

FRANK A. WILSON.

Dealer in Ladies' Furnishings, Green Block, Victoria Street, Amherst.

In noting the industries and mercantile characteristics of the town of Amherst it is exceptionally gratifying to be able to refer our numerous readers briefly, to so excellent a representative establishment as that of Frank A. Wilson, the well-known dealer in ladies' jackets, mantles, dress goods, etc. This establishment is in its



line the largest house in the town, and in fact the only one dealing exclusively in ladies' furnishings. The store is a commodious and extremely handsome one, 65x25 feet, in the new Green block, where every facility is enjoyed for the prosecution of this important business: it is well lighted throughout, tastefully arranged, and thoroughly stocked with a most complete line essential to a well regulated ladies' furnishings house. This stock is, of course, too extensive and varied to be mentioned in detail, but consists in part of cloak jackets, ulsters, silks, satins, velvets and fur goods, and fur-lined garments in their season. Samples cheerfully sent to any address on application, and all letter orders promptly attended to. Mr. Wilson enjoys unsurpassed facilities for obtaining supplies and imports largely from England and the United States. Special attention is given

to mantle and dressmaking to order, in the most careful manner under the care of artistic modistes. Mr. Wilson is a gentleman highly esteemed in commercial circles, and believes in enjoying life as much as possible.

A. D. TAYLOR.

Successor to Ayer & Anderson, Dealer in Dry Goods.

The dry goods trade is well represented in Amherst, among others by A. D. Taylor, successor to Ayer & Anderson, who went out of business in 1890, when Mr. Taylor, then a salesman in the firm of Eiter & Pugsley, and where he had served four years of faithful labor, purchased the entire stock in trade, embracing every conceivable article pertaining to the dry and fancy goods trade suited to the market. The store is a commodious and handsome one, 50 x 35 feet, provided with immense plate glass front show windows, massive counters and shelves, and illuminated with electric lights. His sales are very large, buyers flocking to this popular store from town and country.



Mr. Taylor will be pleased to mail samples of goods to any part of the province upon application. Mr. Taylor is a native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., there serving his first apprenticeship with a large

and enterprising firm, W. & A. Brown, six years, previous to coming to Amherst. He is very popular personally, liberal, enterprising and thoroughgoing.

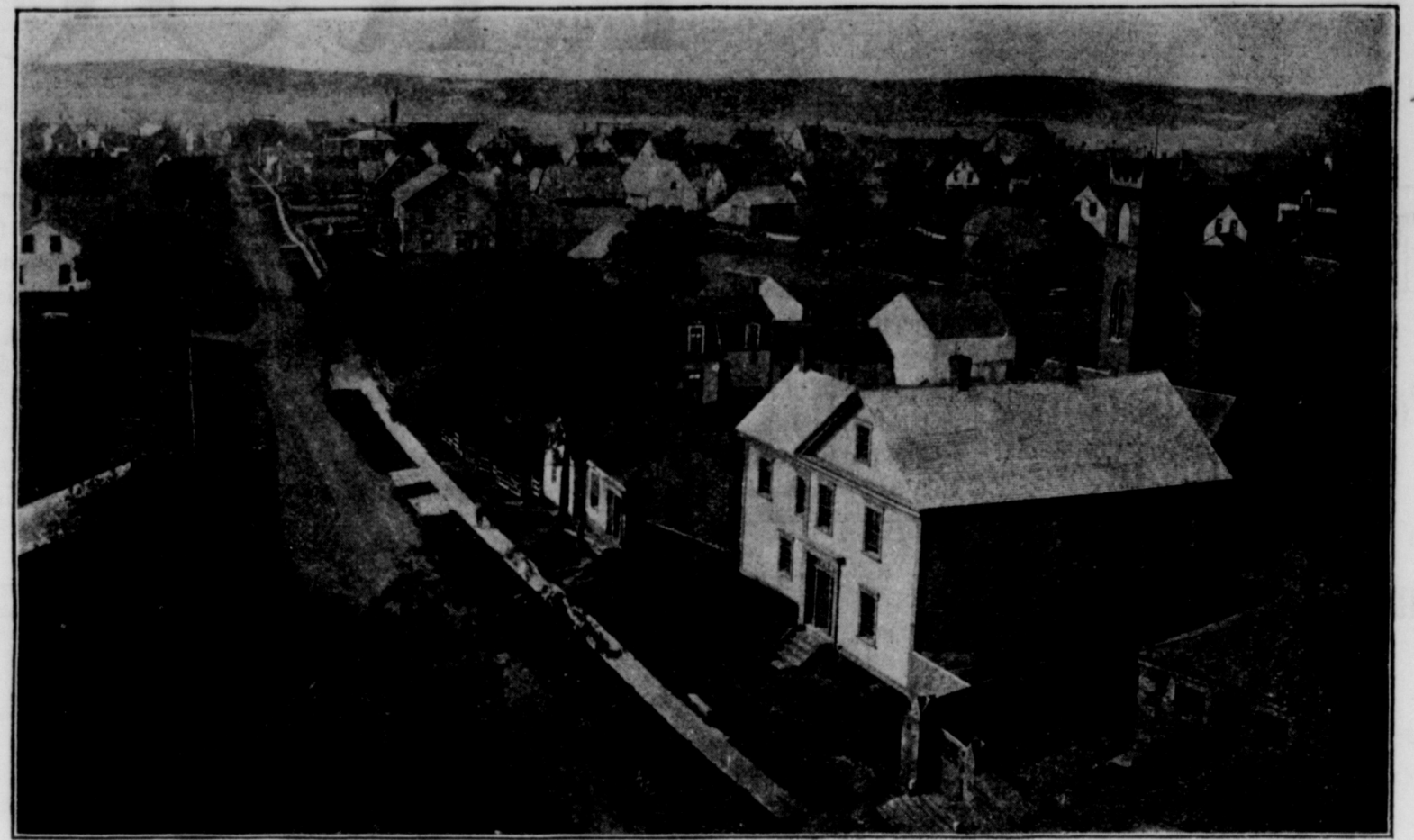
Amherst Boot and Shoe Co.

