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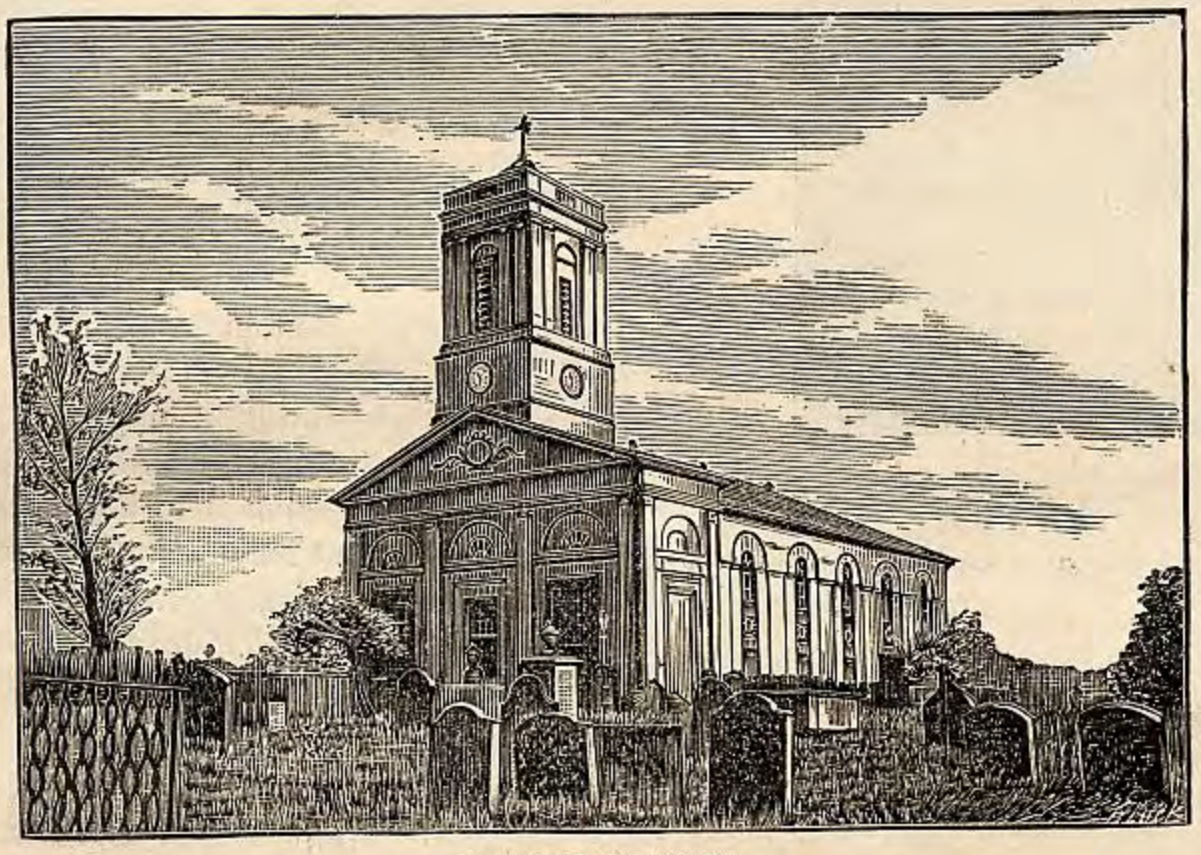

PARISH CHURCH.

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WELLINGTON is an important market town, situated 11 miles east from Shrewsbury, 31 miles north-west of Birmingham, and 142 miles by rail from London.

It possesses exceptional railway communication, being on the Great Western line to Birkenhead, the Great Western and London and North Western joint line to Shrewsbury, and being the junction northwards for Market Drayton, Crewe and Manchester, whilst from here also branches the Great Western line to Much Wenlock and the Severn Valley.

Wellington derives its name from Watling Street, which is situated on the great Roman highway, skirting the eastern portion of the town.

The census of 1881 gave the population of the town as 3,366, while in 1891 this number had increased to over 5,000.

The parish covers an area of 9,184 acres, and the population is about 15,000. Colonel Sir Thomas Meyrick, of Apley Castle, is the lord of the manor, and the other principal landowners are Lord Forester, Thomas Slaney Eyton, Esq., and the Hon. Robert Charles Herbert.

The parish includes the townships of Aston, Dothill, Lee Gomery, and Wappenshall, besides the hamlet of Arleston.

Wellington is governed by a Board of Improvement Commissioners, consisting of fifteen members.

The Parish Church (All Saints) was built in the year 1790, and occupies an elevated site near the station.

It is in the classic style, and has a western tower containing a clock and eight bells.

This church was renovated in 1866, and again in 1883, at a cost of £600. The register dates from 1626.

The living is a vicarage, in the gift of Miss Georgina Hunt.

Christ Church was built in 1838, at a cost of £3,600. It is in the early English style, and has a western embattled tower. It has 808 sittings, of which 450 are free.

The living is a vicarage in the gift of the Vicar of All Saints.

Wellington also possesses a Catholic Church, Baptist, Wesleyan, and Primitive Methodist Chapels.

The Cemetery in Haygate Road was constructed in 1875 at a cost of £4,800, and covers six acres.

THE NEEDLES EYE.
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The Town Hall and County Court are situated in Market Street.

The Drill Hall in King Street is a large red-brick building, erected in 1889 at a cost of £900. A spacious covered market adjoins Drill Hill, and has entrances from the Market Place and King Street. Markets are held here on Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Smithfield Cattle Market occupies a considerable extent of ground on the western side of the town, the sales taking place every Monday.

Wellington has two banks, and publishes two weekly newspapers, namely, "The Wellington Journal and Shrewsbury News," and "The Wellington Standard."

The Wrekin is distant about two and a half miles from the town, and is visited by great numbers of people in the summer months.

It is 1,320 feet high, and is approached by a capital road.

From the summit of this peak can be seen an extensive track of country, embracing seventeen counties.

The "Forest Glen" Refreshment Pavilion has recently been established there by Mr. H. W. Pointon, of the Station Hotel, Wellington, and is sure to prove an additional attractive feature.

Agricultural implement manufacturing and general engineering, woodware manufacturing, and a large trade in timber, coach-building, brewing and malting constitute the principal industries of the town, while in the neighbourhood to the eastward there are large ironworks and collieries. The wholesale and retail establishments are generally of a first-class character, and are most enterprisingly conducted. Taken on the whole Wellington is certainly one of the most prosperous towns of its size in the West Midlands.

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Benbow & Davies, Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers and Cutlers, Market Square, and at Madeley.—The extensive business of Messrs. Benbow and Davies, wholesale and retail ironmongers, was commenced in Wellington in 1868, and so well have the public been served by its owners that the advance in its popularity has been most marked. The handsome premises occupied are situated in Market Square, and consist of a striking shop and show room largely stocked with goods, and of warehouses and workshops at the back, while this firm also possess a bar iron and wholesale warehouse at Duke Street, in addition to petroleum, oils and cement stores in Walker Street, the extent of the concern being thus apparent. The stock (which is very well selected and of unsurpassed quality) comprises all descriptions of general retail furnishing and builders' ironmongery, marble and enamelled mantels, tiled grates, hearths, &c., &c., iron and brass bedsteads, cutlery, tools of all kinds for carpenters, engineers and others; lamps in great variety, and a host of articles too numerous to mention in detail. This firm obtains all their goods direct from the chief and most reliable sources of supply in large quantities, and are thereby enabled to offer the best advantages in respect to price to both wholesale and retail purchasers. They employ an adequate staff of experienced assistants, and have every facility at command in the way of conveyances, &c., for ensuring the punctual delivery of orders in the town or country. In connection with this business is the Wrekin Tin Works, where all kinds of dairy and domestic articles are manufactured in large quantities. As a proof of the work turned out in this department, the firm accepted and executed in one year an order for ten thousand one gallon oil cans in addition to their ordinary business. Goods are sent from this department to all parts of England and Wales, and considerable business has been done also with the Australian Colonies. Only recently the firm have started a branch business at Madeley, which already gives every promise of proving a complete success. Mr. Davies—the sole remaining partner—is a gentleman of high commercial standing, and is much respected by all who know him.

