# HYDE PARK

LAMOILLE CO. BANK BUILDING, HYDE PARK.

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There are few villages in Vermont that can compare with Hyde Park in healthfulness and beauty of situation. It is a natural sanitarium. Situated on an elevated terace of sandy ground, it secures perfect drainage and is fanned by fresh breezes of mountain air. The long, wide and beautifully shaded Main street contains a number of handsome residences, a first-class hotel, the county buildings and bank building and commands a magnificent panorama of mountain and meadow scenery. It possesses an air of neatness, thrift and refinement so characteristic of the progressive New England village. It boasts a school building that cost $20,000 and many other features remarkable in a village of but a few over 400 inhabitants. Probably the coming of the railroad marked the most important period in the history of the town, as it made possible and profitable an immense development of the lumber business and the calf skin trade. Its elevated location has precluded manufacture by steam or water power. The electric light plant furnishes a power cheap, constant, and readily available, for quite extensive manufacturing purposes, already partially used. The business men of Hyde Park possess both the means and the ability to develop and successfully conduct any manufacturing enterprise.

THE LAMOILLE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO.

This institution, a credit at once to the town and the county, was organized and began business Jan. 21, 1889 with the following board of directors—Carroll S. Page, President; H. M. McFarland, Vice President; P. K. Gleed, S. A. Fife, H. P. Stowe and O. F. Gates. Of these, P. K. Gleed and H. P. Stowe have died and R. W. Halburd and R. S. Page have been elected to succeed them. Clarence A. Knight has been Treasurer of the institution since its organization.

This bank, in an exceptionally high degree enjoys the confidence of the depositing public, not only of the county but the entire State, as is evidenced by its steadily increasing deposits. Safety of principal rather than high rates of interest has been the watchword of the bank from the beginning. It has never lost a dollar by bad investment nor has it now, so far as known, a single dollar of poor or doubtful paper.

The financial strength of this institution is not to be lost sight of by those seeking a safe depository for their money. The capital of the bank is $50,000, and on the first day of the present month its surplus equaled its capital, a total of $100,000. To this amount is to be added the personal liability of the stockholders, $50,000, making in all $150,000, a strong barrier between the depositors and loss. This amount must first be wiped out before the depositors can suffer.

The position of this institution on the question of investments is unique in the history of Vermont Savings Banks. It has never loaned a dollar outside of Vermont. The Directors believe that this is not only the safest course, but the most loyal to Vermont. They believe that so long as Vermont's money is sent out of the State and Vermont's young men go with it, just so long will Vermont continue to show herself a laggard in the race of progress. They believe that the first allegiance of a bank is to the people from whom it derives its support, and that the money deposited by the people should be used for their own advancement for the building up of their commercial and industrial interests. Such a course honestly pursued by the Savings Banks of Vermont during the past decade or two would not only have saved our people thousands and possibly millions of dollars, but would have placed Vermont in the line of commercial and industrial prosperity far in advance of her present position. The trouble is that Vermont has not been true to herself, but happily the people are beginning to realize it and to appreciate the loyalty of such a course as the Lamoille County Savings Bank & Trust Co. has ever pursued.

This bank has the most liberal rule as to receiving deposits of any Savings Bank in the State. Most banks compute interest from the first of the month only on such deposits as are made on or before the 5th. This bank allows interest from the beginning of the quarter on all deposits made on or before the middle. Quarters commence on the first of January, April, July and October.

Such an institution as this is a credit to any community. It is at once not only a safe depository of the people's money the savings of youth and the accumulations of old age, but it is a worthy and powerful promoter of all legitimate business undertakings. The community that can boast such an institution is to be congratulated.

HOTEL PHOENIX.

This hotel, conducted by C. H. Crane, is an agreeable feature of a remarkable village. Though Hyde Park numbers but a few hundred inhabitants, the Phoenix offers accommodations often missing in the hotels of more pretentious municipalities. It has modern conveniences throughout and furnishes 21 nicely appointed rooms for guests. The rates are $2 a day, though a special rate is offered summer boarders with whom the house is popular. Mr. Crane, the lessee, is an ideal landlord and during the time he has been in control has added to the popularity of the Phoenix. He is a native of Hyde Park and Old Home visitors will receive a generous welcome. The hotel is finely located on the handsome main thoroughfare.

HON. CARROLL S. PAGE.

