

SUMMARY—FOR 1879.

	No.	Cost.
Dwellings erected.....	421	\$795,165
Business houses, manufactories, etc.....	86	127,250
Private school buildings.....	4	13,500
Hall of Records.....	1	75,000
Additions to public school buildings.....		10,200
Total.....	512	\$1,021,115

The Coming Year.

The year 1880 opened with fair prospects of a continued healthy activity in building enterprises. Much will depend, however, upon the return of general prosperity throughout the State, and a consequent increase of immigration. While Oakland is growing more rapidly than any other city in the State, it is the first to feel the stimulating influence of progress and success in agricultural and mining enterprises throughout the borders of the commonwealth. Since the commencement of the year, about one hundred and fifty buildings have been erected, comprising among them a number of costly private residences. One three-story brick block, that of Mr. E. Hook, has been erected on Broadway at a cost of over \$20,000. Work on the Masonic Temple is progressing rapidly, and will be completed during the season, being, by odds, the finest structure in the city. A large brick block is in course of construction on Eleventh street, between Broadway and Washington. Other fine business blocks are contemplated on Broadway. Numerous elegant suburban residences are being built or will soon be commenced. Altogether, the present year's progress will probably prove eminently satisfactory.

Manufactures.

The most important manufacturing industry of Oakland is that of flour. Three mills, with large facilities, run constantly, and manufacture, in the aggregate, \$1,200,000 in value per annum. From one of these mills extensive shipments are made to Asia and the Sandwich Islands.

The amount of beer produced annually by the breweries of Oakland is 600,000 gallons.

Several planing and wood-working mills supply the local demand, besides shipping quantities of dressed material abroad.