A. E. Bourne, Carver, Gilder, Looking Glass and Picture Frame Maker, Dealer in Oil Paintings, &c., 72 and 73, New Street.—The fine art and fancy repository, conducted for the last dozen years at 72 and 73, New Street, by Mr. A. E. Bourne, is one of the most interesting and pleasing of the business concerns in Wellington, and is well worthy of a visit. The shop has an attractive and brilliant appearance, the windows and the interior being handsomely and tastefully stocked with a choice collection of oil paintings, water-color drawings, chromos, oleographs, engravings, and fancy goods of a varied and artistic character; while the total quantity of goods is immense. Mr. Bourne is largely occupied as a carver, gilder, and looking-glass and picture frame maker, and for these departments he has ample workrooms at the rear part of his premises, while another feature of his business is the importation of foreign mouldings of all kinds. Views of Wellington and the neighbourhood are also obtainable here, and the concern is one of exceptional completeness and popularity.

R. Brisbourne, Tailor, &c., Older Bank House.—The tailoring establishments of Wellington are numerous and efficient, and this remark especially applies to that concern, which has for the last ten years been in the hands of Mr. R. Brisbourne, and is carried on at the Olde Bank House, opposite the Parish Church. The premises referred to provide accommodation for a spacious shop, and fitting and cutting rooms, &c., at the rear, so that the conveniences for the trade are in every way adequate. Mr. Brisbourne places before his customers a very modern and choice lot of woollens, tweeds, and other goods for suits, coats, trousers, &c., the materials referred to being sufficiently varied as to afford wide scope for individual selection. A good stock of hats and gentlemen's outfitting is also on sale, and these are very well selected; while the class of trade done is superior, better class families of the district placing their orders with Mr. Brisbourne, who has a thorough grasp of his business, and is much esteemed by his fellow-townsmen.

J. and C. Bromley, Ironmongers and Agricultural Implement Makers.—There is large scope in Wellington for the business of Messrs. J. and C. Bromley, ironmongers and agricultural implement makers, there being a large demand in the district for the goods of such a firm. This old-established concern passed to its present owners in May last, and is conducted on the same satisfactory lines as hitherto. Messrs. Bromley's warehouses and yards are of large extent, and there is open for inspection here a very comprehensive and splendidly-assorted stock of ironmongery goods, garden and farm tools, ammunition, and agricultural implements of all kinds, these latter including the productions of Howard's and Hornsby's, Bamford's, Ransome's, and other leading makers; and agriculturalists may always rely upon obtaining what they require at this extensively stocked establishment. Messrs. Bromley have a thorough knowledge of their business, and as their great desire is to give satisfaction, their business is bound to continue to develop.

Butler Brothers, Grocers, Tea Dealers, and Tobacconists, Church Street.—Although established at a comparatively recent period—about five years—the business of Messrs. Butler Brothers, grocers, tea dealers and tobacconists, is now one of the principal retail concerns of Wellington, and still continues to develope. The capitally arranged and commodious shop in Church Street is well suited for a wholesale and retail trade of this class, and the warehouses at the rear are admirably designed for storing stock not in actual use, while the goods sold by Messrs. Butler include all the usual groceries and provisions and sundries kept at similar establishments, and a further department is made of the supply of tobacconists' goods in great variety. Several horses and carts belonging to this firm are daily engaged in delivering orders within a radius of quite ten miles, the quality of the goods supplied having become known all over the district, while by steadily attending to their business the gentlemen owning it have won for themselves the high esteem of their fellow-townspeople and a corresponding commercial prosperity that is very gratifying.

E. J. Capsey, Draper and Outfitter, 13, Market Square, and 3, Duke Street.—Two important departments of trade are carried on in Wellington by Mr. E. J. Capsey, who is both a draper and an outfitter, and occupies a leading position in both these lines. He has been in business in the town for about 19 years, and, possesses two shops, that for the drapery, dressmaking, millinery, &c. being at 13, Market Square, and for the outfitting at 3, Duke Street; while the show and work-room accommodation at both these establishments is excellent. The two concerns have a pleasing appearance, and are exceptionally well-stocked; at the one the drapery goods of all kinds are very satisfactory in quality and varied in extent; while at the other there is an equally commendable array of outfitting articles; and it is only natural therefore to find both these shops largely patronised by the best circles, as the goods cannot be improved upon elsewhere, and Mr. Capsey himself is most obliging and attentive. He gives special attention to millinery and dressmaking, employing a good number of thoroughly experienced hands and in every instance guaranteeing a perfect fit, the latest style, and best finish. This department is proving very successful.

Clift and Son, Excelsior Carriage Works.—In writing of the various leading commercial establishments of Wellington and the neighbourhood, mention must be made of the well-known Excelsior Carriage Works of Messrs. Clift and Son, as this is one of the most important industrial concerns of the neighbourhood. This business was started over forty-five years ago, and such has been its progress that it has been found necessary to considerably enlarge the premises, which now constitute a carriage manufactory of unusual completeness and extent. The front of the building is set apart for show rooms, and here there is on view a stock of fifty carriages of all descriptions, the style and finish of these vehicles, and also the durability of the materials employed, being at once noticeable, and these features of Messrs. Clift's productions have gained for them several high awards at the leading Exhibitions of the country. At the request of several customers, this firm have opened a saddlery and harness department, from which can now be obtained the complete equipment for a horse; while it should not be omitted to state that Messrs. Clift are the sole inventors and manufacturers of "Clift's Patent Self-acting Seat" for dogcarts and of the "Counter-balance" wheel brake for two wheel vehicles. The working departments are complete with the latest improved machinery and trade appliances, while repairs to carriages and harness are carried out in an excellent manner, and the prices in this department, and also for new vehicles, are wonderfully low. The working staff is a large and experienced one, and the trade done extends to all parts of the country, while numerous vehicles are exported to the Continent, the Colonies, India, South Africa, and other parts of the world.

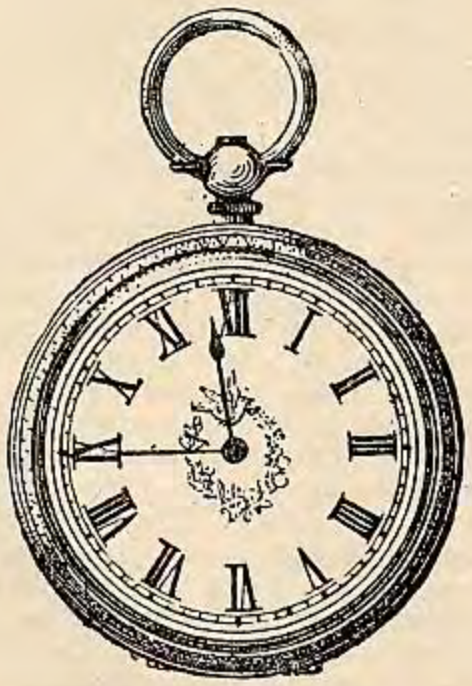
W. Davies, Hatter, and Gentlemen's Outfitter, 18, Market Square.—One of the prominent hat and gentlemen's outfitting establishments of Wellington is that of Mr. W. Davies, of 18, Market Square, which was started by the father of that gentleman in 1843, and has had a uniform run of success since that time. The attractive looking and nicely-arranged shop utilized for the business is filled with high-class selection of hats of modern shapes, and all kinds of outfitting articles required by gentlemen; while by keeping his stock thoroughly up to date, Mr. Davies is able to give every satisfaction to his customers, supplying them with fashionable goods with which they cannot fail to be pleased. These principles, combined with increasing assiduity in order to supply his patrons with exactly what they require, have given universal satisfaction, and been the cause of a constantly extending circle of customers.

