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## BUILDING OPERATIONS OF 1879

Building operations for the year 1879 in Peterborough, fell considerably short of those of the year previous; in fact, short of those of any year for some time previous. We give below a list of the principal buildings erected during the year. It will be seen that the aggregate expenditure-----up to about \$60,000. No doubt there are some omissions in this list, but we fancy it will be found to give an approximate idea of the growth of the town during the past twelve months.

Repairs and improvements were made in the schools during the year to the extent of over \$500. Mr. John Alford was the contractor.

Mr. D. W. Dumble erected a brick cottage at a cost of some \$1,300. The work was very nicely finished by Mr. Alford, Contractor.

Mr. Bradburn, who purchased the Clifford place on Dublin St.- expended \$500. on its improvements, under superintendence of Mr. Lasher.

A house on Aylmer Street was similarly reorganized at a cost of \$250?.

A handsome brick terrace was built by Mr. Bradburn on Charlotte Street, near the Railway station. It is of white birch two storeys with a mansard roof and comprises three tenements. The work was done under the direction of Mr. Lasher, and the cost some \$5,000.

A new wing was added to the residence of Mr. D. W. Dumble, which adds greatly to its appearance. The work which was done by Mr. A. Rutherford, cost \$1,500. Other improvements to the extent of \$125. were also made.

A house was completed for Mr. James Reid, by Mr. A. Rutherford at a cost of \$500.

The new boat house built by Mr. Rutherford cost \$50.

Work done by Mr. Rutherford on the town block, new band stand, &c., amounted \$825.

Mr. F. Bell has commenced a dwelling house on Hunter Street; when completed it will cost \$2,000. Builder John Alford. J. E. Belcher, Architect.

A rather neat dwelling house was erected for Mr. Walter Nesbitt, on Hunter Street. Cost \$2,000. Complete with bath, gas, etc. Builder Mr. John Alford. J. E. Belcher, Architect.

The new Post Office, situated on the corner of George and Brock streets, for R. A. Morrow, Esq., has a aggregate frontage of 180 feet. This building is an ornament to the town, is three stories high, and designed in the French Classic style with arcaded ground story from which spring pillasters supporting a paneled frieze and medallioned cornice with ballustrade and pedimented windows, being roofed with a mansard roof, having neatly designed cast iron crestings and to the facade on George street a central tower. The ground floor occupied by the Post Office and other offices, which have fire proof vaults; the upper floors being, with the exception of two office rooms, entirely devoted to the requirements of the Peterborough Club, and consist of reading rooms, billiard room, visiting rooms, secretary's room and bed rooms. Nearly the entire of the building is heated by hot air from two of Gurney's furnaces, and water is supplied at the landings by means of pipes for the use of the club. The cost of the entire, including the Post Office, heating &c., amounted to over \$10,000. The works were executed by Messrs. Rutherford & Gamble, contractors, from the plans and under the superindendence of J. E. Belcher, Architect and Engineer.

Adjoining the Post Office building, T. Bradburn, Esq., has re-modelled, and ----- made new, the hotel occupied by Mr. T. Turver, by building to it a handsome brick front, three stories high, having bold cornice and mansard roof with Dormer windows, thus increasing the accomodation by two additional stories of bedrooms. Credit is due Mr. Lasher, the builder and designer. We are informed that during the extensive alterations, the business of the hotel was not suspended for a single day. The outlay amounted to \$2,500.

St. John's Church school house, completed during the spring of last year, is in the Gothis style. The walls are of white brick, strengthened with buttresses, it has an apse ended chancel and robing rooms and entrance porch; the ceiling is of timber panelled and supported by arched ribs all decorated in stencil work; the internal walls are parti-colored brickwork, tuck pointed; the rose windows in the eastern, western and southern gables are filled with stained glass of appropriate design; all the woodwork of fittings is stained and varnished; the building is heated by one of Gurney's hot air furnaces, and cost complete \$2,800. Mr. A. Rutherford was the contractor, and the planswere supplied by J. E. Belcher, Architect and Engineer.

The new bakery buildings, on Water Street, are an extension of the Old Post Office, the property of Mr. George Dunford. In the new building there has been erected a new patent oven for the purpose of biscuit manufacture, which,as well as sweetmeats, are being extensively manufactured by the leesees of the premises, Messrs. Hall & Ostram, who have had the most complete machinery for the purpose, including a steam engine erected by Mr. William hamilton of this town. The cost of the building, exclusive of the machinery, is \$1,700, the contractors being A. Rutherford and P. McNamara, Architect, J. E. Belcher.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic School House, completed early last year, on Murray street, is a --- white brick building, having a frontage to the street of 72? feet. It is admirably adapted to its requirements, special regard being had to heating and ventilation. The rooms are lofty and spacious and the hall and - - - - - - was the finest court room he had seen in the province." The entire cost, including heating, furnaces, water, gas, furniture, &c., amounted to about \$8,000. The contractor was Mr. Alford. The architect, Mr. John E. Belcher, County Engineer.

The new mill of Mr. J. Z. Rogers - at the east end of the Otonabee Bridge - was completed in January of last year. It is a very substantial structure and admirably arranged in its mechanical departments. There are two turbine water wheels of 40 and 70 horse power, and the cutting capacity is about 40,000 feet in ten hours. It was built by the propiator and cost some \$9,000.

Mr. LaFranc put up a two story brick residence on Lake Street, Ashburnham, at a cost of \$1,500. Mr. A. Rutherford was the contractor.

Mr. Joy added to his building on Mark Street, Ashburnham, at a cost of some \$200.

Mr. C. Young built an extension to his store on Elizabeth Street, Ashburnham. The work was handsomely done by Mr. Angus McPherson and cost something over \$500.

Mr. Samuel Price has erected a nice villa about two miles outside the Town, in Otonabee. Cost complete with hot air furnace, water tanks, &c., \$1,700. Builder, A. Rutherford, Architect J. E. Belcher.

The Mortuary Chapel, Little Lake Cemetery, completed the beginning of last year, is a neat structure in the Gothic style, having an octagonal bell turret at one corner surmounted by a spire with wrought iron terminal, the walls are of white brick having buttresses and supporting a high pitched roof, the timbers of which are all exposed and consist of arched, moulded ribs, supported from corbels in the walls, wrought rafters and diagonal sheeting all stained and varnished, and having a pretty effect; the roof of porch and vestry are similarly treated; the end windows in the gables are richly ----- and are intended for memorial glasses, the side windows have cusped gothic arched heads; the internal fittings are designed to correspond; the lateral walls are all tuck pointed, no plastering being employed in the building. The building has been erected at a cost of \$?,000. by Messrs. Rutherford & Stanton, contractors, from the plans of Alfred J. Belcher, Architect and Engineer. The surrounding ground has been tastefully terraced and laid out by Mr. John Kelly, the Caretaker of the Cemetery.

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