



BIRD'S EYE VIEW IN 1891.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CARIBOU.

It is a favorite saying that Caribou has as much energy to the square inch as any other town in the United States, and when we consider that Caribou has grown more rapidly than any other large Aroostook town and bear in mind the fact that the growth of Aroostook County in population and valuation within the past decade has been so phenomenal as to have challenged the attention of the nation, it is not at all difficult to accept that saying as the plain, unvarnished truth. The residents of Caribou are not only energetic, but are public-spirited and united also, and as they have the most implicit confidence in the future of their town they do not hesitate to vote large sums of money for the development of local resources. Many practical examples of their liberality in this respect might be cited but one will suffice, and that the voting of \$2,000 per year for twenty years to secure the building of a dam across the Aroostook River. This is an enormous outlay for such a town as Caribou but it is that kind of liberality which is really the truest economy and it furnishes an impressive rebuke to the "penny wise and pound foolish" policy which is the curse of too many New England communities. Many substantial advantages have already been gained by the building of this dam and if any of Caribou's residents had doubts of the wisdom of its construction they must already have been dissipated. As this is by far the most important of the public works carried out in Caribou up to the present time, we will refer to it in detail in another portion of this sketch.

The location of Caribou has been described as "very remote and yet extremely favorable" and there is considerable justice in this description, although so far as "remoteness" is concerned Caribou's location is superior to that of many other Aroostook towns, its possession of railway facilities bringing

it practically much nearer the great distributing and trade centres than many towns considerably nearer to them, reckoning by actual distance. Caribou is situated in the northeastern part of Aroostook County and is bounded on the north by Connor, on the east by Limestone and Fort Fairfield, on the south by Presque Isle, and on the west by New Sweden, Woodland and Washburn. It is 54 miles north-northwest of Houlton and is the terminus of a stage route from that town, via Presque Isle, stage lines running also to New Sweden, Van Buren and Perham. Caribou is on the New Brunswick Railway, and being at the extremity of the long loop formed by that road in its line from Presque Isle to Fort Fairfield is about midway between those points by rail. Its area is the same as that of those towns, both being double townships and Caribou comprising what were formerly Forestville Plantation and Lyndon, or "II" and "I" townships and Eaton grant. The town is twelve miles long and six miles wide, and its surface, soil and climate are all highly favorable to agriculture, Caribou being one of the best farming towns in the country. It is in the centre of a vast and highly productive agricultural region and profits by that fact both directly and indirectly although the present profit is but an earnest of what may reasonably be expected in the near future. The township is excellently watered and contains many valuable water powers in addition to the truly magnificent one afforded by the damming of the Aroostook River. This stream enters the township at a point near its southeast corner, passes up through the southern half to the centre of the town, then turns abruptly to the southeast and passes out, crossing the eastern boundary line at a point a little south of its middle. Caribou Stream flows into the town from the west and empties into the Aroostook River at Caribou Village, near the centre of the town, while the Little Madawaska River enters the township from New Sweden, passes out into Connor on the north, re-enters Caribou after making a small loop and flows east and then south, finally joining the Aroostook River a short distance from Caribou's eastern boundary. Both the Caribou and the Madawaska furnish excellent power for saw, shingle, grist and woolen mills, and their waters have been utilized for such purposes for many years, the first grist and saw mills having been built in 1844, a year after the settlement of the town. It is said that the Caribou Stream is made to do as much work as any water-course of its size in the State, and this may readily be believed, there being four dams across it within a distance of a half a mile from the village. There are excellent mill privileges on the Little Madawaska River, some two miles east of the village. Mills have also been located on Otter Brook and there are other small streams capable of affording power to a limited extent. But all the small water powers in town are as nothing compared with that furnished by the damming of the Aroostook River, this being conceded to be the finest water power in the country, east of the Penobscot River. We have referred to the great enterprise, determination and confidence exhibited by the residents of Caribou in pledging \$2,000 a year for twenty years to secure this vastly important public improvement and a brief description of it may properly be given in order that non-residents may be able to form some idea of what Caribou is doing to promote her interests and attract manufacturers. The following facts are official having been furnished by Mr. H. M. Heath, business manager of the company that furnished the dam and the water works. We copy from the *Industrial Journal* of Bangor,—a paper that has done and is doing much to promote the interests of this section :

"The dam was built by Thos. J. Emery of Waterville, a veteran at the business. It is 500 feet long, 14 feet high and 48 feet wide at base. It is constructed of hemlock in lower part and cedar above with hackmatack gates and gateways. The entire dam is planked with six inch birch plank 600,000 feet of hemlock logs were used and from 800,000 to 900,000 feet of lumber in all, also 15,000 tons of ballast and 40 tons of iron. There are six gates, three on each side of the river, with protection piers at each end. One end of the dam is bedded to the ledge, and the other extends into the bank 50 feet. The dam is most thoroughly and substantially built and makes the finest water power east of the Penobscot River. It is perfectly safe to say that an average horse power of more than 3,000 is secured, as by actual computation at the time of the test, above 7,000 horse power was running over the dam. This is ample for any and all purposes, and pulp mills, lumber mills, cotton or woolen mills, with numberless smaller manufactories can be driven from this dam. The pond made by this dam is six miles long, and the New Brunswick Railway, which runs along by the side of the river has

had to be graded up from two to four feet for nearly that distance. The New Brunswick Railway Co., has offered to put in side tracks for any manufactory established on the east side of the river, and if manufactories should be established on the west side, they would cross the river for their accommodation. The railway now passes within 100 feet of the dam. On the west side there is a plateau below the dam one-half mile long and 600 feet wide, most admirably adapted for the establishment of manufactories."



THE WATER POWER OF CARIBOU.