R. Groom, Sons, & Co., Timber Merchants, Saw-mill Owners, and Woodware Manufacturers, Shropshire Works.—No review of the trades and industries of Wellington would be complete without special and prominent mention of the works of Messrs. R. Groom, Sons, and Co.—a firm established many years as timber merchants, saw-mill proprietors and woodware manufacturers—whose business is unquestionably one of the largest of its character in the kingdom. During the last fifty years the history of this enterprise can be said to be identical with the commercial growth of Wellington, indeed, no other business in the district has contributed anything near so largely to the industrial wealth and importance of the town. Year by year this firm's trade has grown in extent and value,—the works have from time to time been enlarged and improved to meet the increasing demands, and, in short, the concern has enjoyed a prosperous career only commensurate with the skill, perseverance and well directed enterprise displayed in its management. The premises utilised—comprising offices, spacious warehouses and stores, mills, workshops, timber drying sheds and yards cover about six acres of ground, and are conveniently located on the side of the railway, being connected by three distinct lines of rails. The buildings are substantially constructed, while the various manufacturing departments are very conveniently arranged. The mills are equipped with all the requisite steam machinery and appliances of the best type, and are capable of accommodating all sizes and shapes of trees, one of their evident maxims being to utilise to its fullest extent the natural productions of England, and if land owners were to call and inspect the hundreds of uses to which wood is here put, from the tiny clothes peg to heavy dockyard and railway beams, they would never again be at a loss to know what to do with their surplus timber. They purchase growing timber from estate agents in any part of the country—being, in fact, the largest buyers that this or any other county can boast of. Their yards are specially adapted to the storage of logs, &c. and for the convenience of unloading from trucks and conveying to mills—a steam travelling crane is requisitioned. At all times there are large stocks of English and foreign timber on hand suitable for collieries, builders, wheelwrights, and all other purposes. The various woodware manufacturing departments are equipped with special and efficient machinery—the motive power for this and the mills being supplied by two engines of 30 h.p. each. The manufactures include every description of woodware for dairy, domestic and other purposes—all of which maintain a standard reputation in the trade for utility, soundness, and best finish. To all purchasers and disposers of timber this firm offer the best advantages in respect to price—and there is no question that they are enabled to execute all orders in the promptest manner. Their business ramifications extend to all parts of the kingdom, and they are well known Government and railway contractors. It now only remains to be added that the partners in the firm give the business their close personal attention, and are gentlemen highly esteemed by all with whom they come into contact.

S. Corbett and Son, Agricultural Engineers Iron and Brassfounders, Park Street Works.—The manufacture of agricultural implements and food-preparing machinery, &c., is carried on rather extensively in various parts of the County of Shropshire ; and in reviewing this branch of industry a leading position can be unhesitatingly accorded to Messrs. S. Corbett and Son, of Park Street Works, Wellington—a firm established upwards of fifty years, and one well known in all parts of the country and abroad. It may be stated that this business was founded in a small way, and has been steadily developed year by year, till now it ranks among the best known of its character in this country. Messrs. Corbett and Son are 1891 manufacturers ; they enter into competition with the largest and most celebrated firms in the world, and thus far have achieved eminent success. It is not too much to say that some of the best improvements of recent years have been placed to their credit. Take the Patent "Plymouth" Royal First Prize Grinding Mills, for instance, which gained the first prize of £20 at the great trials held by the R.A.S.E. at Plymouth only last year, and what is more, in competition with such firms as Barford and Perkins, H. Bamford and Son, W. N. Nicholson and Sons Woodroff and Co., Blackstone and Co., Ltd., Burrell and Sons, E. R. and F. Turner, Agricultural Mill Company, R. A. Lister and Co. Woods and Co., Williams and Son, and others. Several of the above firms entered four mills for competition, but the "only one" entered by Messrs. Corbett and Son came off with flying colours. That is only speaking of the most recent triumph, for since their introduction these mills have been awarded over seventy gold and silver medals, money prizes, and diplomas by the principal Agricultural Societies of the world. These mills will grind wheat, barley, beans, peas, oats, linseed, maize, and spices, for feeding purposes, quite equal to mill stones, and three times as fast. They will also grind minerals and chemicals of various kinds. The cutting plates are chilled, and are therefore exceedingly hard and durable. In all-round working these mills are as near perfect as possible, the feed is so regulated that is impossible for it to choke. the plates can expand under pressure, by means of a spiral spring, to allow any interloping substance to drop through, which will at once be seen reduces the chances of accident to a minimum. We give an illustration of these mills, and the following extract is from *The Implement and Machinery Review* of July 1st 1890, giving particulars of the working of S. Corbett and Sons' grinding mills at Plymouth :—"Corbett and Sons' XL. 2 Mill was set in operation. In its grinding capacity, both for quality and speed, the exhibitors, from the beginning of the trial, exemplified the liveliest anticipations, and this was probably due in a great measure to their knowledge of the fact that the founder of the firm, some forty years ago, introduced the first practically successful metal disc mill, and that its *debut* had led to such gratifying issues that it seemed improbable that they could be eclipsed. But whether this was so or not, it was distinctly noticeable that their turn to begin would afford them the greatest satisfaction. None of the exhibitors seemed half so happy, and that Mr. W. Corbett was far merrier than any of the party present throughout the trials will, to many, be a subject of lasting recollection. Called upon to get ready, the belt (an indiarubber one) was quickly adjusted, in went the preliminary skepful of maize, and the necessary adjustment of the grinding surfaces of the plates, for meal, was coolly secured. Then followed the charging of the hopper with the regulation supply of maize, and W. Corbett stood ready to personally set the mill in operation unattended. He was the only exhibitor who acted in this capacity. He appeared to be longing to begin, and, at the Judges' 'go on,' the riddle is released, and the grinding begins and ends in two minutes. The beans follow, and are ground in 4¾ minutes. A few more are then split (the time not being noted) ; the oats run through in capital style within 3¾ minutes, and the ½cwt. of barley takes the same time, The four samples, aggregating 2cwt., have occupied but 13¾minutes. and the firm, so far, stands first on the list for getting through them all in the shortest time. At 11 p.m. on June 23rd all our observations were tabulated, and on the deductions they enforced, we concluded that Corbett and Son, of Wellington, would get the first prize. This belief, founded as it was on what we had actually seen, was evidently justified, for the next day it was made known that the Judges had awarded the first prize of £20 to Corbett and Son, of Wellington, Salop, and in our researches after truth, we found no one ready to call into question their right to the award." It may further be stated that many thousands of these mills have thus far been sold, and that the sale is still increasing. Only recently large orders have been executed for Denmark, Brazil, Germany, and Russia. Since their victory at Plymouth these mills have been awarded nine first-class prizes. Among the other notable productions of this firm must be mentioned the following :—S. Corbett and Son's Patent Gold Medal "Champion" Barrel Root Pulper, which has been awarded over sixty first prizes, gold and silver medals, diplomas, &c., at home and abroad , S. Corbett and Son's Royal Agricultural Society's "Windsor" Prize Patent Root Cleaner, Pulper, Fingerer, and Slicer, which are everywhere acknowledged to be especially valuable and efficient ; S. Corbett and Son's New Patent Treble Action Gold Medal "Wrekin" Turnip Cutter ; S. Corbett and Son's First Prize Gold Medal, Improved Safety Chaff Cutter ; S. Corbett and Son's Prize Patent Combined Oil-Cake Breaker and Grinder ; S. Corbett and Son's First Prize Improved Oil-Cake Breaker (for hand power) ; the First Prize Universal Malt Crusher ; First Prize "Eclipse" Horse Gears ; First Prize Champion Single Furrow Ploughs ; First Prize Champion Double-Furrow Ploughs ; First Prize New-Pattern Ridging Plough ; First Prize New-Pattern Segmental Land Roll ; Improved First Prize Cambridge Pattern Clod Crusher ; First Prize Original Pattern Horse Hoe and Turnip Grubber ; S. Corbett and Son's New Patent "Horse Hoe or Turnip Scuffle," with moulding or ridging up body (over three thousand sold) ; the Improved First Prize Lever Cultivator ; S. Corbett and Son's Prize Wrought-iron Chain Harrow, &c., &c. Messrs. Corbett also manufacture vertical engines and boilers of improved pattern, and give estimates for special machinery. They are also iron and brassfounders, and make a speciality of the manufacture of tomb railings, entrance gates, palisading, &c. They keep a large assortment of designs on hand, or make to order. Their productions in this line are remarkable for beauty of design and great durability. They have been awarded 311 gold and silver medals, money prizes, cups, and diplomas, by the principal societies of all nations, in competition with all the leading makers. The works cover an acre and a-half of ground, are substantial, splendidly equipped and organised, and find constant employment for a large number of hands. They front to Park Street and Crescent Road, and consist of offices, show-rooms, and large warehouses, in addition to the various manufacturing departments. All orders can be got out from this establishment in the promptest style. The partners in the firm personally direct the affairs of the business and are gentlemen greatly respected in local circles. That this enterprise has added materially to the welfare of the town, and is likely to prove of still greater service, there can be no doubt.

