

FRAME 437

1873 - THE OSHAWA STOVE COMPANY [newspaper article]

In 1873, a number of spirited citizens of Oshawa organized a joint stock company to manufacture stoves.

This industry began operations with about thirty hands.

The town granted a bonus of \$5,000. Owing to competition of larger concerns elsewhere, the business did not succeed.

In 1880, a new company took over the premises, which, under the management of Mr. J.S. Larke continued the business for a number of years. At the present, Mr. Larke's partner, J. Bales manages this industry. [conclusion of article]

MR. LARKE has recently been appointed to a government position, a mission to Australia, with the prospects doubtless that it will be more profitable and perhaps more agreeable than the stove business.

He was the acting commissioner for the Dominion at the Chicago World's Fair.

Footnote - Add following to the history)

FRAME 438

JOHN BAILES

The present head of the works now carried on in the stove foundry, came from Durham, England in 1869. He came across the Atlantic in the steamship "Hibernian" of the Allan Line. Mr. Bailes was for the first few years employed in the building trade but meeting with a serious accident in 1875 he gave it up. For a number of years afterwards he filled various positions as an employee of the corporation up to 1886. A few years after the latter date he was employed at the Dingle Works and then afterwards he joined Mr. Larke in the stove business. In 1892 Mr. Bailes bought out Mr. Larke's interest and is carrying the business on at the present time himself.

Mr. Bailes has been in the council three terms.