The manufacture of leather into articles of daily necessity and general utility is in all its branches an important factor of commercial pursuit. Especially is this the case in boots and shoes. The establishment now managed by Mr. W. I. Bell is one which with every confidence can be recom-



mended to those in want of a first class boot or shoe at a reasonable and moderate price. The store occupied is large and commodious, and comprises an assortment of all the newest styles and fashions, chiefly the products of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Manufacturing company. The firm import largely from England and the United States, and are enabled to offer the very best inducements to patrons and the public, and those favoring them with their custom are always assured of receiving satisfaction as regards goods and prices.

VIEW OF AMHERST (LOOKING NORTH-WEST).—Photo by D. R. Pridham.



WITH ROBB & SONS FOUNDRY IN THE DISTANCE.

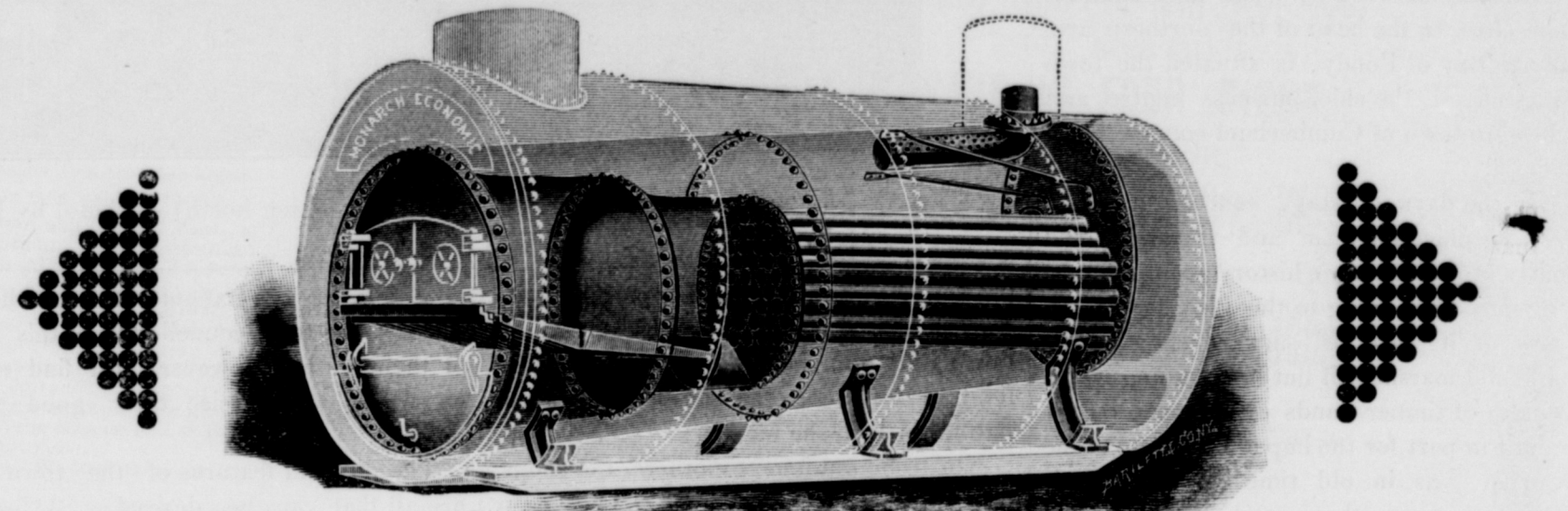
A. ROBB & SONS,

A. ROBB;

D. W. ROBB, MECHANICAL SUPT., American Society Mechanical Engineers;

F. B. ROBB, FINANCIAL MANAGER.

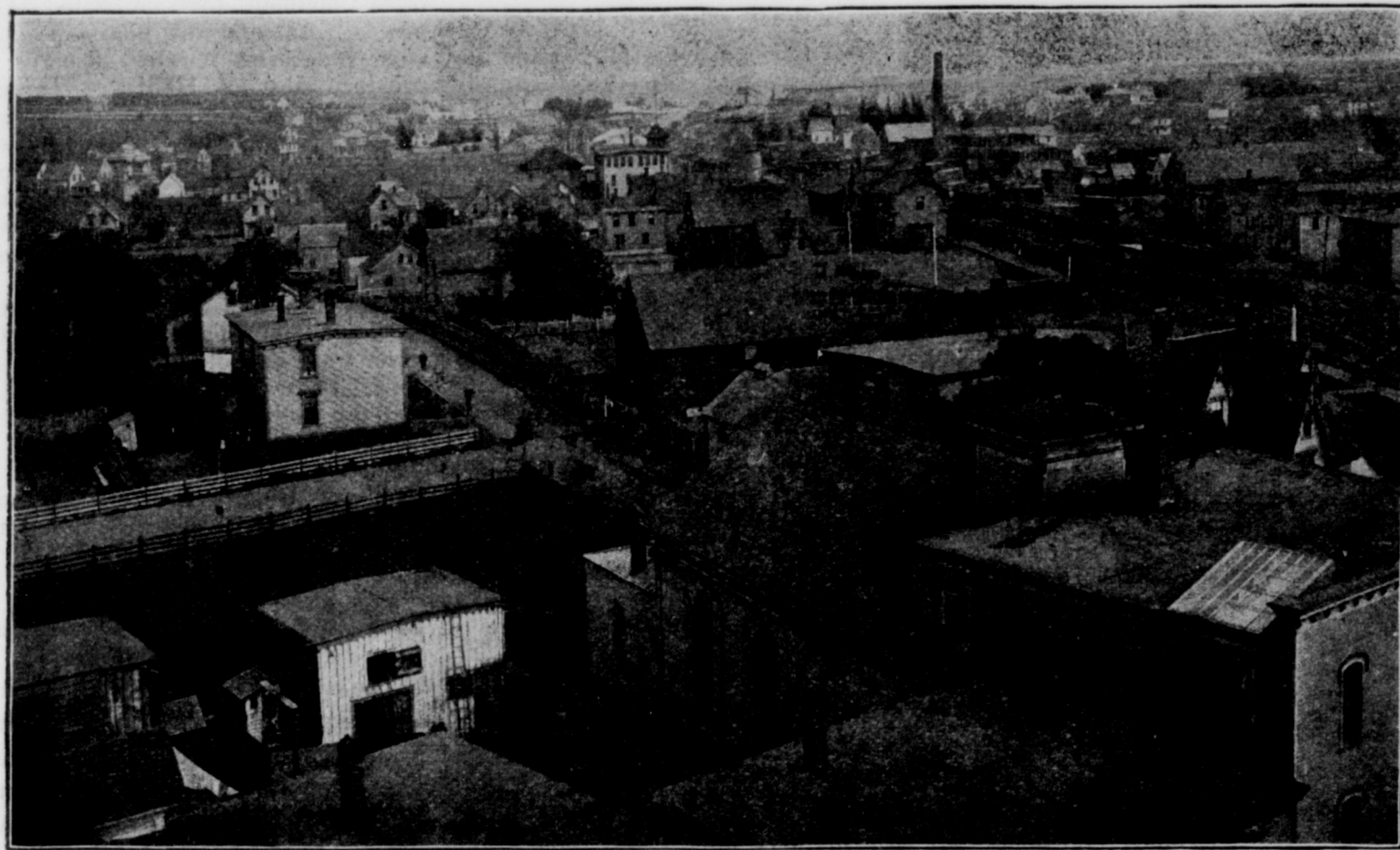
Manufacturers of Engines and Boilers, Iron and Brass Founders, Machinists.



