

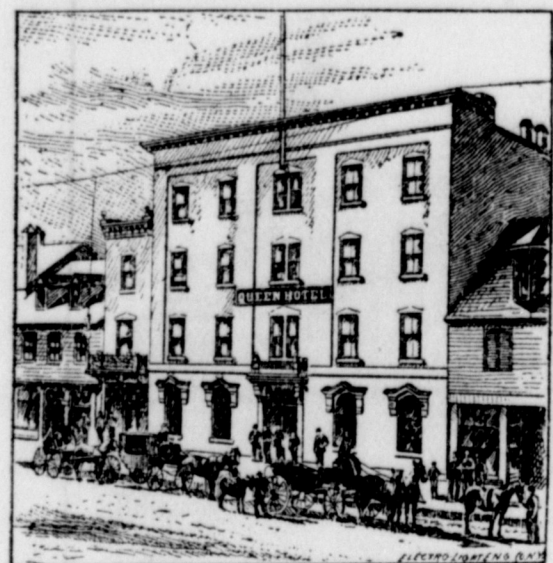
**THE HOTEL OF THE CITY.**

**SOMETHING OF THE QUEEN AND ITS POPULARITY.**

**The Comfort of the Guest the Main Object—The Prices are Reasonable—First Class Livery in Connection—The Improvements Recently Made.**

Queen Hotel! Queen Hotel! Queen! Queen! Queen!

This is the cheery and hoarse salutation which greets the weary traveller at Fredericton railway station. It never fails to attract attention and everyone who is bound to be thoroughly comfortable during his sojourn in the capital. And those who go for the first time will never say it is the last, for as soon as they wander that way again their autographs may be seen on the "Queen's" register. All this is as it should be, for the "Queen" is without doubt the best hotel in Fredericton and second to none in the maritime provinces.



QUEEN HOTEL.

Why this is so and how the public arrived at this opinion are questions easy to answer.

Progress might, if it were necessary, speak of host Edwards' successes in conducting hotels in St. John and elsewhere. It is sufficient to observe that the valuable experience which he gained in those places has been turned to excellent account and entered into every improvement of which the "Queen" can boast.

Let the writer interject at this point that no place in New Brunswick finds more patronage for a first-class hotel than Fredericton. In winter the representatives of the people and their protectors—the legislative council—some 60 persons, spend a month making and breaking laws. It is a very pleasant annual vacation with them. They get sufficient allowance to permit them to board at the best hotel, and they do so. And then the lawyers and the lobbyists and scores of others who have interests at stake, fill the hostelry from the ground to the attic and rain shakels into the pockets of the host.

To show that it pays to run a first class hotel in the capital—that there is sufficient custom the year round to warrant it—the sittings of the supreme court may be mentioned, as they attract a large number of the legal fraternity who remain weeks at a time.

A few years ago, fire broke out in this hotel and gained such headway that when the firemen departed they left the four brick walls standing and a heap of half burned and water soaked ruins inside.

Mr. Edwards wasn't discouraged by this but began the work of rebuilding and repair at once and the New Queen arose from the ruins of the old.

The hotel was renovated to meet the wants of the public, and it has done so. Travellers soon learned of the changes, and the run assumed such proportions that an enlargement had to be made. Still there was not room and a large addition and all were built. At the present time it is a complete hostelry in every respect.

It would be a difficult matter to give any adequate idea of the interior—so much can be said of every room of which the guests have general use. You can proceed to their inspection by the ladies entrance—which is one of the recent and well planned improvements, or by the main entrance through the spacious office.

The "office" itself has as much comfort as an old-fashioned farm kitchen, with its open grate fire, high easy cane arm-chairs, and cosy arrangement of sofas and tables. The male guests vote it the most cheery place in the house, and Progress agrees with them. But if you don't like chat and smoke and laughter, go across the hall and choose quieter company, and very probably a literary one—in the gentlemen's parlor. This was fitted especially with this view, and half a dozen gentlemen seated around the large round table busily writing letters will convince you that it is just what was wanted.

A step to one side is the dining-room, and here all the painter's and decorator's art has been brought. It is as handsome a dining salon as one will see in a month's travel.

The same can be said of the ladies' parlor, which, by the way, was recently ornamented and decorated with that much sought-after pæcrista work.

Of the rooms nothing need be said. They are all roomy airy and homelike, and fitted with every convenience. The house is heated with hot water pipes—the most perfect system known and is as comfortable as it can be.

In connection with the hotel there is a first-class livery stable where as good

horses and as handsome turnouts can be secured as the city affords.