Ex-Gov. Page started his trade in Calf Skins in the back part of the cellar of what is now a dwelling house on Main street in Hyde Park village, with a caldron kettle for his only brine vat. Today he has a floorage of about two acres. His business methods have been original and unique. For more than a decade he has employed no salaried traveling men either to buy or sell. His collections are made up entirely of shipments sent in to him by butchers and dealers, who trust entirely to his integrity and judgment as to the returns they are to receive, while his classifications are so uniform and reliable, that his entire stocks are sold on printed price lists issued to tanners from time to time, as changes in market values occur. There are very few large Calf Skin tanners in this country who do not draw more or less of their supplies of raw material from Hyde Park. His trade in Europe is extensive, and even Asia occasionally makes drafts upon his stocks.

# MONTPELIER

THE OLD RELIABLE SHOE STORE.

Charles H. Shipman, Proprietor, 100 Main Street. This store is certainly entitled to its name as it has been headquarters for reliable footwear since 1879. While Mr. Shipman has made several removals since starting in business he has always been near his present location. In April of last year when Langdon street was opened up it took half his store, but he secured the one adjoining and entirely remodeled both so that he now has thirty feet front and a sufficient depth for the display of his large stock. The store is finished in white and presents a very neat and attractive appearance. He has such high grade goods as the "Elite" and "Autocrat" for men, the "Jenness-Miller" "Quaker" and "Hygienic Cushion Sole" for women. His long experience enables him to select good solid shoes for boys and girls that he can recommend himself, being confident of the reliability of the manufacturers with whom he does business. Mr. Shipman is a native of Lisbon, N. H., coming here thirty years ago. He has

C. H. SHIPMAN.

always given personal attention to the details of his business though he is ably assisted by Bruce McDonald, who has been with him for over sixteen years. Mr. Shipman is president of the Mechanics Building and Construction Company, who own considerable valuable real estate in and about Montpelier. He is regarded as one of our best retail merchants and his success is due to the fact that he aims to secure the best goods obtainable. The citizens of Montpelier know and appreciate this and give him a full measure of patronage.

**Mr. Shipman's store being large and centrally located he invites people from out of town to make it "headquarters" whether they wish to purchase or not. All will be made welcome.**

EDWARD GILL.

Groceries and Fruit, 70 Main Street. Here in neat and attractive order is kept a choice stock of general groceries, including canned and bottled fruits and sauces, cereal foods and table condiments, teas, coffees, spices and a general line of fine confections. The stock is complete and up-to-date and a man cans for and delivers orders each day if requested. But a very important feature of Mr. Gill's business is the fruit department. He is first to receive the choice California peaches, pears, plums, apricots, nectarines, cherries and oranges and makes a specialty of tropical fruits, pineapples, bananas, grape fruit, etc. Carefully arranged and skillfully kept trays of the finest the market affords are displayed in front of his store and he has an exceptionally large trade in this line. His store is centrally located and convenient

EDWARD GILL.

from all sections of the city. Mr. Gill is a native of Underhill but though a young man has been in the city for seventeen years. He started in business in 1899 buying out F. H. Blanchard, having had previous experience in the same line.

SMITH S. BALLARD.

Agent for the National Life Insurance Company and trans-Atlantic Steamship lines. Mr. Ballard's business forms a combination that makes him an important factor in any community. While his chief purpose is to convince men and women of their duty to provide for those they may leave behind at death, he also interests himself and them in the question of comfort while still here, and can point out the way to economize in the matter of time and money while crossing the broad Atlantic on business or pleasure. His success as an insurance "persuader" may be judged from the fact that his company's books credit him with writing over a quarter of a million dollars of life insurance policies per annum, and his tongue and pen are still busy. The credit for much of this great achievement, he modestly says, belongs to the company itself, whose reputation and financial condition make its attractions irresistible to the wise and prudent. Mr. Ballard is also connected with the branch office of N. B. Ballard & Co.

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in Barre, which was opened in 1892, his Montpelier business dating from 1898. Prior to entering his present occupation M. Ballard was for six years assistant passenger agent here for the Central Vermont railroad and in 1889 went to Barrre as agent for the Montpelier and Wells River road. While doing business exclusively Barre, Mr. Ballard was **selected by the Mayor as assessor and** for two years satisfactorily filled the office. He is a native Vermonter, having been born in 1861 at Georgia. Courteous and agreeable always he has a host of friends in this city and elsewhere who rejoice in his success.

WIGGIN BROTHERS.

