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The Village of Tottenham (incorporated 1884), Township of Tecumseth, County of Simcoe, 40 miles northwest of Toronto, is situated in one of the finest agricultural districts in Ontario, doing an enormous shipping trade in grain, stock, fruit, etc. It is on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway; has passenger competition with the CPR, and is the proposed terminus of the Metropolitan Electric Railway. The travelling accommodation is most convenient, the business centre of the village being within two minutes' walk of the depot. The water is good and the climate delightful. The Nottawasaga River furnishes good water power, and there are two millsites yet available. The village is lighted by electricity, and there is a continuous day and night telephone and telegraph service. The

municipal government is economical; the taxes low and yearly getting less. The streets are wide and the sidewalks kept in good repair. There is a larger proportion of elegant brick buildings than in any other town of its size in the province. The grain market is noted for being the best in the country. It is the seat of the central distributing office for 8 surrounding post offices. There is a mail service 5 times daily, and for letters sent to the cities answers can be received the same day. A fine 4 room public school; 4 solid brick churches, Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian; 2 legal firms; 4 commissioners in HCJ; 5 conveyances; 1 notary public; 4 magistrates; 2 auctioneers; an extensive newspaper and job office; a banking office doing a general business with all parts of the world; 3 fire insurance agencies; 5 general stores; 4 groceries; 2 hardware stores; 2 drug stores; one flour mill; furniture factory and undertaker; fare-box factory; 2 lumber yards; baker; 4 confectionery shops; 3 blacksmith shops; 3 liveries; carriage shop; saddlery; butcher shop; 2 watchmakers; 2 jewelers; barber shop; 3 tailor shops; 3 shoe shops; 8 millinery and dress-making shops; 2 doctors; 2 coal and wood yards; sash and door factory; planing mill; 3 agricultural machine agencies; paint shop; foundry; lime house; 3 stove and tinware shops; 13 contractors; patent medicine factory; paper bag factory; magnificent free public library; post office; 4 grain houses; 1 elevator and 2 more to be built this summer; 4 laundry agencies; dentist; 2 veterinaries; brass and quadrille bands; photograph gallery; 3 music teachers; town and fire hall with equipments; saw mills; 2 first class hotels; a pump factory; brick yard; roller flouring mill; good turf and bicycle track; debenture debt small. Manufactures invited.