J. Hall, Dispensing Chemist 14, Market Square.—During the twelve years in which Mr. J. Hall has been established in Wellington as a dispensing chemist he has been constantly advancing in the opinion of the public, until his present position in his business may be regarded as second to that of no other, His premises at 14, Market Square are of attractive appearance, the shop being appointed in an appropriate and handsome style, while on the well-lined shelves, &c., there is a complete stock of all those drugs, medicines, patent preparations, toilet and fancy articles that are so essential to the outfit of a first-class chemist. Mr. Hall's dispensing and family connection is extensive and influential, while to the wants of every customer such attention and care is given as to ensure the heartiest recommendation. A carefully conducted and splendidly equipped concern such as this undoubtedly is cannot fail to be of great public utility, and Mr. Hall well deserves the large share of patronage that he has secured. One of his own preparations worthy of mention here is "Hall's Compound Syrup of Camphor," which is acknowledged to be unrivalled for coughs and colds, This medicine commands a large sale.

G. W. Harvey, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 9, Market Street.—Mr. G. W. Harvey's jewellery business at 9, Market Street, is undoubtedly one of the best known of its character in the town of Wellington. It has been in existence a very considerable time, and has all along been well supported by all classes of the community, to whose requirements Mr. Harvey successfully caters.



His premises are conveniently located, commodious and well-appointed, the shop having one show window, in which an excellent display is always made. At this establishment can always be seen a splendidly assorted stock of gold and silver watches for ladies and gentlemen's wear; clocks, timepieces, rings of all kinds, electro-plate, cutlery, in addition to a great variety of fine gold and sterling silver jewellery. Mr. Harvey is a practical watchmaker, and executes repairs in all branches of the trade, guaranteeing prompt execution, superior workmanship, and thorough efficiency, combined with lowest charges. All orders for repairs are executed under his personal supervision. It is entirely owing to his uniformly courteous, fair, and honourable methods of dealing that he has built up such a valuable connection, and it is not too much to say that he is greatly respected by all who know him.

Hobson and Co., Booksellers, Printers, Stereotypers, Publishers, Stationers, Account Book Manufacturers, Bookbinders, News and Advertising Agents, Paper Merchants, Paper Bag Manufacturers, Music Sellers, &c., Market Square, and Shropshire Printing and Stationery Works, Market Buildings.—The extensive printing and stationery works of Messrs. Hobson and Co., of Market Square and Market Buildings, have every right to receive adequate notice in this review, as the business done is of large extent, and has been conducted by the present firm over 35 years, and was in existence 150 years previously. The shop is spacious, and has two windows, while at the rear the works for printing and other purposes are well equipped, and there is good warehousing accommodation. Messrs. Hobson and Co. have stored at their premises a capital stock of books, stationery, account books, &c., and also the publications of the Christian Knowledge Society, and of the British and Foreign Bible Society; while as stereotypers, printers, paper bag manufacturers, &c., their work is of the best class, and has brought them widespread credit. Their staff of workpeople is quite adequate, and the business is conducted on most excellent lines.

Frederick William Jackson, Charlton Arms, Family Commercial and Posting Hotel.—Excellent hotel accommodation is provided at Wellington at the establishmens known by the name of the "Charlton Arms," which is conveniently situated near the Parish Church, and not far from the Court House the esteemed proprietor being Mr. Frederick William Jackson, who it thoroughly cognizant with the details of hotel management. This house is said to be the oldest of its kind in the town, and it is certainly one of the best, for the accommodation provided is in every way excellent, the cuisine, wines, spirits, &c., leaving nothing to be desired. There is a nice billiard room, and also extensive livery and bait stables; while excellent provision has been made for cyclists, by whom the hotel is largely patronised; and commercial gentlemen too and in fact everyone who have any knowledge of the house speak highly of its comfort and good management. Mr. Jackson is much esteemed by all who come in contact with him, and leaves nothing undone that will, if carried out, further the efficiency of his hotel.

J. Jenkins, Tailor and Woollen Draper, "The Old Basket Shop," 17, New Street.—The numerous tailoring establishments of Wellington are very deserving of notice, and one that was added to the list of these concerns about three years ago is that belonging to Mr. J. Jenkins, of "The Old Basket Shop," 17, New Street, who has rapidly pushed his way to the front, and now possesses a valuable and high-class connection. His shop and cutting room, &c., afford excellent accommodation, while he makes a great point of keeping in stock a very tasteful collection of woollens, tweeds, &c., which invariably pleases his customers, whose satisfaction is further increased by the stylish cut of their clothes as supplied from here, where first-class tailoring is really to be obtained at moderate prices. Mr. Jenkins brings much practical experience to bear on his business transactions; he is up with the times, and may confidently look forward to the future continued prosperity of his business.

John Jones, Watchmaker and Jeweller, Stationer and Printer, 8, Church Street.—A very comprehensive and important business has been carried on for the last thirteen years by Mr. J. Jones, of 8, Church Street. His fine spacious shop is filled with a splendid stock of plain and fancy stationery, account books and ledgers, books for presents and prizes. As he supplies the Wellington School Board, in addition to numerous other schools in the district, he has generally on hand a good supply of scholastic requirements. His shelves are well-filled with a choice assortment of leather goods, including bags, desks, albums, and purses. Tennis goods and footballs are also to be seen side by side with in-door games. One part of the shop is packed with books forming a public circulating library. The other side of the shop is devoted to the Jewellery Department, gold and silver brooches of every description, ladies rings at all prices—this being the noted shop for wedding rings—a great variety of clocks in wood and marble cases, and every description of watches. The large show cases filled with silver and electro-plated goods show that Mr. Jones lays himself out for supplying wedding presents in this department. This gentleman is also a well-known and widely supported printer and bookbinder. His works are situated at The Lawns, Park Street (about three minutes walk from 8, Church Street), and having the most modern machinery and appliances, abundant type and steam power, he is enabled to turn out work at very short notice. The flourishing state of this department is a sure index to its merits, and the high reputation it has acquired.

Kynaston Bros. and Jarvis, Ironmongers Cutlers, Gas Fitters, Locksmiths, &c., The Old Padlock.—The value of a representative ironmongery establishment to all classes of the public is everywhere acknowledged, while in Wellington an eminent concern of this character is that belonging to Messrs. Kynaston Bros. and Jarvis, and which was until recently conducted by Messrs. R. Millington & Co., who owned the business for many years. The building utilized for the trade faces Crown Street, and extends through to Duke Street; splendid shop accommodation is provided, and the warehouses and workshops are on an equally satisfactory scale. Such a collection of general and furnishing ironmongery, cutlery, lamps, sporting ammunition, builders' ironmongery, dairy and kitchen utensils, fishing tackle, &c., &c., as that held by Messrs. Kynaston Bros. and Jarvis is indeed worthy of all praise that could be bestowed on it; every department is so complete, and the good quality of the different articles is so obvious. This firm also possess another establishment at High Street and Noble Street, Wem, and they hold a respected position in their trade