Meats, Canned Goods, Vegetables, Etc., 11 Main Street, C. M. and R. L. Wiggin, Proprietors. This is one of Montpelier's youngest business houses though the market which they purchased last year is an old and familiar stand and was conducted by H. A. Skinner for many years. C. M. Wiggin purchased it last October and a month later his brother became a partner. The market is kept neat and tastefully arranged and they have excellent cold storage facilities. Their trade demands the choicest Western and home dressed meats and they carry the best they can buy. They also sell canned fruits and vegetables, pickles, sauces and fish. They make a specialty of hams, bacon and salt meats of their own curing and also prepare their own sausages. Poultry and game is another important item of their business.

R. L. WIGGINS.

They also keep all seasonable vegetables both southern and home raised. The Messrs. Wiggin are natives of Middlesex, both young men and this is their first business venture for themselves. The senior member has been engaged in about the same line of business for a number of years and was previous to purchasing it, for over a year with the former proprietor. R. L. Wiggin was a clerk for Brooks & Berry for seven

C. M. WIGGINS.

years before starting. Thus they have both had plenty of experience and are well qualified for handling the large trade they are receiving.

GEORGE M. SMITH.

Livery and Sale Sable. This well known and popular livery is familiar to residents and visitors to Montpelier and has always been noted for its stylish and handsome turnouts. It was conducted for many years by B. P. Young and purchased from his estate by the present proprietor four years ago. Mr. Smith is a native of Roxbury, Vt., but has made Montpelier his home since 1890, when he first came here and was employed for five years by Silas Burbank. He served for fourteen months in the civil war, enlisting in the Seventeenth Vermont Regiment. When he returned he engaged in railroading and for eight years was on the Central Vermont. After that for twenty-seven years he was conductor on the Montpelier and Wells River road and was with them so long that he still considers himself in their employ. Mr. Smith owns a good farm of one hundred acres within the city limits to which he give much of his time. He has always had however a great love for horses and has always had some good ones. His present business gives him an excellent opportunity to turn his weakness to prof-

GEO. M. SMITH.

ure of success. His barn will accommodate sixty horses. It is built of brick, conveniently arranged at the central part of the city, handy to hotels and railway stations.

# FITSDALE

Fitzdale is located on the banks of the Connecticut river and in the town of South Lunenberg, county of Essex, and is destined to achieve considerable commercial fame as a result of the efforts and accomplishments of the men who control the Dalton Power Company. In fact it gets its composite name from two of the company's officers, President Geo. H. Fitzgerald and Porter H. Dale, a director and financial and legal adviser. The quiet beauty of the landscape in the vicinity is very attractive, while the distant scenery is almost beyond parallel. There is a hotel, postoffice, telegraph and telephone station and some seven or eight handsome cottages already erected in the village, which it is believed are but the forerunner of better and bigger things to come. There is a perfect system of drainage, electric lighting and a spring water supply now being provided. But this is not all. There is now being erected one of the finest mill structures that grace the banks of the great Connecticut river and of which the buildings and institutions enumerated above will be but auxiliaries. It will cost when completed $100,000. The story of the birth and

GEORGE H. FITZGERALD.

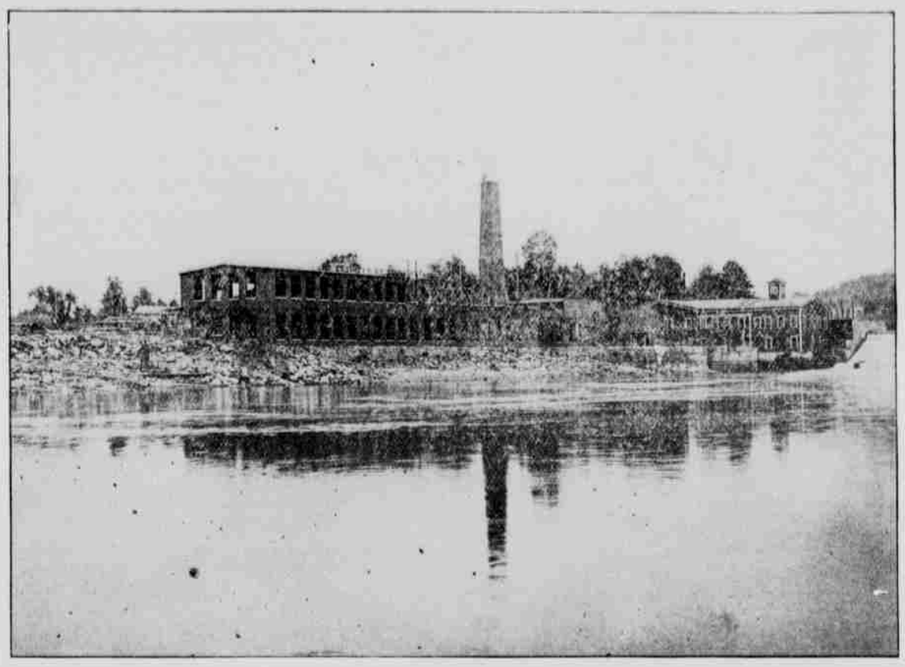
growth of Fitzdale is but the story of the inception and progress of the Dalton Power Company and a recital of the company's history will tell the two-fold tale. The dam is built of heavy logs, and in shape is like an ordinary gable roof with, instead of a ridge pole, a level planking four feet wide—that is, the dam is level on top, and continuing the figure, one side of the roof holds the weight of the water above, and down the other (which is the apron of the dam) it slides into the river again, the volume continuously crossing the level on the top varying in depth from four to eight feet according to the season. The logs are tied and crosstied together, and secured by bolts and iron rods so as to form countless hollow squares which are filled with stones, from the bottom of the river to the top of the dam, and then the whole structure is tightly planked on both sides and over the top, and a great quantity of gravel is dumped into the river all along the upper side to seal up the planking. Three massive piers, 20x60 feet with perpendicular sides and 10 feet higher than the ridge of the dam, are built into it in the same fashion and filled and planked for additional security. The width of the dam on the bed of the river is 60 feet and its height 20 feet, making the proportion of width to height as three to one, which is one-third greater than the general rule. The whole structure from shore to shore is 600 feet in length and the main water channel is 200 feet long.

