

dwelling house, of the class erected in Oakland. We might infer, therefore, that the approximate value of the buildings erected last year is in the neighborhood of one million one hundred thousand dollars, except so far as the estimate may be varied by the nature of the fire-proof buildings on Broadway, which might slightly increase these figures.

The progress of Oakland, for the past year, compares favorably with San Francisco, and in proportion to her wealth and population Oakland is far ahead of any other city in California.

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.

The advantages of Oakland as a manufacturing center are very great, and must, in due time, command attention. The city is connected with the general railroad system of the country, and is also accessible by water, so that goods can be exported by railroad or by sea-going vessels. An attempt has been made to establish smelting works for the reduction of silver ores, but the City Council has, by ordinance, prohibited such establishments, and they cannot be erected within the limits of the city. It was feared that the smoke and gases that would be generated therefrom would be injurious to the health of the people, and cause serious damage to the best interests of the place. The manufacturing establishments in Oakland are few in number, but the business transacted is quite respectable in volume.

THE PIONEER PLANING MILLS were started in the year 1863, and in March, 1868, were purchased by Blethen & Terry, the present owners. The business consists in the manufacture of sashes, doors and blinds, and in furnishing such mill-work as is required in house-building. There are constantly employed twenty-five men, and the monthly receipts average \$5,000. The mills are located on the south side of First street, between Broadway and Washington streets, and contain the most valuable and serviceable machinery. The warehouse and offices are upon the opposite side of First street.

THE OAKLAND PLANING MILLS were built by Burnham, Standeford & Co., and have been in operation since February, 1869, the firm-name remaining the same. Forty persons are employed, and the monthly amount of business transacted will average \$7,000. The buildings are on the corner of Washington and First streets, and contain all the machinery required in the manufacture of doors and sashes, house trimmings, &c.

THE PACIFIC LUMBER AND MILL COMPANY is a corporation having its principal place of business at the Oakland Point. The capital stock is divided into five thousand five hundred shares, of which four thousand five hundred shares have been issued; \$45 per share having been paid in, so that the capital invested amounts to \$202,500. The assets of the Company consist of the land, buildings and machinery at the Oakland Point, which cost \$77,000, and two thousand acres of timber land in San Mateo County, which cost \$40,000; a flume from that land to Pigeon Point, seven miles long, and costing \$35,000; a large saw-mill on the San Mateo property, which cost \$30,000; a wharf and warehouse at Pigeon Point costing \$20,000, and personal property worth \$5,000. The liabilities