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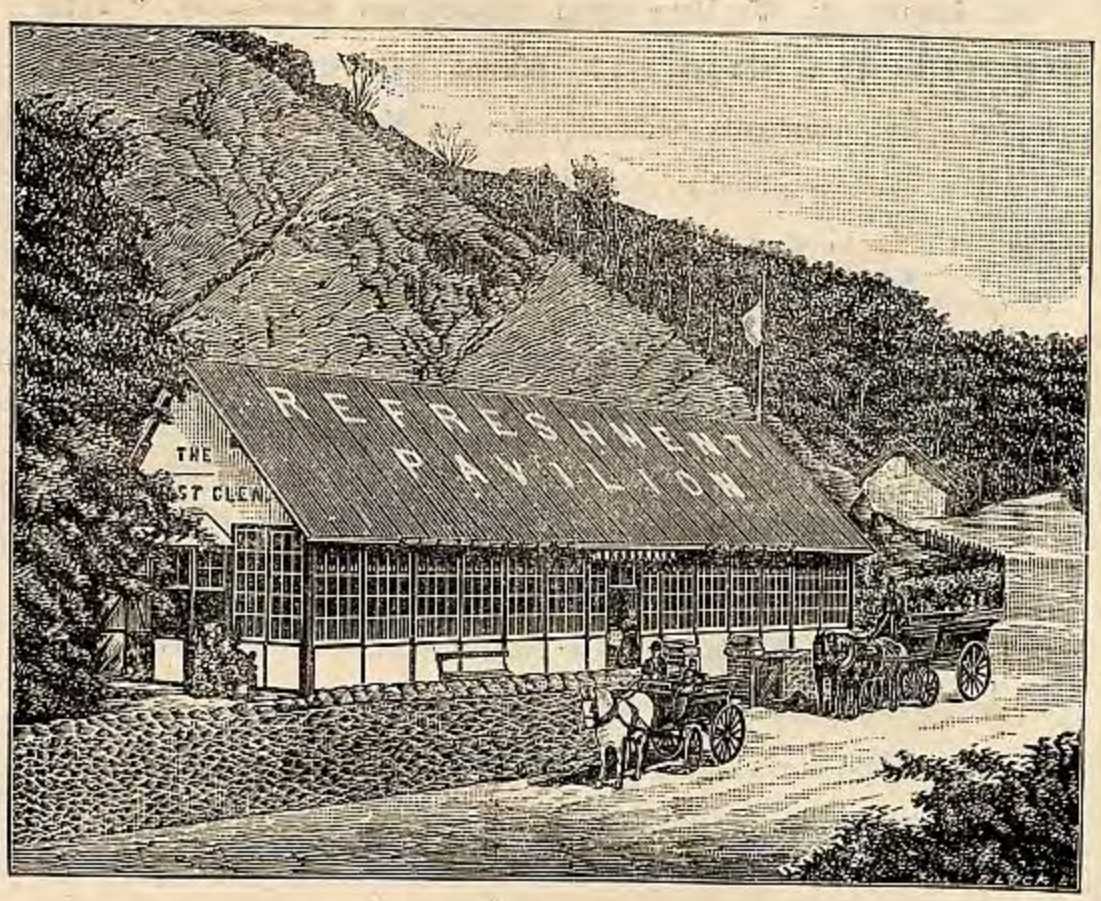
W. R. Mansell, Engineer and Ironfounder, Wrekin Foundry.—Several important industries are carried on in Wellington, and have proved of much value to the district. One of these is that represented by Mr. W. R. Mansell, of the Wrekin Foundry, whose business as an engineer and ironfounder was established by his father some sixty years ago, and has now attained large dimensions. Mr. Mansell occupies very spacious works, which cover about two acres of land, the premises being well designed for the business; the offices are in the front, and the remainder of the buildings are used for the excellently equipped working department, which include engineers, moulders, pattern makers, and drilling shops, &c., each of these being completely supplied with all the best tools, machinery and appliances for carrying on the different classes of work. All descriptions of general engineering and millwrights work is carried out by Mr. Mansell, while his other specialities include the manufacture of horizontal and vertical steam engines, coiling engines, brick and tile machinery; gas valves and appliances for Siemens' gas furnaces, mill and forge work, ingot moulds, furnace plates, iron and brass castings of every kind, steam shears, &c., &c.; and orders for any of the manufactures named are executed in a highly satisfactory manner, good workmanship and excellence of material being characteristic of Mr. Mansell's productions. The new self-contained, horizontal high pressure expansive steam engines have been most successfully introduced, and are likely to be very popular, as they represent many improvements, and possess numerous advantages. The staff of skilled artizans is as may be inferred a numerous one, and the excellent order noticeable in the different departments should also be commented upon. In addition to the capital home trade in Mr. Mansell's hands he has also an export connection; and the steady expansion of his business may be regarded as certain.

J. Morgan, Grocer, Tea Dealer Hop and Seed Merchant, &c., Market Place.—Amid the other retail concerns located in the Market Place is the family tea and coffee warehouse belonging for the last four years to Mr. J. Morgan, and late Thomas Webb, this concern having a connection of an influential character and one that is constantly being augmented. The shop occupied possesses two attractive windows that are always well dressed and the interior is arranged on good lines; while there is on sale here and stored in the warehouses at the rear a large collection of teas, coffees, tinned goods, and all kinds of groceries, for the uniform good quality of the whole of which Mr. Morgan is noted throughout the district, his connection numbering many of the best families of the town and district. As a seed and hop merchant Mr. Morgan is well-known, and is able to compete with any firm in the county in both quality and price. He has specially constructed stores for hops and seeds at the rear of his grocery establishment, where a very large and carefully-selected stock is always held, including all kinds of agricultural seeds, and hops that are purchased direct from the most noted growing centres.

J. L. and E. T. Morgan, The Cash Drapers, 2 Church Street.—This establishment was opened about four years ago, and has evidently been much appreciated by the inhabitants of Wellington and district, for it has been found necessary to greatly enlarge the premises on several occasions; the first extension being made after the present energetic proprietors had held them for twelve months, and the following year a large show room was erected and the mantle and millinery business also added to the general and fancy drapery hitherto shown, and in the Spring of the present year immense workrooms were joined to the present building for the dress and mantle making, the whole comprising one of the most convenient and spacious premises in the county. The departments embrace millinery, mantles, jackets, cloaks, waterproofs, (corsets, baby linen, and underclothing, these departments being under the management of lady assistants), dressmaking by first-class artists, dress goods in endless variety combined with every novelty of each respective season, skirts, shawls, umbrellas, furs, Manchester goods, blankets, sheets, sheetings, quilts, flannels, unshrinkable shirtings, &c., hosiery, gloves, ribbons, laces, wools, &c., &c. The mode of conducting this business is unique, at any rate as far as Wellington is concerned. All goods are purchased direct from the best manufacturers for cash and sold at the lowest possible profit, by which means the proprietors are enabled to place before their customers superior value to any firm trading on the credit system. All goods are marked in plain figures, and the same price charged to all purchasers, and as these principles have been consistently adhered to it is not surprising to find the firm in its present prosperous condition.