The dam was completed in 1889, and the fact that seventy-five new buildings were erected in Caribou Village that year shows that private and public enterprise go hand in hand. The village is very favorably situated for a system of water works and those now in use were furnished by the same parties who built the dam, and as regards reliability and efficiency are unsurpassed in the entire State. The entire plant cost about \$100,000 of which \$35,000 represents the cost of the dam alone. Most of the village lies in the valley of Caribou Stream and to the north of it is a hill more than 200 feet high, this being the site of the standpipe, which is thirty feet in diameter, twenty-nine feet high and has a capacity of 150,000 gallons. It is about three-quarters of a mile from the pumping station at the dam and is connected there with an eight inch iron main pipe; the other main pipes being six inches in diameter. Numerous hydrants are located throughout the village and so well arranged that four or five streams can be thrown on to any business block. An impressive showing of the efficiency of the water works as a means of protection against loss by fire was made at a public exhibition given shortly after their completion. The fire alarm was sounded and in less than two minutes five streams were directed towards King Block, just ninety seconds having passed from the time of the giving of the alarm. Five steady streams were thrown fifty feet above the roof of the block and with a pressure of 100 pounds horizontal streams were thrown 187 feet by actual measurement, while the perpendicular streams were estimated to rise fully 150 feet. The aggregate quantity of water thrown was something immense, and it is difficult to conceive of a fire in any Caribou building that could not be promptly and effectually squelched by the means now at the disposal of the town. A Holmes water wheel furnishes the motive power for the pumps, which was furnished by the George F. Blake Manufacturing Company, of Boston. It is duplex, has twelve-inch cylinders, eight-inch main and six-inch pipe and

has a nominal capacity of 1,000,000 gallons in 24 hours, but can furnish half as much again if necessary. The water wheel is rated at 140 horse power but only about one half that amount is required to supply water enough for present consumption. This large reserve of power and the uniform reliability of the water works up to the present time under all circumstances, amply justify the confidence reposed in the system and reflects the highest credit on the skill and judgment of those who devised and constructed it. From a sanitary as well as from an economic point of view the importance of an abundant supply of pure running water can scarcely be over-estimated and the citizens of Caribou may well congratulate themselves on the excellence of the service they enjoy. The fire department is thoroughly organized, well equipped with hose and so forth, of the most improved type, and excellently managed. Mr. H. D. Collins being the efficient chief engineer. It is to be hoped that a long time will elapse before its mettle will be tried by any serious conflagration but there is every reason to believe that it will render a good account of itself even under the most unfavorable circumstances.

Of course Caribou possesses a first class electric-light plant, for it would be strange indeed if so enterprising a community had failed to avail itself of the many advantages of the modern illuminant. The Caribou Electric Light Company utilizes the Mather incandescent system and supplies several hundred lights, the larger stores etc., of the village being brilliantly illuminated. The standing of the town as a trade centre is already high and local trade interests are steadily developing, for the advantages possessed by Caribou merchants enable them to offer inducements which draw custom from all the country adjacent, and no small share of their success in this respect is due to the legitimate and honorable methods followed, "full value for money received" being the foundation upon which their trade has been established. The leading commercial and industrial enterprises of the town are treated of in detail in the pages following this sketch and a careful reading of the articles in question will enable orders to be placed more intelligently and to better advantage than would otherwise be possible. Caribou is one of the principal shipping points for potatoes and shingles, and a goodly proportion of the out of town trade enjoyed by local houses is due to this fact. With the further development of the almost unlimited resources of the adjacent country and the great improvement in railway facilities which is sure to be made before many years, the shipments at Caribou will reach so immense an amount that those of the past and present, large as they have been and are, will seem insignificant by comparison; and it is also an indisputable fact that direct railway communication over American soil to tide-water will act powerfully and quickly in the development of Caribou's manufacturing possibilities. As yet these have not begun to be availed of on any large scale, for although there are varied and important manufactures carried on in the town the wide field open here is so sparsely occupied as to seem almost empty. The more important Caribou industries include the manufacture of starch, lumber, doors, sash and blinds, woolen goods, carriages, flour and meal, harnesses, clothing, cheese, etc., and there are also well equipped foundries and machine shops, blacksmiths' shops, etc. There is an excellent opening here for one or more of the great pulp mills now being established throughout New England in general and Maine in particular and lumber, cotton, woolen and other mills could be established here under favorable conditions, the townspeople individually and as a community being prepared to warmly welcome such enterprises and give them all reasonable aid, while the railway company will lay sidings free of expense and spare no pains to furnish satisfactory transportation facilities. In this connection it is pertinent to note that there is an energetic Board of Trade in Caribou, made up of representative business men, and ready and willing to meet any responsible party half-way in enterprises calculated to add to the prosperity of the community as a whole. Mr. Albe Holmes is president, and Mr. Calvin B. Roberts is secretary of this organization, and capitalists and others wishing absolutely reliable information concerning the business opportunities at Caribou may obtain it by corresponding with the latter gentlemen, all communications addressed to C. B. Roberts, Secretary Board of Trade, Caribou, Maine, being assured immediate and painstaking attention. There is none of that pettiness and small jealousy in Caribou which hinders the development of far too many communities, the leading business men being united in their efforts to advance the common interests of the town and fully appreciating the fact that there is room enough and to spare for all practical men having capital and brains who may choose to identify themselves with this enterprising community.

The towns-people are sociable as well as energetic and industrious, and there are various associations in town including several Masonic Societies, an Odd Fellow Lodge, a Grand Army Post, and several fraternal organizations such as the Knights of Pythias and the New England Order of Protection. Another and still stronger advantage offered by Caribou as a place of residence is that afforded by the excellence of the local schools, they being very liberally supported and being unsurpassed in point of practical efficiency by any in eastern Maine. They are very largely attended also, the number of

scholars being larger than that of any other town in the county. The High School building erected in 1890 at an expense of \$14,000 is a model edifice of the kind and the school itself is one in which every public spirited citizen may well take pride, the principal, W. S. Knowlton, A. M., being one of Maine's leading educators, and the course of instruction being comprehensive, valuable and practical in the true sense of that much abused word. The local religious societies include organizations of Baptists, Free Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, Universalists, Episcopalians and Catholics, and prominent among the church edifices is St. Luke's Episcopal Church, erected several years ago and having seating accommodations for 150. It is a taste-



THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

fully designed and well constructed building 25 x 55 feet in dimensions.