Mr. Edwards knows a good horse when he sees one and prides himself upon keeping the best that can be had. His guests never think of going outside for a team while there is one in the "Queen" stable.

In conclusion it may be said that while everything is of the best about the Queen the prices are reasonable. They are not "fancy" in any degree. To dwell upon the courtesy of so well known and popular a host is needless. Every employe is like him in this respect—his sole aim is the comfort of the guest.

**NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.**

**Very True of the Well Known House of Dever Bros.**

"Nothing succeeds like success," is an old maxim, and one which applies nicely to the dry goods establishment of Dever Bros.

Progress was attracted to their store by the tasty showing of the goods in their windows, and on entering found the same taste displayed in the arrangement of the stock, everything showing to the best advantage. At present they have an immense stock of new goods open and ready for inspection, embracing new dress goods, cloths, flannels and wool goods. In the foreign goods they have a complete stock

**THEY SELL IN BIG LOTS.**

**A. F. RANDOLPH & SON'S WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENT.**

**One of the Finest Buildings in the Business Part of the City—Its Reputation is Provincial and its Customers Legion.**

There is no department of trade which gives such scope to the ability and business capacity of the merchant capitalist as the wholesale handling of flour and provisions—the necessities of life—and no line has grown so rapidly in New Brunswick as this. Today the flour trade of the maritime provinces has assumed great proportions, and the people have fully awakened to the fact that the importance of the question of provisions cannot be underestimated, and the country continues to advance. Lumbering has been and is still an important factor in the country's progress, and it is that which lends importance to the establishment of large provision houses, which supply the lumbermen with their food.

In Fredericton, as in St. John, a large amount of capital, as well as a number of the brainy and energetic men—the backbone of the country—are in this important branch of business. No men employed in the capital answer such a description better than Messrs. A. F. Randolph & Son,

river, and at the same time affording easy access for teams. The building has five complete stories and is 60 feet square, so that one can have some idea of the extensive business the Messrs. Randolph are enabled to carry on. As has been said the structure is notable not only for its size, but for its architectural beauty as well, being massively built of brick with brown stone window and door copings and surmounted with a French mansard roof and ornamental iron railing, giving to the whole an artistic and finished appearance, which makes it no mean companion for the fine public buildings in the vicinity and causes it to be an ornament to Fredericton and one of which the citizens may well feel proud, evincing the good taste and substantial success of their townsmen. The interior of the building is simply yet elegantly laid out, the offices on the ground floor being airy and well lit, and divided from one another by glass partitions. The rest of the lower and the whole of the upper stories are taxed to their utmost to contain the enormous stock of goods which the firm keep always on hand, every facility for rapid handling being employed to enable the firm to fill promptly their large and numerous orders.

Mr. A. F. Randolph, the founder of the

**NEAT AND COMPLETE.**

**A WELL-KNOWN DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT.**

**Mr. J. J. Weddall's—Sited in the Centre of the Business Portion of the City—A Rushing Business Won by Enterprise and Held by Integrity.**

In the fierce contention for business supremacy between the dry goods merchants of the capital it has been their ambition to place before their customers the newest styles and latest novelties imported from the great centres of fashion of the old and new world. Perhaps the best known of these establishments is that owned by Mr. J. J. Weddall, whose attention to business and honest endeavors to suit the wants of each and every one of his numerous customers have made the establishment popular through the country, and caused it to be the favorite haunt for those who come to the city intent upon shopping.

Mr. Weddall started business for himself seven years ago, as successor to Thomas Logan, with whom he had clerked many years, during which time he gained an insight into the business that has stood him in good stead in his independent venture. Coming into possession of a business with an established reputation for fair

**AN ORDER FOR HARDWARE**

**Can Always Be Filled at Neill's Convenient and Well-stocked Store.**

The leading hardware store in Fredericton is that of Mr. J. S. Neill, whose diligent attention to business has brought the firm to the foremost place in this important branch of trade. The business was started in 1848, so that it is one of the oldest houses of the city, having stood the brunt of business turmoil for full 40 years.

In the line of general hardware might be noticed all grades—builders', manufacturers', mill owners and domestic—as well as edge tools of the best makes and the goods chiefly used by carriage makers and machinists. A more complete stock of cutlery than adorns the shelves and show cases of this firm, it would be hard indeed to find, in which is included the goods of Joseph Rogers & Sons, Wade & Butcher and other of the chief manufacturers, while in the line of plated ware the firm excels itself.

