

BRATTLEBORO HAS BANNER BUILDING YEAR

Record for 1911 Shows an Expenditure of Almost \$800,000 in This Town—Houses Still Going Up

BIG PROJECTS HELP TO BUILD UP THE TOTAL

Chief Among These is the Fort Dummer Mill, Which Represents an Outlay of Fully \$450,000—Approximately 100 Families Can be Accommodated in Houses Built Within the Year—Development at Fort Dummer Heights an Example of the Brattleboro Spirit.

As prophesied by The Reformer something over a year ago, the record of building operations in Brattleboro for 1911 has eclipsed that of any year in its history. It is safe to say that nearly \$800,000 has been expended in the construction of industrial and residential structures.

In addition to the various buildings mentioned above and those enumerated further on in this article there should be taken into consideration the work of removing the ledge opposite the Central Vermont passenger station in anticipation of the erection of a new station which, The Reformer believes, will come in 1912. Then the improvement of Main street, the recent approach to the town hall building, the extension of the street railroad from Central through Washington and South Main streets to the top of the hill overlooking the cotton mill, all cost money and can rightly be credited to the building developments.

Estimates have been made that Brattleboro's balance sheet for 1911 will show \$750,000 expended in the erection of new buildings, remodeling of old structures and the completion of the various buildings erected together with the progress on unfinished structures this week shows that the foregoing estimate will probably prove correct.



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conceived, financed and built by Brattleboro mill. The building of the cotton mill made feasible and necessary the relocation of the southern end of South Main street, which is nearly completed. This will cost several thousand dollars and is a development to be included in the building record for the year.

While the record of 1911 will probably not be equaled for a number of years The Reformer is assured that another industry of equal importance to the Fort Dummer Mills is likely to be found in the record of the coming year. There are also reasons to believe that the dream of Brattleboro people for electric connection with the outside world will come true and that inside of five years it will be possible to reach Brattleboro from the south through Northfield, Mass., and South Vernon by trolley.

The big mill, the nucleus of the textile industry which Brattleboro not only hopes but firmly expects to see established, has been completed. Probably 75 per cent of the structure and descriptions of the building that has appeared from time to time in The Reformer have kept the Brattleboro people informed of the progress of the work, which started late last May. The building is 324 feet in length, 120 feet wide, and three stories in height. Its capacity is 35,000 spindles and 648 looms. The heating plant is housed in a separate building as are also the electric transformers. The company has so planned the structure as to permit the building of another mill of the same size directly north of the present building, and the chances are that this enlargement will come in the near future.

Authorities on textile matters say that the new mill of the Fort Dummer corporation is one of the best arranged and located plants to be found in the country and that its equipment is the finest to be had.

Probably one of the most interesting stories of the banner building year for Brattleboro is the transformation of the old Chesham Knicker farm into a thoroughly modern village of houses equipped with all conveniences. With the exception of one or two houses built by Holden & Martin in the late spring the development was laid out on July 1. A syndicate of Brattleboro business men under the corporate name of the Fort Dummer Realty company subscribed the money to buy and develop the heights and work on the 12 houses created by the corporation was begun about the middle of July. What was planned land a few months ago is today a modern community settlement awaiting the arrival of the men and women who are to operate the new cotton mill located on a plateau overlooking by the Height settlement. Streets have been laid out and electric lights, sewers, sidewalks and Pleasant Valley water are already installed. This settlement consists of 12 modern two-tenement houses, built by the Fort Dummer Realty company, and three two-tenement and a cottage house built by Holden & Martin. This accommodations have been

been further beautified this year by the erection of a modern three-apartment house by E. M. Angier. Another improvement in this section is the new 15-room house built by Rev. E. W. Sharp near the corner of Central street.

On Western avenue E. S. Hall has built two handsome residences which are now owned by Dr. F. R. Newell and State attorney E. E. Barber. These houses with the Coll house on Pine street and the home of Leslie Smith on North Main street, started in 1910, are among the most elaborate structures to be erected for homes this season and the cost of each has



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contributed heavily toward the record-breaking figures mentioned above. Mr. Hall has also built a modern cottage house on Crosby street and has the foundation started for a long-story party, Edgar H. Devereux, of West Brattleboro has had two two-tenement houses built on North avenue and E. H. Winchester has had a cottage house built on Western avenue near the Creamery bridge. David E. Perry has built a cottage house on Meadow Brook road in West Brattleboro, and a substantial and attractive eight-room house has been built by Dr. G. R. Hunter in West Brattleboro village. John O'Connell has completed a four-tenement apartment on Canal street.