We have several times referred to the high position held by Caribou as a farming town and the subject is of sufficient importance to warrant our giving a few details concerning it, especially as the mere statement that agriculture is extensively and profitably carried on here will convey but little idea of the true condition of affairs to those familiar with ordinary New England farming. The prevailing rock within the township is limestone, and the soil is a dark, rich loam which yields heavy crops of potatoes, wheat and oats. Aroostook County potatoes are far too widely and favorably known to need any eulogy in these columns, and if any one doubts that there is money to be made by their intelligent cultivation he makes a most decided mistake, as will be seen by the following examples of what has actually been done in this line: Mr. J. B. Southerland lives about three miles from Caribou Village and is one of those farmers who believe that farming, like all other industries, is a progressive art and that hard and intelligent effort and liberal but judicious expenditures are essential to pronounced success in it. In 1890 he sold from thirteen acres of land \$1300 worth of potatoes, besides using all required by his own family and putting aside enough to plant fifteen acres. After paying for phosphate, labor, etc., he had \$800 left as the net income from that thirteen acres of land. Another enterprising and successful farmer is Mr. E. A. Goodwin, who lives four miles from Caribou Village. In 1890 he sold 1900 barrels of potatoes from nineteen acres of land for \$2,500. He saved 90 barrels for seed and after paying all bills found that he had cleared about \$1500. Certainly that kind of farming pays; there is no reason why men should toil from sunrise to sunset on the stony hill-farms of New England to gain a bare livelihood when such opportunities are open to them in Caribou and vicinity.

The growth of that town since its incorporation, April 5, 1859, has been rapid and of late years wonderfully so, it having nearly doubled during the past decade while its valuation considerably more than doubled. In 1870 the population was 1,410; in 1880, 2,756, and in 1890, 4,087; while in 1870 the valuation was \$155,702; in 1880, \$337,388; and in 1890, \$780,439. These figures are obtained from official sources and are therefore as reliable as such figures can be, and they tell the story of Caribou's development so plainly and completely that they form a most fitting conclusion to this brief sketch of one of the most promising towns in by far the most rapidly developing county of the Pine Tree State.

Representative Business Men of Caribou, Me.

AROOSTOOK TRUST AND BANKING CO.

Required and Paid-up Capital, \$50,000; Authorized Capital, \$1,000,000; Caribou, Me.—The Aroostook Trust and Banking Company was incorporated by special act of the legislature in 1889, as a result of the efforts of several energetic business men and public spirited citizens actuated by the conviction that this section of the State was in need of additional banking facilities and that such facilities could best be furnished by an association of men thoroughly identified with local enterprises and thoroughly conversant with local needs and resources. The simple fact that the valuation of Aroostook county has nearly doubled during the past ten years is of itself enough to show that a phenomenally rapid development is going on and that it is the part of wisdom not to depend upon facilities, excellent in their time and excellent now so far as they go, but quite inadequate to accommodate the demands of the present day. In short, the idea of the promoters of this company was to provide a service which should supplement and not supersede that previously enjoyed, a service capable of great expansion, comprehensive in its scope, well considered in every detail, and of so efficient a character as to be assured the support of all classes. The company has a required and paid-up capital of \$50,000 and is authorized to increase it to \$1,000,000, so that it is thoroughly well prepared to extend its operations as occasion may require and to easily keep pace with the rapidly increasing demand which is a necessary consequence of the constant development practically assured to this section of the State by existing conditions. The company is empowered to do a general banking business, to act as agent and trustee for corporations and individuals, and to execute legal trusts. Every accommodation, consistent with prudent banking, is extended to its customers and it enjoys the confidence and support of the public to an exceptional degree. The representative character of the institution may be judged from the following list of officers: president and treasurer, George I. Trickey; vice president, J. Cary, M. D.; secretary, C. B. Margosson. Trustees: George I. Trickey, J. Cary, M. D., S. W. Collins, L. C. Stearns, L. W. Sawin, W. C. Spaulding, Samuel Taylor, John P. Donworth, W. H. Gray.

W. C. SPAULDING, dealer in Hardware, Paints and Oils, Iron, Steel, Stoves and Tin Ware, Glass, Sash and Doors, Caribou, Me.—In every city or town there are certain mercantile enterprises which by reason of their long standing, able management and high reputation are conceded by all to hold the leading position in their special line, and just such an enterprise is that con-

ducted by Mr. W. C. Spaulding. He is a native of Buckfield, Me., and is to-day unquestionably one of the best-known men in the county in both business and social circles. Mr. Spaulding has held the position of town clerk, and has been engaged in active business here in Caribou for about a score of years, having inaugurated his present enterprise in 1872. He is a dealer in hardware, paints and oils, iron, steel, stoves and tin ware, glass, sash and doors, and some idea of the magnitude of the business and the size of the stock carried may be gained from the fact that the premises made use of comprise three floors, each 26×105 feet in dimensions, giving a total floor-space of more than 8000 square feet. The assortment of the various articles we have mentioned is exceptionally complete and as the goods (especially the paints and oils) are very carefully selected and obtained from the most reliable sources, they will give the best of satisfaction, as indeed is well known to all who have placed orders with this representative house. Employment is given to four assistants, and both large as well as small orders are assured prompt as well as careful attention.

S. W. COLLINS & SON, Manufacturers of and dealers in Long and Short Lumber, and General Merchandise, Caribou, Me.—It is nearly half a century since the business now carried on by Messrs. S. W. Collins & Son was founded, operations having been begun in 1844 by Messrs. Vaughn & Collins. In 1858, Mr. S. W. Collins became sole proprietor, and subsequently the firm of Collins & Porter was formed, the present concern being organized in 1879. It is constituted of Messrs. S. W. and H. D. Collins, the former a native of Bangor and the latter of this town, and both being so widely known throughout this section as to render further mention quite unnecessary. The firm manufacture long and short lumber, and deal in grain, feed and general merchandise, their facilities being such as to enable them to fill both large and small orders without delay and at positively the lowest market rates. They operate a steam grist and shingle mill and also a long lumber mill, and employ from eighteen to twenty-five assistants. Their store is 25×74 feet in dimensions, and all available space is fully utilized, the stock of general merchandise being extremely large and exceptionally complete in every department, the goods composing it being obtained from the most reliable sources and guaranteed to prove precisely as represented in every respect. Both partners give the business close personal attention, and spare no pains to maintain the enviable reputation so long associated with it.

IRVING & RICKER,

DEALERS IN

Country Produce, Farming Tools,

WAGONS, SAND, LIME, BRICK, ETC.

CARIBOU, ME.