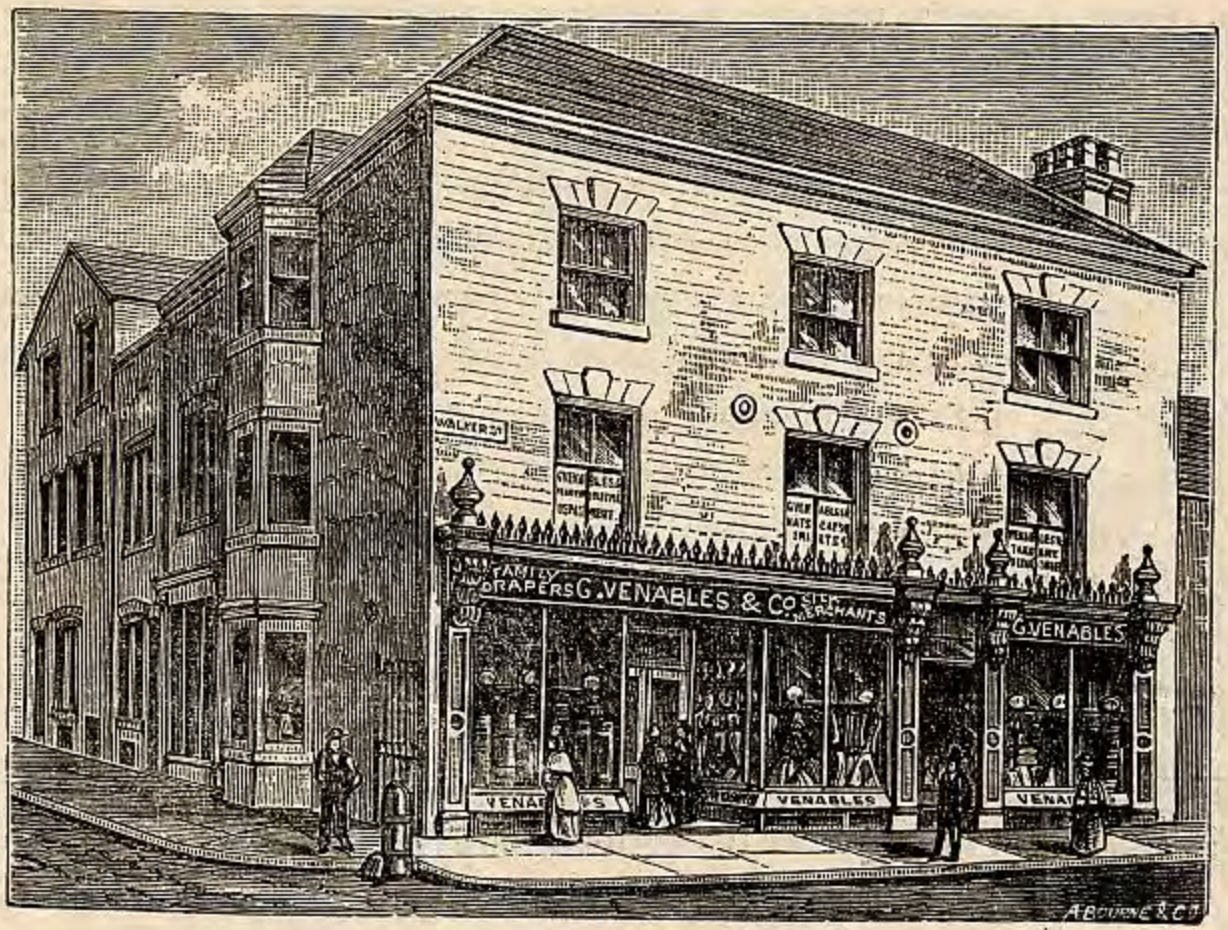
H. W. Pointon, Station Hotel.—The excellence of the hotel accommodation at Wellington cannot be better exemplified than by giving an account of the Station Hotel, of which Mr. H. W. Pointon is the proprietor, and which has been established for about 40 years. The convenient situation of this house cannot be gainsaid; it is located opposite the station and is thus in an unsurpassed position for receiving travellers; while its general equipment is quite of the best class, the large commercial and coffee rooms, &c.. being appointed in an unexceptional style. At the rear of the building large stabling accommodation is to be found, and from here cabs, cars, and breaks are let on hire, an order office for the livery department being provided at the front of the hotel. The commodious bar and also comfortable smoke rooms should be noted, while Mr. Pointon gives special attention to orders for dinners, teas, balls. and large or small parties, and receives unlimited praise for the liberal manner in which he caters for such gatherings. He is also the proprietor of the Forest Glen, at the foot of the Wrekin (of which we here give an illustration), a beautiful spot highly favored by large numbers during certain months of the year, and a favourite meet for the North Shropshire hounds, it being a great stronghold for foxes and a sure find. From the summit of the hill on a clear day seventeen counties can be seen distinctly, and upwards of a 1000 square miles of scenery. On the road to this charming fairy retreat, seats are placed under the shady oaks for visitors where may be seen children playing, ladies reading, and gentlemen enjoying their cigarettes, indeed the walk from Wellington to the Forest Glen for extent of scenery is not to be found in any other county. Breaks and wagonettes running to the glen daily during the season at low fares, the distance being about two-and-a-half miles. Personally, Mr Pointon is much esteemed in the town and district.

E. Shaw and Co., High Class Tailors, Park Street.—Another leading tailoring business in Wellington is that of which Messrs. E. Shaw and Co. have been the owners for the past ten years, but which has really been in existence for a period considerably exceeding half a century. The premises utilised for this high-class trade consist of spacious shop and of ample work rooms, the former containing a choice array of all kinds of fashionable tailoring materials, and also of scarfs, collars, and other articles of gentlemen's dress. Farmers, tradesmen, and well-to-do people generally regard this establishment with great favour, as the quality of the goods turned out is excellent; while another branch of Messrs. Shaw's trade is that of the supply of liveries, and in this department they secure the orders of a large section of the local gentry. A numerous staff of skilled tailors, &c., receive employment here, and the establishment is (thanks to the experience of Messrs. Shaw) in a splendid position for dealing with all orders.

Slaney and Son, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants, &c., Market Square.—A prominent position in the wine and spirit trade must undoubtedly be allotted to Messrs. Slaney and Son, whose business was eatablished in Wellington in 1780 and has been in their family for nearly sixty years. Their premises in the Market Place have an attractive frontage, and consist of large vaults, office, and cellars, arranged on good lines with special reference to the class of trade done; while they have in stock a choicely selected stock of ports, sherries, marsala, claret, sauterne, Burgundy, hock, moselle, champagne, &c.; brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, &c.; and as they have had a long experience in the trade, and purchase direct from the growers, they are enabled to supply all the articles named at the lowest possible prices consistent with good and genuine quality. This firm also act as agents for Allsopp's ales and Guinness's stout; their extensive connection is both wholesale and retail, and they possess another establishment at Oakengates. This firm is one of the best known in Shropshire, and their leading position in their trade is admitted by all who have any knowledge of their concern.

Stead and Co., Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Tea Dealers, & Provision Merchants, 29, & 29½, New Street.—Few towns can claim to have among them a better collection of grocery establishments than those to be found in Wellington, and in this connection a capital name has been secured by Messrs. Stead and Co., who during the two years in which they have been before the public as wholesale and retail grocers, tea dealers and provision merchants, have made substantial progress. Their shops at 29, and 29½, New Street have adequate frontages, and are well fitted up; at the back there is nice warehousing room, and the entire premises are well suited for the business; while no firm can boast of a more choice selection of ham, bacon, butter, cheese, tea, coffee, cocoa, spices, condiments, and general produce of all kinds than that belonging to Messrs. Stead. The goods are bought from direct sources of supply, and the prices are therefore reasonable; while the management of the concern is really very capable, and the good results achieved are the natural consequence.

Richard Stone, House Furnisher, Furnishing Ironmonger, Jeweller, China and Glass Dealer, &c., &c.—Showrooms: Crown Street and Duke Street.—Factory: Cemetery Road.—To the inhabitants of Wellington and the surrounding districts the large and comprehensive business concern to which we are now about to refer, viz., that of Mr. Richard Stone, is exceedingly well-known, as through him they are able to purchase everything required in the household, whether it be large or small. This business was inaugurated in 1845, and its dimension has been gradually extending, until it may now be regarded as second to none among the similar concerns of its kind. The premises occupied have necessarily been extended since they were opened, to keep up with the increased trade; they are located in Crown Street and Duke Street, and the total shop, show room, and warehouse accommodation is unusually great, while Mr. Stone possesses a well-equipped furniture and cabinet-making manufactory in Cemetery Road, where large quantities of household goods are produced weekly, and are supplied to both wholesale and retail customers; stabling accommodation being also provided at the last named address. The goods supplied by Mr. Stone include furniture of all kinds, carpets, rugs, curtains, uphol-tery, linoleum, oil cloths, mattings, mats, furnishing ironmongery, bedsteads, cots, folders, trunks, bedding, jewellery, musical instruments, clocks, mangles, washing machines, bassinettes perambulators, bath-chairs china, glass, brushes, brooms, foreign timber, veneer, and turnery; each of these departments being represented in a most efficient manner. All kinds of repairs are executed, and goods bought or exchanged; while another branch of Mr. Stone's business is that of a furniture remover. Enough has now been said to show the all-round and unique completeness of the business. Mr. Stone is a County Councillor, and member of the Wellington Board of Guardians.



C. Venables and Co., Silk Mercers, General Drapers, Dress and Mantle Makers, Tailors and Outfitters, 1, Walker Street.—A splendid business and one that has been established in Wellington for more than fifty years, is that of Messrs. C. Venables and Co., of 1, Walker Street (who have another large concern at Shrewsbury), this firm not only carrying on an extensive trade as drapers, but being also well-known as tailors and outfitters. The premises occupied have an extensive corner frontage with fine windows facing Crown Street, and other part of the building adjoining Tan Bank; while the show-rooms on the ground floor are very spacious, and the first floor is also used for the business, two commodious workrooms providing accommodation for a good number of hands. In the drapery department of their concern, Messrs. Venables can always show an unrivalled collection of dress goods in the most fashionable shades and patterns, and their linens, calicoes, sheetings, and the dozen of other similar articles required in the household are also of the best; while as dressmakers, mantle makers, &c., the style of their work is universally admired, as also is the prompt manner in which orders are completed. Reverting to the tailoring and outfitting branch, this firm supply gentlemen's outfits of all kinds, and have an excellent stock of woollens, Scotch tweeds, and the famous Bliss tweeds, &c.; while their specialities are liveries, riding breeches, ladies jackets, clerical garments, cassocks, &c., for the production of which they have an experienced staff. The good order pervading this large establishment reflects high credit on the members of the firm, and says much for their business capacity; while we may say that the business done assumes large dimensions, and is by no means confined to the town—but extends for fully twelve miles around—the reputation of the house for thoroughly reliable and cheap goods being firmly established.