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West Brattleboro Baptist Church Entertainment. An entertainment, The Christmas Message, and a tree were given in the Baptist church Saturday evening for the members of the church and Sunday school. The attendance was good and all were made happy by the generosity of Santa Claus who arrived in a flying machine. The following program was carefully prepared and creditably rendered: Song, Come to Bethlehem; the school; recitation, Ray, E. S. Harrison; song, Bright Angels Came to Earth; the school; exercise, The Children's Christmas Song; recitation, Beatrice Carr; song, There Was a Dear Little Stranger; the school; exercise, Robert Fox, Don, Ed, Le Roy and Emily Le Roy; song, A Message from Heaven; school recitations, Grace Hart, Gladys Harris and Gladys Newcomb; song, The Song of Peace; the school; exercise, Offenses; recitation, Ned Allen; exercise, This Followed the Star; recitation, Donald Allen; song, Weave Wreaths of Evergreen; the school; recitation, Clara Barber, Glenn Carr and Clarence Taylor; song, Praise Him for the Gift of Love; the school.

Edward Langille Badly Hurt. Edward Langille was injured between a load of logs and a tree Monday forenoon on his home on Dummerston hill and sustained two fractured ribs on his left side and several bruises. Mr. Langille is being nursed at his home by his wife. He is expected to make a gradual recovery.

Mrs. Edward J. Shea. Mary (McGrath) Shea, 43, wife of Edward J. Shea, died Wednesday morning at 9:50 o'clock in the Farren hospital at Montague, Mass., where she has taken a rest since suffering with a severe attack of appendicitis complicated with other intestinal disorders. An operation was performed Sunday afternoon but the patient died about 11 o'clock on Monday.

Mrs. Albert Doolittle. Mrs. Albert Doolittle, 71, widow of Albert Doolittle, formerly of Wardboro, died at the home of her nephew, George W. Harris, on Saturday morning, Dec. 23, at 10 o'clock. She was born in Newfane, Jan. 27, 1836, and was the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wissell) Harris. Her education was received in the Newfane schools and at 22 years of age she married Henry Moore of Newfane. Mr. Moore died about seven years after his marriage and a few years later Mrs. Moore married Henry Moore of Newfane. Mr. Moore died about four years after his marriage. Mrs. Moore married her third husband, Albert Doolittle of South Wardboro 33 years ago. He died five years ago. Most of her life with Mr. Doolittle had been spent in South Wardboro where she was a member of the Congregational church. Three children by her first husband died in early childhood and the only relatives surviving are her brother, John E. Harris, and a nephew, George W. Harris, both of Brattleboro. Funeral services were held Sunday. There was a prayer at the house by Rev. D. E. Trout and the body was taken to Newfane where services were held in the Congregational church. The Rev. Carter, pastor of the church officiated and the burial was in the Newfane cemetery beside her children.

G. R. Tucker Fined \$100. Judge W. R. Daley in municipal court Saturday afternoon rendered a decision of guilty in the case of State vs. George R. Tucker of Brattleboro charged with killing a deer illegally during the season. The statute imposes a penalty of \$100 and costs for such an offense but an appeal was taken and the case goes to the county court. The case was heard at Townsend Friday afternoon before Judge Daley. The state's attorney, E. Barber appeared for the state and Robert C. Bacon was attorney for the respondent. The state claimed that Tucker killed two instead of one deer as allowed by law, alleging that the killing was committed in Townsend. The second deer, which the state claimed Mr. Tucker shot, was claimed by Mrs. Tucker's companion, Caspar Moran of Brattleboro, and by Mr. Moran reported to Game Warden G. W. Hadlock of West Townsend at the time of the shooting. Evidence was introduced to show that the animal was shot by Mr. Tucker. In imposing sentence Judge Daley expressed himself in favor of the prosecution of illegal hunting.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin of Northampton, Mass., Mark Albee and Mr. and Mrs. Park Holland and daughter Doris, of Townsend spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Albee, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse, were also guests there.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Woman's Benevolent society of the Baptist church will be held on Thursday afternoon of next week in the parlors of the church. All members of the church and other friends are cordially invited to meet with the Benevolent society. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

During the high-wind last night a large limb from a tree in Mrs. Mary Bigelow's yard was blown off and lodged across the fence. A limb from one of the trees in J. L. Stockwell's yard was also blown off and lodged across the fence. Shingles and slate were torn from roofs and blinds were blown at random for several hours.

First Congregational church. Services for the week: Preaching Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock by a student from Mt. Vernon, Mass. Bible classes at 12 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting at 8:30 o'clock. Topic, Things I Want to Do Better Next Year. Rev. L. M. Keniston, Phil. 5: 12-14. Leader, Miss Edna Wheeler. Church prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. F. D. E. Stowe, who died on Tuesday last week was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, 34