C. M. RUNNELS, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance, Main Street, Caribou, Me.—The question of where and how insurance may be placed to the best advantage is one that appeals directly to every adult member of the community, for every owner of insurable property should most certainly protect himself against loss by fire, and those who own no house, factory, store, furniture or stock of goods have special reason for insuring their life in order to protect those dependent upon them. We don't propose to argue in favor of insurance but simply to give our readers a hint how to obtain it to the best advantage and hence we call their attention at once to the facilities offered by Mr. C. M. Runnels, doing business on Main street. He is prepared to place fire insurance to any desired amount in standard companies, and to issue life and accident policies which are liberal in their provisions and absolute in the protection they afford. Full information will cheerfully be given by him on application in person or by mail, and all commissions will be promptly executed at uniformly moderate rates.

DR. BARKER, Dentist, Caribou, Me.—That it pays to take care of the teeth is a fact that every one learns by experience sooner or later, but unfortunately many do not learn it until their teeth have become so seriously injured that the most that can be done is to "patch them up" more or less perfectly. But the principle "better late than never" applies with especial force to the care of the teeth, for in the present advanced stage of dental science much can be done to preserve impaired, and restore or replace badly injured teeth, and hence, such of our readers as have been careless or dilatory in this respect should delay no longer, but submit themselves to the treatment of a skilled and well-equipped dentist, and in this connection we may properly call attention to the service offered by Dr. Barker of Caribou, for he is an expert and reliable practitioner, gentle but thorough in his methods, moderate in his charges, and possessing all necessary facilities to practice dentistry in all its branches in accordance with the most approved principles and means. Appointments may be made in advance, thus ensuring against disappointment and delay, and parties living out of town would do well to make arrangements by mail, as by so doing they will be spared unnecessary travelling and serve their own interests in every way.

J. A. AKERSTROM, Manufacturer of and dealer in Harness and Horse Furnishings, Caribou, Me.—There are some things that every man has to find out for himself as the experience of others doesn't seem to help him at all, and among these things is the fact that it doesn't pay to buy inferior harness no matter how low a price may be quoted on it. Of course it doesn't pay to give fancy prices for even the best harness, but it most certainly does pay to give a fair price for honest goods and if you want such goods at as low prices as can be named on them, just place your order with Mr. J. A.

Akerstrom and you will get them every time. Mr. Akerstrom is a native of Sweden, and has had long experience in the harness business. He was a member of the firm of Akerstrom Brothers, who succeeded Mr. E. E. Farrell in 1889, and he became sole proprietor in 1891. He is a manufacturer of as well as dealer in harness and horse furnishings, and is prepared to make harness to order or do repairing neatly and strongly at short notice and at low rates. An assortment of harnesses and horse furnishings is always carried in stock, and the goods are not only sold at low rates but guaranteed to prove just as represented.

A. M. YORK, Agricultural Tools, Sweden Street, Caribou, Me.—It is said that "a good workman is known by his tools," and this rule holds good in the case of the farmer as well as in that of the mechanic, for it is very rarely that an enterprising, progressive and successful farmer is found using inferior tools, provided, of course, that first class tools are obtainable. There is certainly no difficulty in obtaining them in this section, and what is still more important, in obtaining them at the lowest market rates, for by placing your order with Mr. A. M. York you can get agricultural tools of every description, made by the leading manufacturers and fully warranted in every respect, at prices as low as the lowest. This fact is very generally known hereabouts and as it is also known that Mr. York fills orders promptly as well as carefully it is not surprising that he should do an extensive business. He is agent for the Walter A. Wood harvesting machines and A. W. Gray's Sons threshing machines; also Soluble Pacific Guano. His store is located on Sweden street, and such of our readers as propose buying any kind of farming tools will best serve their own interests by visiting this establishment before placing an order.

MRS. A. L. IRELAND, Millinery and Fancy Goods, Sweden Street, Caribou, Me.—The establishment conducted by Mrs. A. L. Ireland is very popular among the ladies of this vicinity, and its popularity is apparently equally great among those who trim their own hats and bonnets and those who prefer to entrust that work to others, the reason being that Mrs. Ireland caters very successfully to both classes of trade, she carrying a large and most skillfully chosen stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets, ribbons, feathers, velvets, laces and millinery goods in general, besides a full line of fancy goods, and being prepared to do millinery work to order in the most artistic manner at short notice and at reasonable rates. She is a native of New York State, and has carried on her present establishment about five years, having assumed possession in 1886. The premises occupied are located on Sweden street, and have an area of about 1000 square feet. The latest fashionable novelties may always be found here, and the prices quoted are uniformly moderate, while the service is very prompt and efficient, employment being given to two assistants.

J. A. CLARK,

DEALER IN

**DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES, ETC.,
CARIBOU, MAINE.**

Mr. J. A. Clark has been an active and successful merchant here in Caribou for a number of years and now carries on what is conceded to be the leading establishment of the kind in this section, but he is even more widely and favorably known than these facts would seem to indicate for Mr. Clark is prominent in public as well as in business life, he having served as representative and as senator, and now being United States pension agent for Maine. He is a native of Corinna, Me., and served in the army during the Rebellion, with the rank of captain. The business with which he is identified was founded about fourteen years ago by Messrs. G. S. Clark & Co., the present proprietor having had entire control about five years. The store has an area of about 1000 square feet and contains a stock of dry goods, boots and shoes, etc.,

that must truly "be seen to be appreciated," for it is exceptionally desirable, both on account of the dependable quality of the goods it comprises and the attractiveness and freshness of the styles it includes. A "shopping" trip to Caribou would be considered sadly incomplete did it not include a visit to this popular store, for the public in general and the ladies in particular agree that the attractions here offered are in many respects unparalleled elsewhere. The very latest novelties in dress goods are always well represented, while the assortment of ladies' and childrens' furnishings is such as is seldom found outside a large city. Dependable foot-wear is another leading specialty and the stock is so complete that all feet can be fitted and all tastes and purses suited.