J. C. Smith and Son, Wine and Spirit Merchants.—The old established business of Messrs J. C. Smith and Son, wine and spirit merchants, has been in existence in Wellington for the last two centuries, and has been in the hands of the same family since 1851. So well has this business been conducted that the extent of the trade has steadily and substantially increased. It was formerly in the hand of Mr. James Clegg Smith alone, and during his, and the present ownership, that of his son—Mr. Henry Clegg Smith the management has been characterised by much ability. The old fashioned premises used are situate opposite the Parish Church; they comprise well-appointed vaults in front, while the other accommodation is highly suitable for this class of trade. Messrs. Smith have on sale the choicest vintages of wines of all kinds, and their collection of spirits, &c.—of good age and selected with excellent judgment,—should also be referred to. The trade done is wholesale and retail families being supplied in all parts of the county, while wherever Messrs. Smith and Son are known they are much esteemed.

Union Brewery Co., Walker Street.—The brewing and wine and spirit trade is well represented in the town of Wellington, and one of the chief concerns in this line is the Union Brewery Company, Walker Street, founded in the year 1877, and which has since progressed at a steady and substantial pace, a result only consistent with the able and enterprising manner in which it has been conducted. The premises utilised consist of a large and modernly equipped brewery, with the necessary stores and outbuildings, wine and spirit stores, and offices, and altogether cover a considerable area of ground. The business is certainly conducted throughout on the best lines, and every facility is at command for ensuring the prompt delivery of orders. This Company are brewers of pale, mild, bitter, and strong ales and stout, and all their productions are specially noted for purity, delicacy of flavour, brilliancy, and appetising properties. They are doing a very valuable family trade in the town and surrounding country, and also supply many tied and free houses. The stock of wines and spirits held is exceptionally large and being obtained direct from the chief sources of supply at home and abroad uniformly first-class quality at lowest consistent prices is guaranteed. All the choicest brands of British and foreign cigars are likewise kept in stock, and it may be stated that a capital trade is done in malt and hops. Mr. Benjamin Garbett is the proprietor of the business, which is under the management of Mr. Arthur Garbett, a gentleman of thorough experience in the trade.

John G. Wackrill, The Shropshire Brewery, Watling Street.—The brewing trade is capitally represented in the town of Wellington—the best known name in this connection being that of Mr. John G. Wackrill proprietor of the Shropshire Brewery, Watling Street. This gentleman succeeded Mr. Richard Taylor in the year 1880, who had founded the business thirty years previously. It has all along proved eminently prosperous, and the present proprietor has found it necessary to considerably enlarge the premises since he took control. The brewery, maltings, stores, offices and workshops, together with a spacious yard embrace fully an acre and a half of ground—the whole being of very convenient arrangement. The brewery is equipped with all the requisite machinery and appliances of the most efficient type. The maltings have two growing floors about 60 feet square and a double-kiln. The steeping capacity is 26 quarters, and both floors and steeps are composed of concrete of a hard and durable character. Mr. Wackrill has extensive storage accommodation for malt and barley. Over the brewery there is a cold water reservoir holding 1,800 gallons, supplied from an artesian well 207 feet deep. The supply of water is inexhaustible, and of a character specially suited to brewing purposes. Mr. T. P. Blunt, county analyst for Shropshire, writes as follows of this water:—"This is thoroughly pure and wholesome water, containing no trace of sewage or other organic matter, it is, therefore, well adapted in this respect for brewing; it is also specially fitted for that purpose by the considerable amount of the salts of lime and magnesia contained in it, and its consequent hardness. It is clear, colourless, and free from smell." In the racking room there are two large racking squares constructed of slate, each holding 1,600 gallons, also a capacious porter vat for storing and maturing porter. The beer and porter is put into the casks by means of a set of Smith's patent racking apparatus. The cellars cover an area of 7,000 square feet. All operations are conducted on the most advanced lines, and it is evident that every facility is at command for ensuring the punctual execution of all orders. Mr. Wackrill's productions in mild, bitter, pale and strong ales, porter and stout are noted for absolute purity, brilliancy, delicacy of flavour, and nourishing properties,—indeed, it is by maintaining these qualities at the highest degree of excellence that he ensures a large and continual flow of orders. The trade done extends for many miles around Wellington—many public-houses and private families being supplied. Mr. Wackrill gives the business his close personal attention, and is justly regarded as one of Wellington's most enterprising and worthy business men.

Webb Brothers, Corn Merchants, Agricultural Seedsmen, Grocers, &c., 1, New Street, and Market Hall.—The extensive concern owned by Messrs. Webb Brothers, as wholesale and retail corn merchants, agricultural seedsmen, grocers, &c., &c., has been favourably regarded by the public, not only of Wellington but for the wide radius around to which their trade extends. Their premises at 1, New Street are used as a retail shop, which is well stocked with goods; and they also have warehouses at New Street and Park Street. The articles dealt in comprise various descriptions of corn; agricultural seeds of all kinds, groceries, linseed cake, and many other sundries. Messrs. Webb are also importers of the finest Midlothian Scotch oatmeal, and this constitutes an important department of their trade; while they are further known as agent for the Shropshire Brewery; and every branch of their wholesale and retail trade is conducted with conspicuous success.