Notwithstanding the development of the electric motor and the periodical hurrah over the Keeley motor and other alleged inventions designed to do away with steam as a propelling force, the fact remains that there is a constant increase in the demand for steam boilers and the various mechanical appliances constructed upon the same general principles, and the skilled workman in plate and sheet steel and iron is apparently in no immediate danger of involuntary retirement. Among the most successful and ingenious of Canadian mechanics in this particular field must be classed A. Robb & Sons. The premises occupied by this firm comprise at present three two-and-a-half story buildings—others in course of erection—including an

erecting shop for rotary mills, and a sales-room thoroughly filled with all kinds of belting, packing fittings and other nice and ingenious supplies. Among the other specialties may be noticed a very interesting low water alarm for boilers, sight feed lubricators, oil filter for lubricating oils, electric packing, etc.; drafting room where we find plans for the large permanent brick buildings to be commenced within a few weeks. Also comprehensive drawings of the large new automatic engines the firm proposes to manufacture, as also drawings of portable engines; pattern shop, where we find a strong force of pattern makers at work on dynamo and engine patterns, besides replacing the many patterns lost by the firm in their late fire; engine department, where

a variety of machine tools are being placed preparatory to entering the manufacture of engines on a large scale. In view of this new departure they have secured the services of a first-class engine designer who is a specialist in his line. In the rotary shop we find among other things a rotary mill in course of construction for Vancouver, B. C.; the mounting shop, where all kinds of castings are being turned out, to accomplish which fifty men daily blacken their faces, but not their reputations. Taking into account the serious drawbacks which have on several occasions beset the firm since its inception, its success is a notable one, while the confidence shown by their many patrons all over the Dominion is a proud testimonial to the reliable character of their products.



VIEW OF AMHERST (looking south).—Photo. by D. R. Pridham.

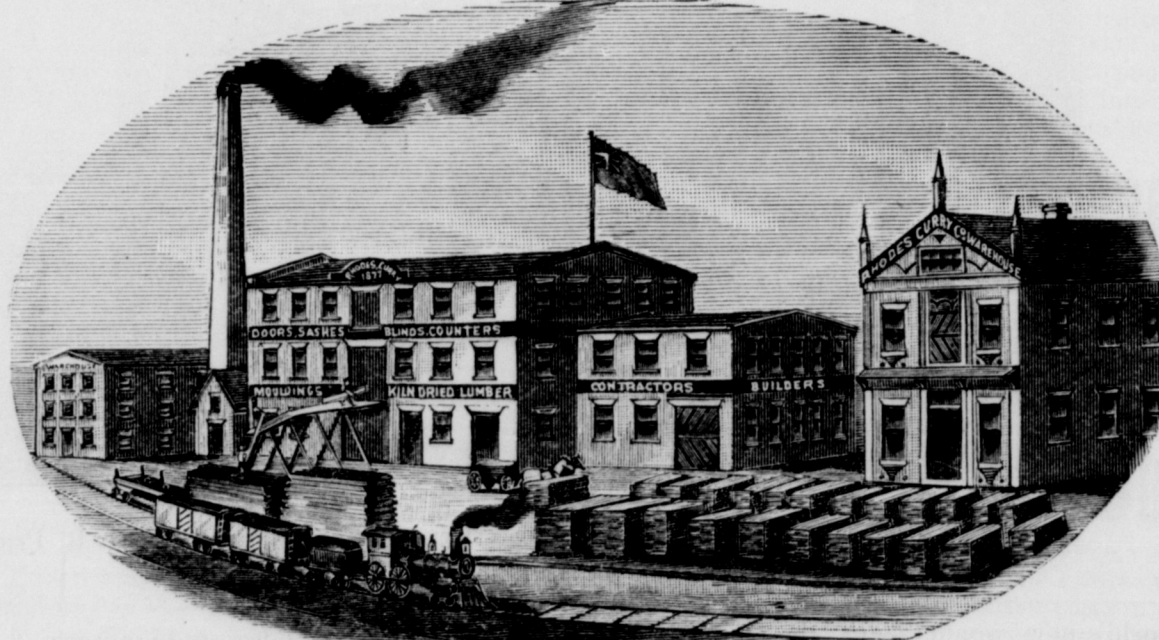
Messrs. RHODES, CURRY & COMPANY,

BUILDERS AND MANUFACTURERS

Doors, Sashes, Blinds, Lumber, School and Office Furniture, AMHERST, N. S.