C. JENSEN, Watchmaker, and Manufacturing Jeweler, Caribou, Me.—Those who agree that a man cannot know too much about the articles in which he deals will support us in the assertion that it is always best to buy of the manufacturer if possible, and this is particularly true where jewelry is concerned, for reasons so plain and obvious as not to require mention. Hence those wishing anything in the line of jewelry, watches, etc., should place the order with Mr. C. Jensen, for he is a watch maker and manufacturing jeweler, and, although of course, he doesn't make all the articles he sells, still, he knows more about them than could possibly be known by one ignorant of the trade, as the majority of those who call themselves jewelers are. Many of our readers have doubtless learned by sad experience that it is difficult to get a fine watch properly repaired and cleaned, and they will thank us for calling their attention to Mr. Jensen's facilities, for these are of the best, and as he is an expert workman, we can guarantee satisfaction to every customer. He is a native of Sweden, and has made many friends in Caribou and vicinity by his accommodating methods and evident desire to deal honorably with all his customers. He deals in crockery and lamp goods, as well as in watches, jewelry, etc., and quotes the lowest market rates on articles of warranted merit.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, Shingle Mill, Caribou, Me.—The manufacture of Shingles is one of the most important industries carried on in this section of the State and is destined to remain so for many years to come and to develop steadily until it has reached much greater magnitude even than is now the case. Therefore it is very appropriate that it should be given prominent mention in such a book as this, and in making such mention it would never do to pass over the shingle mill carried on by Mr. William Robinson, this being a representative establishment of its kind. It has been conducted by Mr. Robinson for about three years and gives employment to from ten to fifteen hands; containing two machines of the most improved type which are run by water power. The product is very uniform in quality in the several grades, and is large enough to enable the heaviest orders to be filled at short notice, the lowest market rates being quoted at all times.

H. E. JONES, dealer in Crockery, Glassware, Stoneware and Lamp Goods, Paper Hangings and Curtains, Jewelry, Silverware, Spectacles, Eye Glasses and Fishing Tackle; American Watch Repairing a specialty; Holmes Block, Caribou, Me.—There is not a more attractive store in town than that carried on by Mr. H. E. Jones in Holmes Block, for the stock is very carefully selected, is admirably arranged, and comprises a great variety of goods that are ornamental as well as useful. And those who believe that "handsome is that handsome does" will find this store doubly attractive, for it is the home of low prices, so that its attractions can be availed of by all purses as well as by all tastes. Mr. Jones deals in crockery, glassware, stoneware and lamp goods, paper hangings and curtains, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, eye glasses and fishing tackle, carrying a full line of each of these commodities, and constantly renewing his assortment so that it always includes the latest novelties. He has carried on the establishment since 1884, and the public have long since learned that goods bought here prove just as represented, and that full value is given for every dollar received. A specialty is made of American watch repairing, the work being skillfully done at very short notice, and moderate charges being made in every case.

LITTLEFIELD & CO., Fine Custom Tailoring, and manufacturers of Ready-Made Clothing, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, and Hats and Caps a Specialty, Sweden Street, Caribou, Me.—It is but seldom that we have occasion to mention an establishment that we can so heartily and confidently recommend to all classes of purchasers as we can that conducted by Messrs. Littlefield & Co., and located on Sweden street, for there are but very few establishments that cater so intelligently and successfully to both those who have much and those who have little to spend, to those who prefer custom-made clothing and those who find ready-made clothing satisfactory. Of course, because a man wears ready-made clothing it by no means follows that he can't afford custom made garments, and indeed many buy both—ready-made for working and general wear and custom-made for dress wear—but what we want to say is that no matter how much or how little you propose to spend for clothing you cannot possibly spend it to better advantage than at this deservedly popular store, for Messrs. Littlefield & Co., not only do fine custom tailoring but are also manufacturers of ready-made clothing and carry a stock varied enough to enable all forms to be fitted and all tastes to be suited. They also carry a heavy and complete stock of gentlemen's furnishing goods, and hats and caps, embracing the latest fashionable novelties and offered at bottom prices. The store is spacious and conveniently arranged, and sufficient assistance is employed to ensure prompt and careful attention to every caller.

W. H. FISHER,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

CARIBOU, - MAINE.



ISAAC COCHRAN, Boarding House, Livery and Feed Stable, Blacksmithing, Caribou, Me.—Among the various business enterprises carried on in Caribou those conducted by Mr. Isaac Cochran deserve prominent and favorable mention, on account of their popularity and the efficiency and reliability of

their management. Mr Cochran was born in this town, and is extremely well known throughout this vicinity as an energetic and honorable business man. He carries on a boarding house, a livery and feed stable, and a blacksmith shop, and employs sufficient assistance to enable him to offer prompt and efficient service at all times. Mr. Cochran's stable contains twenty-four stalls, and during the season a large livery business is done, as satisfactory teams are furnished at very reasonable rates, and at short notice. Horses boarded here are assured good food, comfortable quarters and the best of care. In the blacksmith shop special attention is given to horse shoeing, but jobbing of all kinds will also be done in a superior manner, and at moderate rates. The boarding house is too well and favorably known to need any praise in these columns, and we will only add that Mr. Cochran gives careful personal attention to all of the enterprises with which he is connected.

E. P. GRIMES, General Merchandise and Sawed and Shaved Shingles, Caribou, Me.—The term "general merchandise" is so indefinite that but little idea of the character of the stock carried by a dealer, can be gained from the simple statement that he handles "general merchandise," the only thing surely indicated being that he confines himself to no particular branch of trade. But when used in connection with the business carried on by Mr E. P. Grimes, the term should be interpreted in its broadest sense, for his stock comprises full lines of building material, lime, brick, etc., etc., dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, agricultural tools, crockery and tinware, and notions, and as it is constantly being renewed it always includes many late and attractive novelties. Mr. Grimes was born in Lawrence, Mass., and has carried on his present enterprise about nine years, during which time it has gained a popularity second to that of no other in this vicinity. The store is located on Vaughan street, and is 40x80 feet in dimensions, spacious store-rooms also being utilized. Considering the magnitude and completeness of the stock it is hardly necessary to say that all classes of trade are catered to and all tastes can be suited, and we may add that the prices are invariably as low as the lowest on all the commodities dealt in. Mr. Grimes also deals largely in sawed and shaved shingles, employs from forty to fifty assistants, and is prepared to fill all orders at short notice and at bottom rates.