The main building of the pulp mill, 45 feet in width by 60 feet in length, is so constructed as to form a part of the dam, being built into it between the two piers on the Vermont side, the other pier being on the New Hampshire side. In the upper end of the mill is a ponderous rack 20x45 feet in size, made of heavy steel bars, through which the water passes into the wheels of the mill. Nearly a million feet of logs and planks, and over 50 tons of iron and steel have gone into the dam and mill.

The Dalton Power Company started in to build a pulp mill in 1898, and completed the plant in March, 1900. The accompanying picture of the plant will give the reader an idea of the excellent power they have there. The dam is 22 feet high and 200 feet long and measurements were taken by the best engineers at different seasons of the year. Now the Dalton Power Company has a minimum power all the year round of 2000 horse power, and one can imagine the accuracy of these figures when it is stated they have a steady rapids here all the year round of fifteen miles. One most surprising feature connected with this power is that it is greater at high water than low. Now this would seem to be marvelous for this reason, that in nine cases out of ten, such a condition would cause much inconvenience to the manufacturer because of back water.

The Dalton Power Company also has a virgin forest of 50,000 acres; and after a careful survey by expert woodmen, they claim to have 300,000 cords of spruce on that tract alone, so that there is no immediate danger of the forests of New England entirely disappearing for some time to come. It is situated along the Connecticut river, only eighteen miles above the mills; and it is stated emphatically that the wood is costing laid down in the boom, only $3 per cord and only ten cents a cord to drive it. This pulp mill contains four Bagley & Sewall grinders and six wet machines. One of the grinders is constructed with four pockets and is guaranteed to produce daily about 18 dry tons of pulp and a new mammoth grinder is now going in when 35 or 40 tons will be the daily output.

Some few months ago the Dalton Power Company made up its mind to build a paper mill in connection with the pulp mill, as the managers thought it was foolish to be shipping fifty per cent water around the country, and today they have the walls of the paper mill very nearly up. The paper mill will contain when completed, a 146 inch Fourdrinier machine for the manufacturing of newspaper and manila papers. The machine room of the mill will be 216 feet by 45 feet; the heating room 65 by 50 feet; the stock room 57 by 50 feet; the finishing room, 82 by 47 feet. The total length of the mill will be 248 feet. The contractors who are building the plant are Dan O'Connell & Sons, of Holyoke, Mass. A. B. Tower, a recognized authority on paper mill construction and who died recently, was the architect. The company expects to have this mill in operation in the fall. When this paper mill is built, the Dalton Power Company will have a most complete pulp and paper plant, and can surely compete with any other mill built in this country. The completer plant will also attract some 40 or more additional workmen and necessitate the erection of many more



THE DALTON POWER CO. AT FITSDALE.

dwellings which will make Fitzdale an important community. In regard to their railroad facilities, they are on the line of the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, with side tracks running into the mill. The officers of the Company are G. H. Fitzgerald, president; H. E. Fitzgerald, secretary and treasurer; directors, G. H. Fitzgerald, P. H. Dale, H. E. Fitzgerald and E. J. Parsons. Mr. Fitzgerald whose portrait is shown here, is a man of wide experience in the business in which he is engaged. He is thoroughly practical and a man of sterling

GEO. N. DALE, 1st AND 2d.