Outside of the hardware department proper is the large stock of iron (bar, hoop and rod of all sizes) and steel, the firm making a specialty of these. The supply of sporting goods is superior to any in the city and at present the firm is doing a rushing trade in these. In the line of glass, cordage, putty, paints, paint oils, white leads and machine oils, nothing is wanting to make the assortment complete, and in all lines, indeed, Mr. Neill can supply goods at prices to suit every buyer. In this establishment every class of buyers has been considered and their splendid facilities for buying cause it to be known and patronized in the city and country as the cheapest place to buy the most reliable goods.

**USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.**

**Mr. Fowler's Handsome and Well-stocked Jewelry Store.**

No line of business is so well represented in the Celestial as the sale of the various trinkets, for use and adornment, which catch our eye in every jewelry store, and which make us wonder at the skill displayed in the conversion of the precious metals into these graceful shapes.

The leading representative there is Mr. J. D. Fowler whose fine show-rooms, stocked with solid and plated ware, jewelry, watches, chains, clocks and spectacles from the best makers, are the city's delight. The leading citizens, as well as the numerous visitors who throng the garden city every summer, patronize Mr. Fowler, and all agree that here is the most reliable place to buy a watch or any article of jewelry, of which that gentleman keeps a splendid assortment in the most exquisite designs. No one could desire a better place to buy presentation gifts or wedding presents, the stock of plated ware in the shape of cake, card and fruit baskets, pitchers, urns, etc., being most complete, while the selection of rings, earrings, watch charms, brooches and scarf pins is suited to the taste of the most fastidious purchasers.

Mr. Fowler makes a specialty of repairing watches and clocks, this department being in the hands of himself and a first-class workman, who has been with him for many years; the proprietor is himself the best watchmaker in the city and all repairing is done in the most thorough manner.

**DON'T NEGLECT INSURANCE.**

**Mr. J. W. McCready Represents Two Good Companies.**

The insurance company is now one of the most important monetary institutions of a city, its business being a combination of bank and insurance against risks. In no business has the ingenuity of man been so constantly applied, so that today insurance, covering more ground than ever, extends into every department of human life, business and property, and confers greater benefits upon the people than other institutions in the country. All our people have seen the ruin which has been brought about in a few hours by the devouring element, and from passing through such conflagrations as the St. John fire of 1877 have come to look on the insurance company in the light of a savings bank, run on the best plan, where the deposits are safe, and bring in a better rate of interest than is offered by any other banking concern.

Mr. J. W. McCready is a leading insurance agent in Fredericton, representing the principal life and fire insurance companies, being agent for the Connecticut and Citizens and other first-class offices. Mr. McCready offers every advantage to insurers, and issues policies in sound, reliable companies, which are prepared and able, when called upon, to pay every dollar of the risk they have incurred. A great feature of this agency is the promptness with which losses are paid, and as all risks are carefully inspected and allowed for, claims are never disputed. In a word, those who wish to insure in a good company, and with a reliable agent, should give Mr. McCready an early call.