THE CARIBOU DRUG STORE, S. L. White, Apothecary, Main Street, Caribou, Me.—The "Caribou Drug Store" has a more than local reputation, for it is patronized by residents of all the country adjacent to the town, and it well deserves its popularity; first, because of the absolute reliability of the service rendered; second, because of the promptness with which customers are served; and third, because of the lowness of the prices quoted in every department of the business. This store was carried on about fifteen years before the present proprietor, Mr. S. L. White, assumed control in 1887. He is a native of St. Johns, N. B., and is not only an experienced and skillful apothecary, but is exceptionally careful in his methods, the result being that the public have the utmost confidence in him, knowing that prescriptions placed in his hands will be accurately compounded from the purest materials obtainable. He carries a large stock of drugs, medicines and chemicals, and compounds prescriptions at as low rates as are consistent with the use of the best ingredients. Two prominent specialties of Mr. White's manufacture are *White's Condition Powders* and *White's White Pine Expectorant*, both of which have gained a large sale. A stock of toilet and fancy articles, books and stationery, artists' materials, etc., is also carried, low prices being quoted on all the articles it comprises, and prompt and careful attention being assured to every caller by the employment of two competent assistants.

SAMUEL TAYLOR & SON, Starch Manufacturers and dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, etc., Lumbermen's and Farmer's Supplies a Specialty, Caribou, Me.—If a stranger in Caribou were to ask the first person he met on the street where he could place an order for groceries and provisions, boots and shoes, dry goods, etc., and be sure of having it promptly and satisfactorily filled at low rates, he would probably be directed to the establishment conducted by Messrs. Samuel Taylor & Son, for these gentlemen are universally known and highly popular. This is not at all surprising, for the senior partner has been in business here since 1878 and has always made it a rule to deal liberally and fairly by his customers, to give them an opportunity to choose from a very large and complete stock, to sell all goods strictly on their merits and to quote bottom prices on all the commodities dealt in. Both members of the firm are natives of Burlington, Me., and are universally known in Caribou and vicinity, in social as well as in business circles. Mr. S. Taylor was formerly one of the selectmen, and now holds the position of town treasurer. He is also chairman on building committee of the new school house. This firm are engaged in the manufacture of starch, but give particular attention to the sale of groceries and provisions, boots and shoes, dry goods, etc., and makes a specialty of lumbermen's and farmer's supplies, being prepared to fill the largest orders at short notice and furnish reliable goods at positively bottom rates.

C. B. ROBERTS,

Attorney at Law and Notary Public.

OFFICE IN ROBERTS' BLOCK. MAIN STREET,

CARIBOU, - MAINE.

HANSON & PILTZ, Groceries, Fish, etc., Caribou, Me.—Any one at all familiar with the grocery business would need no further evidence of the fact that Messrs. Hanson & Piltz cater especially to family trade, than that afforded by the character of the goods they handle, for their stock has been selected with great care, and is made up of just such articles as will give satisfaction to the most critical. It includes staple and fancy groceries of all kinds. This firm also make a specialty of fresh fish, keeping a full supply of all kinds constantly on hand, and the goods are offered at positively the lowest market rates, quality considered, and are fully warranted to prove just as represented. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that an extensive trade should already have been built up, although operations were not begun until 1891. The firm is constituted of Mr. Chas. P. Hanson, who is a native of Massachusetts, and served in the army during the Rebellion, and Mr. G. T. Piltz, a native of Sweden. Both partners give personal attention to customers and prompt and polite service is assured at all times.

McNELLY & McLELLAN, dealers in Men's, Boys' and Children's Ready-Made Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, Trunks, Bags, Valises, etc., Sweden Street, Caribou, Me.—There are many able and enterprising merchants in Caribou and vicinity—men who know every detail of their business, know the trade they are catering to, and know just the sort of goods they prefer—but nowhere in town can a more skillfully chosen and more desirable stock of goods be found than at the establishment of Messrs. McNelly & McLellan, located on Sweden street. This concern is composed of Messrs. P. L. McNelly and William McLellan and began operations in 1889. The firm deal in men's, boys' and children's ready-made clothing, hats, caps, furnishing goods, trunks, bags, valises, etc., and both as regards the variety and quality of the goods and the prices quoted offer inducements very hard to equal and impossible to surpass elsewhere. A stylish, perfect-fitting, well-made and durable garment or suit may be bought here for very little money, and whether you buy a dress suit or a working suit, a hat or a necktie, in fact anything, you may depend on its proving just as represented and on getting full value for your money every time. Goods are cheerfully shown and prices quoted, all callers, whether they wish to buy or only to look around, being assured prompt attention and polite treatment.

D. E. JOHNSON, dealer in Furniture and Caskets. Undertaker's Supplies always on hand. Caribou, Me.—Mr. D. E. Johnson carries on the only furniture store in town, but even if there were a dozen others there is no doubt but that the one conducted by Mr. Johnson would be largely patronized, for the simple reason that he gives excellent value to customers, the inducements offered comparing very favorably with those held out by dealers doing business in the leading cities of the State. Coffins and caskets as well as furniture are dealt in and a full line of undertakers' supplies is constantly on hand, so that orders can be filled without delay. This business was founded many years ago by Messrs. York & Hussey, and was carried on by Mrs. Hussey who was succeeded in 1885 by Mr. T. W. Willis, he giving place in 1890 to the present proprietor, who is a native of Garland, Me., and has a very large circle of friends throughout this section. The premises utilized by Mr. Johnson are 28×50 feet in dimensions, exclusive of a commodious storehouse, so that opportunity is given for the carrying of a large stock, and this is so fully availed of that practically all orders can be filled without delay, moderate charges being made in every instance.

N. W. JOHNSON, dealer in Groceries, Corn, Flour, Tea, Coffee, Spice, etc., Caribou, Me.—The question of whether Caribou has become an important trade centre on account of the number and excellence of the stores here, or the number and excellence of the stores have made the town an important trade centre is something like the famous question, "Which was first, the hen or the egg?" and is of no great consequence anyway, the main point being that people can buy to better advantage here than elsewhere and therefore trade here more extensively every year. The store carried on by Mr. N. W. Johnson may be called a truly representative establishment for it has done much to extend Caribou's reputation as a place where excellent value may be obtained for money expended. Mr. Johnson is a native of Garland, Me., and has carried on his present store some eight or nine years. He deals in dry goods, groceries, corn, flour, tea, coffee, spices, boots and shoes, and other standard commodities, utilizing premises of the dimensions of 26×48 feet, and carrying a very large and well-chosen stock. The goods are uniformly reliable, are sold at the lowest market rates, and callers are promptly and carefully attended to, so that the popularity of this establishment is thoroughly well deserved.