N. A. RHODES.

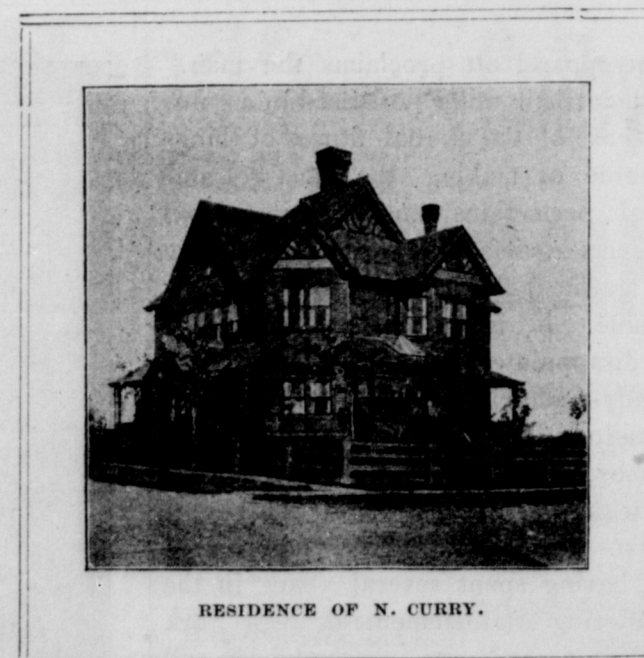


N. CURRY.

Of the diversified industries of Amherst, none is of greater comparative importance or exerts a more beneficent influence upon the welfare of the town, than the business conducted by Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co. This prosperous house was established in 1877, and burned to the ground in October of the same year, but with that skill and enterprise ever since characteristic of the proprietors, it was immediately rebuilt on a larger and better scale. Again in 1881 did misfortune overtake them in the shape of fire. Yet originality, skill and correct business methods had already borne their usual fruits, and nothing daunted by adverse circumstances, they again rebuilt, adding each year to the premises, until today their factory plant, with appurtenances, covers four acres of ground. The machinery outfit is first-class and very complete—about \$6000 worth of new machinery being added annually since 1881, while the woodworking factory is the largest and best equipped in the Maritime Provinces. The firm carry in stock at present over 1,500,000 feet of lumber, products of the forests of Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, of Georgia, Tennessee and old Virginia, from which they manufacture doors, sashes, and every thing made of wood required in the construction and completion of buildings for any and all purposes, whilst making a specialty of the finer branches of the art, such as fine carving, fittings for banks, churches,



RESIDENCE OF N. A. RHODES.



RESIDENCE OF N. CURRY.

drug stores, etc. A large number of skilled mechanics are employed, and the extent of output—which last year amounted to \$250,000 as compared with \$15,000 in 1877—is best shown by a glance at their order book, which exhibits page after page of orders from every province—nay almost every town of the Dominion—from over 2000 regular customers, not to speak of those for shipment to Great Britain and the West Indies.

Among the many prominent buildings erected by this firm may be mentioned the magnificent new post office and custom house, Bank of Nova Scotia building, Amherst Boot and Shoe Manufacturing company's factory, Tupper's block, residences of D. W. Douglass, D. W. Robb, F. B. Robb, N. A. Rhodes, Nat. Curry, Amherst; Intercolonial station, St. John; general offices I.C.R., Moncton; Acadia college and seminary, Wolfville; Boston Marine building, Yarmouth; post office and custom house, Annapolis; Ladies' college, City hall, Halifax; Experimental Farm building, Nappan; hospital and convent, Campbellton.

Mr. Rhodes believes in getting as much comfort as possible out of life—and Mr. Curry is a prominent figure politically, while his home is the scene of unbounded hospitality at all seasons. That the firm's business is daily increasing may be understood from the fact that \$2500 was paid the I.C.R. last month for freight alone.