

“The Baptists had an organization, but no place of worship. They held their meetings in the temporary court house on the common.

“The streets were none of them graded, and there were sidewalks only on Division, Monroe and Canal streets; those, with the exception of a part of Monroe street, simply a track the width of two planks. On Monroe street each had placed something for a sidewalk before his premises.

“The business places were mostly on Monroe street and the south end of Canal street. Monroe street was generally occupied from Ottawa street down. Business centered at what is now Campau Place. The store furthest up Monroe street was where Luce’s block now stands. Turning into Canal street, on the east side were one-story wooden buildings, about half way to Bronson street. Up Canal street, at the foot of Bronson street, was on each side a double store.

“A wing-dam, running half way across the river, served to divert some of the water into a canal of small capacity. The dam was built across the river soon after, and the canal enlarged. On this Canal were three saw-mills, two large grist-mills, two small machine shops, a tannery, clothing works and carding machines. On Coldbrook was a larger tannery, and further up a turning shop. Lyon’s salt works were in operation, doing a small business.

“As it regards the appearance of the village and its surroundings, there was a primitive air to the whole. Enterprise had been checked, and had not recovered from the shock. Capital was woefully lacking. The streets of the village were simply horrible. West of Division street and north of Fountain street, was a fine musical frog-pond, and between that and Canal street was the beautiful ‘Prospect Hill.’

“A good open bridge was across the river at Bridge street. A good one-story school house was on Fulton street (burned two years afterward). There were two other school houses—temporary concerns. There was nothing on the east hill except along Fulton street.

“Trade was a round-about concern. The mercantile interest was represented by about a dozen general merchants, one drug store, two hardware stores, and eight or ten groceries. The stocks of goods were small—from \$3,000 to \$5,000—generally