J. S. GETCHELL & SON,

CARIBOU, ME.,

Iron and Wood Workers,

are prepared to do all kinds of mill work and jobbing, also manufacture circular saw mills, shingle machines, clapboard planers, horse hoes, plows, etc., besides dealing in new and second-hand machinery, and have saws, belting and steam fittings always on hand. They also have a well equipped planing mill, where all kinds of wood work, such as planing, matching, turning, etc., is done. They have constantly on hand doors and windows with trimmings, mouldings, hard and soft wood (kiln dried) flooring and finish, and are prepared to furnish these in any quantity desired.

LUFKIN & HOLMES, Agents, Groceries and Dry Goods, Caribou, Me.—The establishment carried on by Messrs. Lufkin & Holmes occupies a leading position among the representative stores of this section of the State, and what is more it fully deserves its prominence and popularity for they are the results of years of honest, intelligent and able public service. The business was formerly carried on by Mr. H. H. Lufkin, and in 1885 he became associated with Mr. P. K. Holmes under the present firm-name. Mr. Lufkin is a native of Maine, and Mr. Holmes of New Brunswick. The former served in the army during the Rebellion, and has been one of the selectmen of this town; both he and Mr. Holmes being universally known and highly esteemed throughout this section. The firm utilize spacious premises and deal very largely in general merchandise, among the more important commodities handled being groceries, dry goods, fancy goods, hardware, boots and shoes, and paints and oils. Sewing machines must also be given special mention, they being agents for "The White," the most durable sewing machine in the market, and unsurpassed for general efficiency. Bottom prices rule at this popular establishment and all goods are sold strictly on their merits, no pains being spared to satisfy every customer, and another very popular feature is the care taken to give prompt and painstaking attention to every caller, and use every buyer so fairly that no reasonable cause for complaint can be shown.

E. E. DOUGLAS, Shingle Mill, Caribou, Me.—The question of what is the best material with which to cover a roof has engaged the attention of architects and builders for centuries, and although almost innumerable materials and forms of the same material have been tried nothing has as yet been found that can compare with shingles as regards the combination of lightness, efficiency, durability, cheapness, ornamental appearance, and ease of repairing which distinguishes them from all others and has caused them to be used on four-fifths of the roofs in this country. Maine furnishes a large proportion of the shingles used in New England, and this portion of the State furnishes a large share of the Maine production, there being many shingle mills hereabouts, and among them that carried on by Mr. E. E. Douglas, who is a native of Trenton, Me., and began operations here in 1889. His mill is fitted up with improved machinery, and he is prepared to fill orders promptly and to furnish shingles accurately graded and of standard quality at the lowest market rates. Employment is given to five assistants.

H. G. HAYDEN & CO., dealers in Meats, Groceries, Provisions, etc., Caribou, Me.—It is safe to assume that there is not one of our readers but what has had more or less difficulty in getting meats to suit him (or her, and it is generally "her," for the ladies do the most of the marketing), for there is no other commodity so variable in quality and hard to select accurately, even those who make a business of handling it being often deceived by its appearance. But, of course, an experienced dealer can generally judge pretty accurately and that is one reason why we should advise those wishing first class meats to place their orders with Messrs. H. G. Hayden & Co., for this concern make a specialty of handling such, and can satisfy the most critical tastes, they sparing no pains to provide just the quality asked for by the customer. Another reason for recommending this house is that they carry a large and varied stock, including not only fresh, salted, corned and smoked meats but also groceries of every description, eggs, butter and country produce in general. The prices are right, too, and in short the service offered is exceptionally satisfactory in every department, as is shown by the wide popularity of the enterprise. It was formerly carried on by Messrs. J. A. Morrill & Co., who were succeeded by Messrs. Hayden & Small, the present firm-name being adopted in 1891. Employment is given to two assistants, and callers are assured prompt and careful attention.

MISS L. F. RUNNALS, Books and Stationery, Caribou, Me.—The people of the United States have been called a "nation of readers," and the name is most appropriate, for the love of reading is confined to no particular class here but is common to rich and poor and is especially prominent in that great "middle class," as social students call it, which here as elsewhere is by far the most valuable as it is by far the largest portion of the community. Hence the popularity of the store carried on by Miss L. F. Runnals is not at all difficult to account for, as one may always find here a skillfully chosen assortment of books, including the latest novels, etc., and the prices quoted are low as the lowest. Stationery is also dealt in, together with writing materials of all kinds, the stock being very complete and including many late and attractive novelties in the line of fashionable papers, envelopes, etc., as well as a full assortment of stationery for business use. Miss Runnals is a native of Garland, Me., and has been identified with her present enterprise since 1889.

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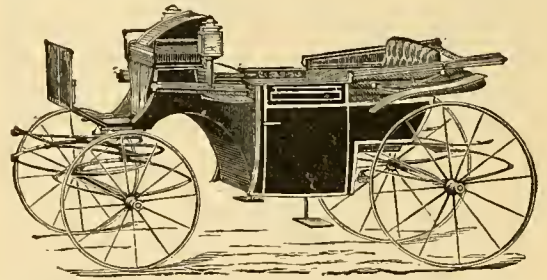
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ALBEE HOLMES, manufacturer of Shingles and Starch, Caribou, Me.—It being an obvious fact that that country is most prosperous whose natural resources are most perfectly developed, it follows that those most actively engaged in developing the resources of a given section are to be given a large share of the credit for whatever degree of prosperity that section may enjoy, and hence Mr. Albee Holmes must be accorded a prominent position among the representative business men of this county, he being largely engaged in the manufacture of two of its principal products, shingles and starch. He is thoroughly familiar with the details of each branch of production, and as he controls extensive and improved facilities he is in a position to fill the largest orders at short notice, and also to meet all honorable competition by quoting positively the lowest market rates on articles of standard and guaranteed merit.