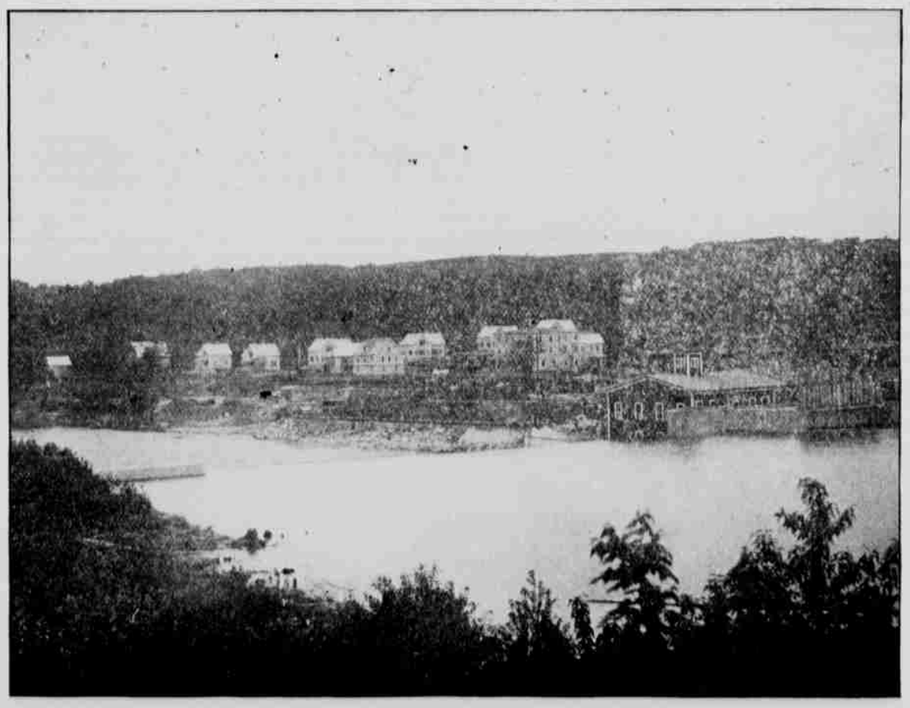
worth, greatly esteemed by those who know him best. Colonel Dale is well known throughout the State and is intensely interested in the success of the Dalton Power Co.'s plant and is desirous that its operations shall be conducted as to insure for its perpetuity as an industry by cutting the wood—its raw material—in such a manner as not to exhaust the national supply by growth. He is but 34 years old, yet has filled many honorable positions. He has thus early won fame throughout the state as a scholar, lawyer, orator and business man.

ISLAND POND.

The officers of the Dalton Power Co. are residents of Island Pond, where they are associated under the name of The Fitzgerald Land and Lumber Company. The Fitzgerald Land and Lumber Company was organized on the first day of November, 1899, and was the outgrowth of the business of George H. Fitzgerald which has for more than a quarter of a century been a leading private industry of the place. The officers of the concern are as follows: President, George H. Fitzgerald; secretary and treasurer, E. J. Parsons; directors, George H. Fitzgerald, E. M. Bartlett, Henry E. Fitzgerald, E. J. Parsons and H. E. Ames. The company has finely appointed offices in the Opera House block. They employ during the winter about 400 men and half as many during the entire year, 125 of whom are employed in and about the mill in Island Pond. Beside the general manufacture of hard and soft wood this company turns out annually several millions of rough turned bobbins, and also, during the summer months cuts many thousands of cords of pulp wood. This plant is an exceedingly valuable one, not only to themselves but to the town in which it is located. Island Pond is one of the leading customs ports along the Canadian border, and is growing rapidly as a result of the increased traffic on the Grand Trunk Railway. It has many fine residences overlooking some of the finest natural scenery in the state. Here are located the Loggie Bros., canning factories and the G. A. Gane Shirt

GANE SHIRT FACTORY, ISLAND POND.

Company's factory. Here also is the home of Hon. George N. Dale, who has been in active practice before the courts of Vermont and New Hampshire for nearly half a century and whose acquaintance is almost universal throughout both states. An accompanying picture shows Mr. Dale and a grandson who bears his name and is known as George N. Dale, 2nd.



THE DAM AT FITSDALE.