

H. PARKER Blacksmith.

Directly opposite The Witness office stands the blacksmith shop of Mr. Henry Parker. It is a commodious brick building, 22x50, with basement under it, and was built by Mr. Parker about twelve years ago. Many old residents will well remember his predecessor, the late John Armstrong, who carried on business here for years in a frame building which has since given place to the present brick structure. Mr. Parker purchased from him about 19 years ago coming from near Peterborough where he had been in business. The shop is favored with a large patronage in general blacksmith work and in horseshoeing. Mr. Parker makes a specialty of light driving shoes and a Scotch shoe for heavy horses. The facilities of this shop have recently been greatly increased by the installation of the Henderson Cold Tire Setter, which sets them cold, does the work in a few minutes time, keeps the dish of wheels just right, does the work perfectly, and is a wonderful improvement over the old method.

This Blacksmith shop of Mr. Parker's works in affiliation with Mr. Hill's carriage woodworking shop beside it, and people desiring repairs to both wood and iron work may leave an order at either place and it will receive prompt attention.

Mr. Parker has been in the Municipal Council, is a member of several fraternal societies, the local gun and rifle club, captain of the Muskoka Hunt Club for twelve years and engineer of the town's steam fire engine.