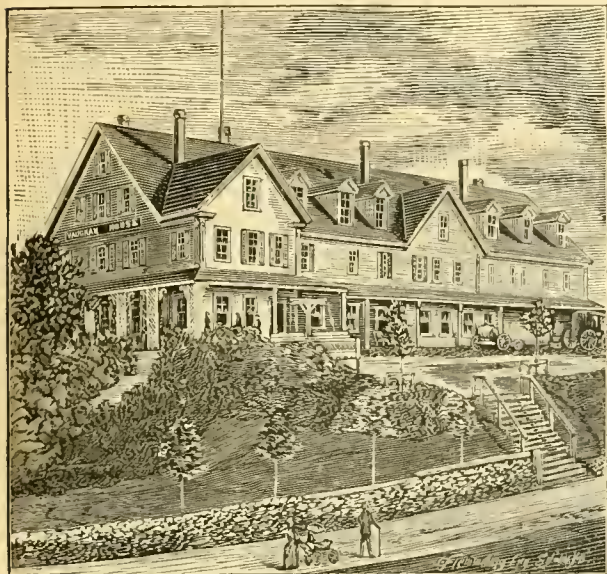
MRS. R. A. BARTLETT, Millinery and Fancy Goods, Caribou, Me.—There is a popular conviction that "what everybody says must be true," and, as "everybody" says that the establishment carried on by Mrs. R. A. Bartlett is surpassed by no other in this section of the State devoted to the same line of business, it certainly well deserves prominent mention in these pages. This business was founded about eighteen years ago, and as it has been ably and successfully conducted from the first, it is not to be wondered at that it should be universally known and highly popular. Mrs. Bartlett deals in millinery and fancy goods of all kinds, and carries a very carefully chosen stock including the very latest fashionable novelties in hats, bonnets and trimmings of every description. Particular attention is given to custom work, and results are attained such as are possible only when good taste is combined with long and varied experience and excellent facilities. Employment is given to five assistants during the busy season, and orders can therefore be filled at short notice, no pains being spared to deliver goods promptly at the time agreed upon, and no inferior work being knowingly allowed to leave the establishment, Mrs. Bartlett giving personal supervision to the filling of every order.

E. H. PUSHOR, manufacturer of Dr. Flick's Scratch Ointment, and Druggist, Caribou, Me.—So long as drugs and medicines are used in the treatment of disease a well stocked and well managed drug store will be one of the most valuable establishments a community can have, and certainly none of our Caribou readers will deny that the drug store carried on by Mr. E. H. Pushor is as useful and popular an establishment as can be found in town. Mr. Pushor is a native of Pittsfield, Me., and has conducted his present store about ten years, having begun operations in 1881. He deals in books, stationery, fancy articles, etc., offering a large and desirable assortment and quoting low prices, but he makes a leading specialty of

drugs, medicines and chemicals, and constantly carries a large and very complete stock selected from the most reliable sources. Prescriptions will be accurately and promptly compounded, and no unreasonable charges are made, the prices quoted comparing favorably with those named in the leading city pharmacies. Mr. Pushor is the manufacturer of Dr. Flick's Scratch Ointment, and sells it all over the country, for it is known and prized in all parts of the Union, and its popularity and celebrity are especially remarkable from the fact that they have not been aided by extensive advertising, but have been brought about by the superior merits of the ointment, it being conceded to have no equal in its special line.



D. M. MOODY, manufacturer of all Kinds of Carriages and Heavy Wagons, Caribou, Me.—If ever a process be devised by which first-class carriages or wagons may be made out of second-class material it will then be possible to get a first-class vehicle at a second class price, but under present conditions those who try to do so will "get left" every time. But although a first-class vehicle commands a first-class price it is not necessary to pay a fancy price for one and those who do so really pay two prices—one for the vehicle and one for the "name" of the maker. Mr. D. M. Moody manufactures as good carriages and heavy wagons as can be found in the market, and he has the reputation of doing so, too, but he does not charge extra for the reputation, and so you can get a thoroughly satisfactory vehicle from him at a price considerably lower than is usually quoted on one of equal excellence made elsewhere. Mr. Moody is a native of Thorndike, Me., and began operations in Caribou in 1882. His shop has two floors, each 35×90 feet in size, and there are two one story wings each measuring 12×35 feet. The premises contain a complete plant of improved machinery, driven by a ten horse power engine, and employment is given to ten assistants, so that custom work, repairing, etc., can be done at very short notice. Carefully selected materials are used, every process incidental to production is skillfully carried out, and the result is that work from this shop looks well and wears well; giving uniform satisfaction and proving the cheapest as well as the best in the long run.



VAUGHAN HOUSE, B. J. Smith, Proprietor.
 Hack to and from all trains. Caribou, Me.—It is said there is more traveling done in the United States in proportion to population than in any other country in the world, and as hotels are supported almost entirely by the traveling public it is not surprising that our hotels outnumber and outclass those of any other nation. Of course there are many poor hotels in this country as well as many good ones but the proportion of inferior public houses is steadily diminishing, and this is due, in a great measure, to the fact that a really good hotel is the most profitable in the long run, as its patrons increase its trade by constantly

recommending it. In our opinion this is a duty which every traveler owes to the public in general, and hence we take pleasure in recommending the Vaughan House and feel confident that our recommendation will be endorsed by all who may make trial of the accommodations there offered, for the hotel is commodious and well arranged, is comfortably furnished, well heated, well ventilated, well lighted and well managed. The proprietor, Mr. B. J. Smith is a native of Hodgdon, Me., and was in the army during the Rebellion. He has been identified with the Vaughan House since 1884, and from the first has spared no pains to promote the comfort of guests and to carry on a hotel that should deserve hearty and continuous support. There are thirty-five sleeping rooms in the house, which is lit by electricity and fully equipped in every respect. The table is supplied with an abundant variety of seasonable food, and as twelve assistants are employed the service is prompt and efficient at all times. Hacks are run to and from all trains, and there is a first class livery, board and feed stable, containing thirty stalls, connected with the hotel and affording excellent accommodations at reasonable rates.

MRS. N. M. LOWNEY, Fruit and Confectionery, Sweden Street, Caribou, Me.—The figures show that the consumption of fruit in this country is steadily and rapidly increasing, and this is certainly a good thing for the public, for fruit is known to be the most healthful of foods, and when in good condition it will do more to keep one in health than any drug or medicine possibly could. It is easy to get fruit of good quality by going to the right place, and you cannot do better than to patronize the store of which Mrs. N. M. Lowney is owner, for she takes care to get the best the market affords, and her assortment is varied and her prices reasonable. Confectionery is also dealt in, pure candies of fine flavor being always in stock, and during the summer months ice-cream is a prominent specialty, and it is generally conceded that the cream here sold is unequalled for uniform delicacy of flavor. Mrs. Lowney is a native of Presque Isle, Me., began business in 1890, and has built up a good and steadily growing trade, her store being favorably known throughout this vicinity.