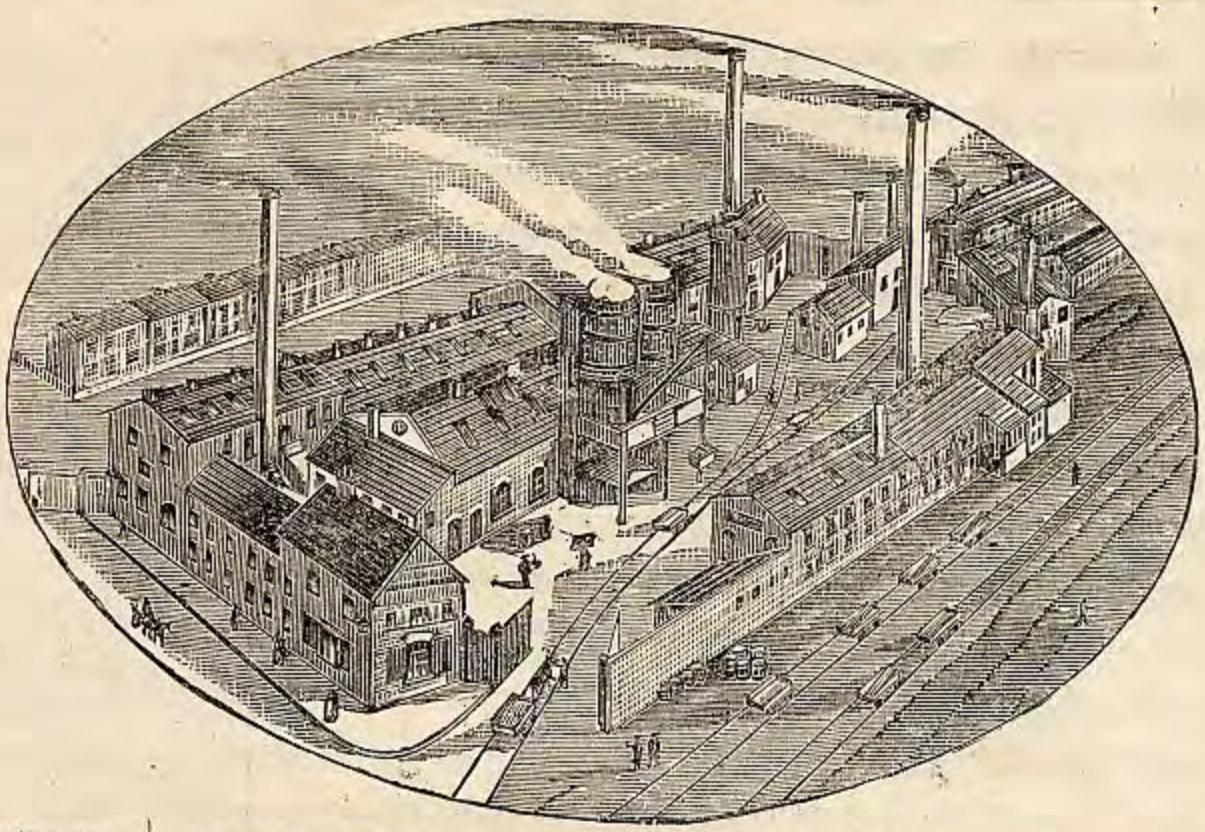
J. and E. Webb, General Drapers, Silk Mercers, Milliners, Dressmakers, &c., Market Square.—In connection with the sale of drapery goods in Wellington, the establishment of Messrs. J. and E. Webb is very prominently known to the public of the district as being one of the leading concerns. It was opened some sixty years ago and has been in the same family since that time, the progress made in public favor being really remarkable. The premises occupied by Messrs. Webb are in Market Square, to which they have an excellent frontage, and extend back to a great depth; while in addition to the spacious shop there are excellent show rooms at the rear, and the space on the upper floors is used for showrooms for mantles and dressmaking, and also as workrooms. The various departments contain a splendid and choicely assorted stock of silks, satins, prints, and other kinds of ladies' dress goods; linens, calicoes, sheetings, and household drapery of all descriptions; carpets, linoleums, mattings, moreens, patent American cloth, &c.; the appearance of the whole of these goods at once conveying the idea that they are of superfine character and selected in an experienced manner Dressmaking in all its branches, and also millinery are other features of Messrs. Webb's comprehensive business in which they have won much distinction, orders in these lines being carried out with promptitude and care by the capable and numerous staff. Funerals are furnished and every description of family mourning supplied on the shortest notice, the facilities enjoyed by this firm being so admirable; while the methods on which the entire business is conducted commends the establishment to the hearty support of the best circles. Messrs. Webb having the names of many of the leading county families on their books The gentlemen at the head of the concern are well-known in local circles, and enjoy the respect of all.

J. Wheatley, General and Furnishing Ironmonger, 5, New Street.—An account of the commercial establishments of Wellington must include mention of the general and furnishing ironmongery business carried on at 5, New Street, and of which Mr. J. Wheatley is the owner. During the time in which this concern has been in existence in the town it has met with deserved success. and has by no means yet attained its full development. Mr Wheatley has a good shop, warehouse, and workrooms, which are suitably appointed, the shop having a most pleasing appearance; while it is filled with a large variety of general and furnishing ironmongery in all its branches, the goods being purchased from the best sources of supply, and selected with all the experience which Mr. Wheatley (who was late manager to Messrs. E. R. Millington and Co.) is known to possess. The customers dealing here come from all parts of the neighbourhood.

G. H. York, Hydraulic, Hot Water and Sanitary Engineer, Plumber, Glazier, Painter, House Decorator, and Sign Painter, 75, New Street.—A prominent business in Wellington is that of Mr. G. H. York (registered plumber of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers), who has a very large connection as a hydraulic, hot water, and sanitary engineer, &c., and has achieved a reputation that is second to none. His trade (which was founded over fifty years ago) is carried on in admirable premises at 75, New Street, and here Mr. York has a well appointed shop, with offices, warehouses, and workshops at the rear, while he gives constant employment to between twenty and thirty hands in the different branches of his trade, these departments including hydraulic, hot water, and sanitary engineering work of every description, jobs of this kind being made a speciality. He is an authorised plumber to the Wellington Waterworks. and besides this plumbing, glazing, painting, house decorating, and sign painting are also carried out in the best style, and with care and promptness. Mr. York possesses a practical knowledge of all the details of his trade, on which he brings to bear an enterprise and energy that has brought him a fitting reward. He is doing a large wholesale trade in English and foreign paper hangings, sheet lead, lead pipe, window glass, and and plumbers' brass-work, oils, colours, varnishes, and sanitary earthenware—all of which he offers at lowest prices, consistent with first-class quality and manufacture.

J. J. P. Bowler, Portrait and Landscape Photographer, Oxford Street Studio, Oakengates.—Oakengates has a well-known and worthy exponent of the photographic art in the person of Mr. J. J. P. Bowler, of Oxford Street Studio, a gentleman who has been established in business for the last ten years, and has all along sustained a reputation for turning out the highest class work. Mr. Bowler's connections are by no means confined to the immediate district; he has patrons in all parts of the county, and is in a position to compete with anyone in the trade in Shropshire, Shrewsbury not excepted. His premises in Oxford Street are commodious and well-appointed, consisting of shop, reception, dressing, and workrooms and studio, the last-named being equipped with superior apparatus and accessories. Mr. Bowler undertakes all kinds of portrait and landscape photography, and his services are in great demand for photographing mansions, wedding groups, pic-nic parties, machinery, animals, &c. All his productions are really in the highest style of the art as regards clearness of outline, tone, and finish. He gives special attention to enlargements by all the latest and most improved processes and finishes in oils, water colours, sepia and monochrome. Copying works of art of all kinds, as well as tinting and colouring, is another important branch of Mr. Bowler's business. He has always a large stock of local views on hand. Mr. Bowler is extremely liberal in all his charges, and it may be stated that he is punctual in the execution of all orders.

Little & Cooper, Boot and Shoe Manufacturers (Wholesale and Retail), Market Street, Oakengates.



John Maddock and Co., Nail Manufacturers, and Malleable Ironfounders, Great Western Nail Works.—The district of Oakengates is the centre of a good number of very important industrial enterprises, and among these the Great Western Nail Works of Messrs. John Maddock and Co. are clearly entitled to prominent and detailed mention in this review. Founded in the year 1876, this business has certainly made rapid progress, and has contributed in no small measure to the commercial importance of the district. At the present time Messrs. J. Maddock and Co. give constant employment to fully two hundred hands, and are doing an extensive home and export trade. They are manufacturers of every description of malleable iron castings suitable for engineers, agricultural implement makers, and others; also of malleable nails of all kinds for home and foreign markets, and of machine-made malleable slate nails, malleable brattice and bellows nails, hobs, shoe plates, tacks, felt and sacking nails, cone head nails, moulders' pipe nails and chaplets, malleable iron fancy heel plates (perforated and other registered designs), cast wall nails, tile pegs and steel bills, iron and brass shoe rivets, wire nails, wire tacks, wire slate and cloud nails, panel brush, gimp, coach and trimmer pins, bright pointed horse nails, steel patent wrought nails, and all kinds of cut shoe nails and clog tacks. All these productions are known to maintain a standard reputation in the trade for thorough utility and best finish. This firm are also manufacturers of patent and registered fuel economisers, to fix in grates, made in malleable iron. Malleable iron garden rakes is another speciality of this firm, also the Patent Sliding Trivet and the "Handy" Repairing Feet, and many other specialities. This is probably the best place to refer to the trade done by Messrs. Maddock and Co. as manufacturers of Blakey's boot protectors, of which they turn out very large quantities. They are sole agents for nearly the whole of the United Kingdom (London and immediate districts only excepted) for the "Star Brand" bright pointed horse nails, manufactured by the Christiana Star Horse Nail Company, of Christiana, Norway, which have now obtained almost world-wide celebrity. These nails are made in various patterns and shapes to suit every market and every district in the United Kingdom, and can be obtained from Messrs. Maddock and Co. in any quantity at best trade terms. Perhaps a few words ought now to be written respecting the works. These cover about an acre of ground, and receive their name—"Great Western"—because of their close contiguity to the railway. The various manufacturing departments are equipped with all the requisite machinery and appliances of modern type, in fact, it is evident that no expense has been spared by the firm to ensure the speedy and economical production of all classes of work. The success achieved by this firm has been thoroughly well deserved.