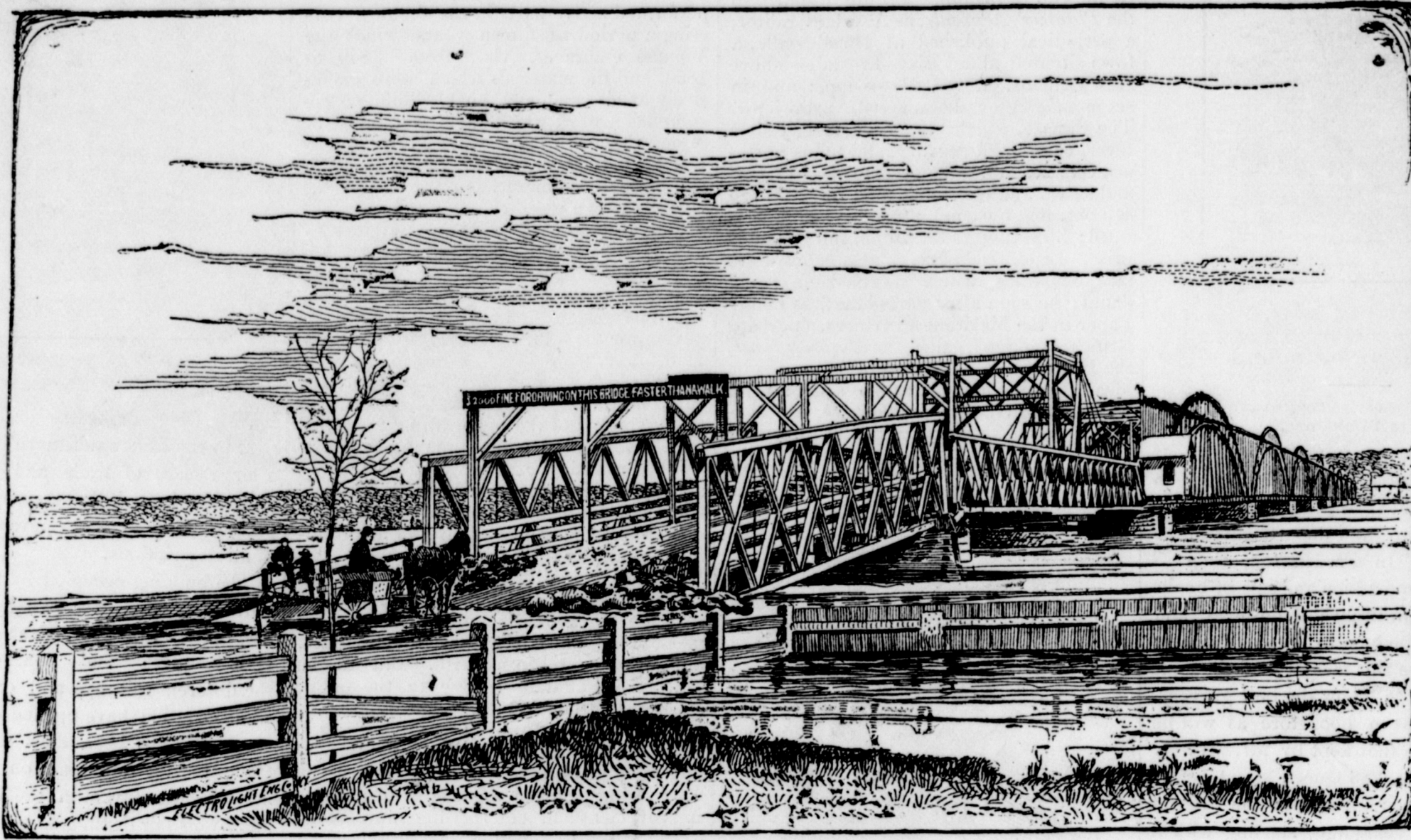
**ENTERPRISE AND PUSH.**

**The Watchword of Mr. Andrew Lottimer's Boot and Shoe Establishment.**

It would be unparadonable if, when describing the Fredericton industries, one omitted mention of so important a feature in the city's trade as the boot and shoe business. The leading house in this line is that of Mr. Andrew Lottimer, opposite the Normal school on Queen street. Mr. Lottimer started business May 2, 1859, in the small store opposite the soldiers' barracks, now occupied by Miss Hayes as a millinery store, and after a successful business of 24 years moved to the present stand. Mr. Lottimer is thus the oldest shoe dealer in the city and has both the largest stock and the largest trade in the boot and shoe line in the capital.

On the ground floor of the establishment are samples of all the stock, so that customers are not bothered with ascending and descending the stairs to make their purchases. Up stairs is filled with reserve stock and is used as a wholesale warehouse, every available space being taken up with cases of boots and shoes of all descriptions. Ladies find this the best place to get their buttoned boots and slippers as Mr. Lottimer keeps a splendid assortment of the finer lines. Besides these the stock includes lumbermen's boots, moccasins, snowshoes, overshoes, rubbers and rubber boots, while everything in the line of boys' and gents' boots and shoes is embraced in the large and well assorted stock.

Mr. Lottimer is able to sell as cheaply as the cheapest, while his goods are found to give better satisfaction than those of any other of the local dealers.



FREDERICTON BRIDGE.—Photographed at time of freshet.

of silks, satins, plushes and velvets in every shade. In the accessories of female attire, Dever Bros. have a fine assortment of ribbons, laces, gloves and hosiery. Here is a good place for the housekeeper to buy her carpets, curtains, window poles, oilcloths and linoleums, as well as her linens, cottons, prints and tickings.

Besides the large and carefully assorted stock of dry goods, Dever Bros. keep a nice line of plain and fancy astrachans and plush seatlets, the very thing for the cold weather. As all these goods are their own importations from the best markets, their customers may feel assured of getting the right goods at the right price. This firm has had a good share of the people's custom during the past, and they confidently look to the future for the continuance of the patronage of their large class of customers, who may feel assured that all orders will receive their most careful attention. This house is run by business men on business principles, and merits the success which it has had in the past, and still continues to have.

