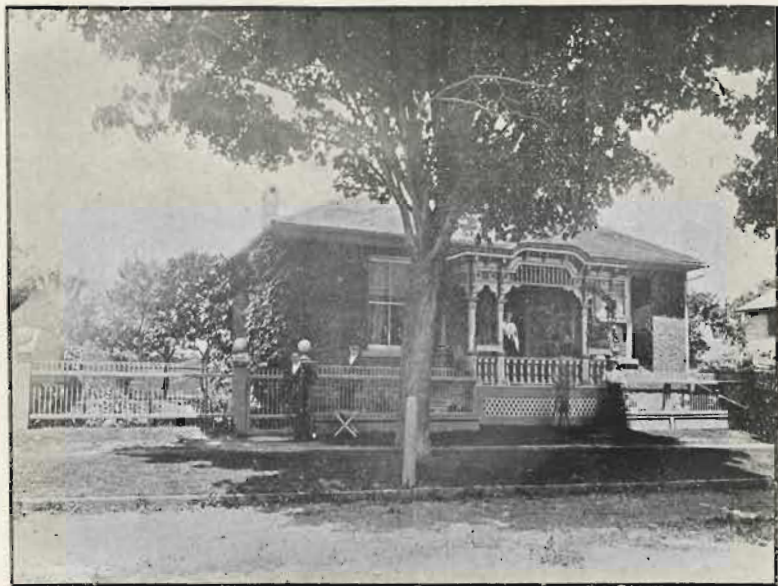
CARSON'S PLANING FACTORY.



MORRISON AND ANDERSON'S HERD OF FAT CATTLE
ON THEIR STOCK FARMS.



OAKVILLE TEMPERANCE HALL,
ERECTED A. D. 1842 BY THE TEMPERANCE REFORMATION SOCIETY.
THE FIRST TEMPERANCE HALL BUILT IN ONTARIO.



"MAPLEHURST,"
RESIDENCE OF GEO. ZILLER.