**A PLACE OF INDUSTRY.**

**There is Always a Rush at Estey's Saw Mills.**

To those who like to hear the busy hum of machinery as indicative of business stir, a visit to the West End saw mills is most pleasant. Situated on the bank of the river at the west end of the town, as their name indicates, these mills keep that part of the city from any charge of drowsiness.

In the mill are two shingle machines and a rotary running the year round; electric light changes night into day and affords opportunity to run the mill after hours, to supply the ever-increasing trade. Everything about the premises gives evidence of enterprise in the proprietor. Hardwood, spruce, pine and hemlock lumber are kept always on hand, as well as a large supply of sawn cedar shingles, in different grades. Mouldings of all kinds are kept in stock, and builders will find it to their advantage to give Mr. Estey a call before purchasing elsewhere. Besides supplying the local trade, Mr. Estey ships a large amount of deal to the English market, while the United States affords him a splendid field for his shipments of shingles.

The mills have been in full blast for the last 15 years, but never has business been so good as at present, straining to the utmost, as it does, the facilities of the mill, and of the 35 men continually employed in it. Mr. Estey is favorably known in business circles throughout the province, is a great advertiser and a man who does not intend to allow the concern which he runs to die a natural death; and nowhere in the capital is found more favorable evidence of a brightening in the business outlook than in a careful inspection of the West End saw mills.

whose warehouses took the fancy of the representative of Progress and made him anxious to know something of the members.

In 1855 Mr. A. F. Randolph, the senior member of the firm, started a retail grocery store, which after a most successful existence of twelve years was closed, and a wholesale grocery business opened in its stead. This business was continued in his own name till 1883, when he took his son into partnership under the "present style." At the time Mr. Randolph opened his wholesale store there was no other wholesale house in Fredericton, so that he was the pioneer in the trade, and as his constantly increasing success shows, no man was better fitted to lead the way than Mr. Randolph. In conversation, Mr. Randolph said that his business had increased steadily, more especially during the last few years. In 1887 the firm's sales were about 25 per cent. larger than the sales of the preceding year, and so far the present year they have been about 40 per cent. larger than during

business and still its active manager, has been long conspicuous for sterling integrity and uprightness of character in the every day transactions of business life, and it is this good name which has helped the firm to the foremost position it now occupies. Mr. Randolph is well known throughout the province and wherever known but one opinion is expressed concerning him. He is a large shareholder as well as president of the Peoples' bank, an institution which owes its establishment mainly to him, so that from his connection with the bank as well as from his business dealings, Mr. Randolph is an authority on the state of business of Fredericton and the surrounding country.

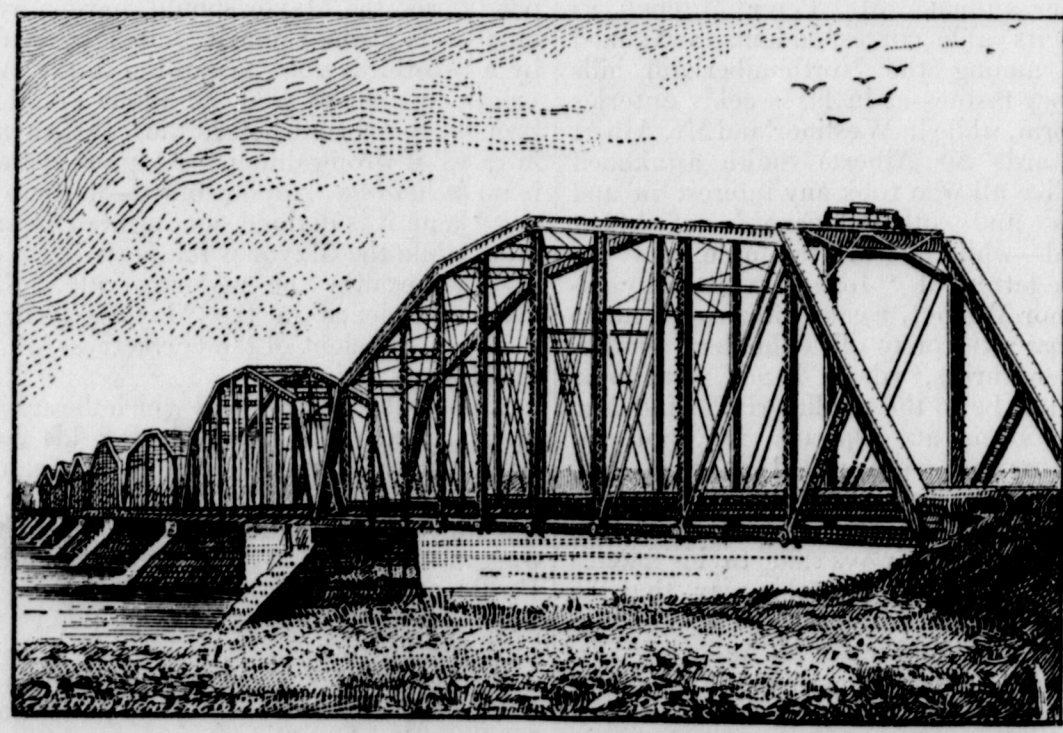
In answer to enquiries as to the financial prosperity of the capital, he said that business was not only better but it was in a more healthy condition than it had been, bills being met much more promptly than was formerly the case.

Mr. Randolph is a firm believer in the

dealing, and one which had gained a firm footing in the patronage of city and country buyers, Mr. Weddall has not been content to rest on the laurels gained by another, but year by year has been extending his business until slowly but steadily it has surpassed the rival houses of the city in popularity and patronage. Mr. Weddall from the first assumed direct supervision over every part of the establishment, and by untiring energy and personal ability in the management of his store and in the buying of his goods he has brought his business to the foremost position it now occupies.

The premises occupied by Mr. Weddall are capable of holding an enormous stock, being 110 feet long by 28 feet wide, three stories high, with cellar the whole size of the building. The store proper has been added to by an annex, the dimensions of which are 45x28 feet, and which is lighted by windows on three sides, making it unexcelled in the maritime provinces for the display of goods. On the ground floor are kept samples of all the goods, so that buyers are not troubled with ascending the stairs—a feature which in itself is a great convenience, and might be followed with advantage by merchants in other cities. The office is situated about the centre of the store, on the ground floor, ensuring prompt attention to the wants of the customers, since the proprietor can assume complete direction, and prevent delay by summoning clerks from one place to another in the store. The stock is divided into departments, the gents' furnishing and ladies' departments being in the annex, on account of the splendid lighting facilities, and the latter being under the superintendence of ladies, which makes it much more pleasant for shoppers. Four electric lights make the store, after dark, as luminous as day, and no expense or trouble is spared to make it the most attractive store in Fredericton. The upper floors are taken up with the reserve stock, which duplicates the goods shown on the ground floor.

Mr. Weddall makes a specialty of ladies' fancy goods, underwear, etc., as well as of McCall's New York bazaar patterns and Briggs' transfer patterns. The stock embraces a house furnishing department, such as carpets, oilcloths, curtains, bed furnishings, and a department of English, Scotch and Canadian tweeds, woollens and cloth stuffs. Mention has already been made of the ladies' and gents' departments, where everything can be obtained to make either sex attractive. No shop windows in Fredericton equal those of Mr. Weddall's establishment, and this, together with the fact that the gentleman is a liberal advertiser, makes his store the best known in the Celestial—and well it deserves to be, for it is one of the most attractive, convenient and commodious dry goods houses in the provinces.



RAILWAY BRIDGE.

the corresponding time of 1887. Their stock consists of West India goods, teas, flour, meal, pork, fish and a stock of general groceries. This firm has an advantage over the other wholesale merchants, as they import their West India goods and teas direct, being the only house in Fredericton which does so, although, as the genial merchant remarked, "No doubt the others will soon find it to their advantage to do so and soon direct importation will be not the exception, but the rule."

The building at present occupied by the firm was erected by Mr. Randolph in 1878 and is one of the finest edifices, public or private, in Fredericton. Its position for shipping and receiving goods is most advantageous, having direct communication in the rear with the wharfrage on the St. John

future greatness of the country, as is usually the case with the man who has the elements of success in his own character.

**TO FREDERICTON IN SEPTEMBER.**

This windy, bright September afternoon  
My heart is wide awake, yet full of dreams.  
The air, alive with hushed confusion, teems  
With scent of grain fields, and a mystic rune,  
Foreboding of the fall of Summer soon,  
Keeps swelling and subsiding; till there seems  
O'er all the world of valleys, hills and streams,  
Only the wind's inexplicable tune.

My heart is full of dreams, yet wide awake.  
I lie and watch the topmost tossing boughs  
Of tall elms, pale against the vaulted blue;  
But even now some yellowing branches shake,  
Some hue of death the living green endows—  
If beauty flies, fair would I vanish too.

CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.