

sister to Lady Wentworth, the two beautiful Misses Uniacke, one soon to be Lady Mitchell, and the other, Mrs. Jeffery, the wife of the collector of customs, and many other budding and full blown beauties, with Madame, the Duke's friend, the presiding Venus of the Temple. The wanton shots fell harmless. The snarling judge had been excluded from the society of the noble and grand—hence his attempt at revenge.

Of the men who belonged to the intimate circle were Sir Willoughby Gordon, the Prince's military secretary, Dr. Copeland, his surgeon, Dr. W. B. Almon, surgeon in the royal artillery, Captain Halliburton, of the 7th Fusiliers, (afterwards Sir Brenton Halliburton), lieutenant de Salebury, of a leading Quebec family, whose father was a close friend of the Duke's and madame, when they were at Quebec; James Stewart, afterwards Judge Stewart; Captain Murray, R. N., the senior captain on the station, and many more of the youth and beauty of the town.

The Prince's Lodge, made famous as the residence of the Duke in 1800, was built on land originally granted to Captain William Foy. This man, who was the first Provost Marshal of the province, came with the first settlers under Cornwallis, in the transport Canning. He was a captain in an independent company, as was also his fellow passenger, Captain Otis Little. Captain Foy obtained a grant of land on the western side of Bedford Basin, on July 20th, 1752. With Captain Foy and Little came Thomas Gray, one of the governor's clerks, Otto William Schwartz, the founder of the Schwartz family in Nova Scotia, Philip Knaut, John Jacob Preper and Christophe. Preper, two bakers, of whom there are descendants in Halifax county. Foy died in Halifax about 1774, and was succeeded in his office by Captain John Fenton, who held it until sheriffs were appointed about 1784. Fenton, on his retirement from office, returned to England, where he died.

From the Foy family the property passed to John Willis, who was once the proprietor of the famous Pontac hotel. The first grant states that it contained 235 acres. The property eventually fell into the possession of John Wentworth, afterward Sir John, lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, and a former governor of the province

of New Hampshire. He built a small summer residence on the west shore of Bedford Basin, which he named "Friar Lawrence cell." Lieutenant-Governor Wentworth was born in New Hampshire in the year 1736. His grandfather and uncle had been governors of that colony before him.

The New England Wentworths descended from William Wentworth, a leader of a religious congregation, who settled in New Hampshire, then a part of Massachusetts. The family claimed kindred with the Wentworths, of which the celebrated Lord Strafford was the head. Sir John Wentworth loved this rural retreat, and spoke with some regret of having to give it up to the Duke of Kent in one of his letters to the colonial secretary.



H. R. H. EDWARD AUGUSTUS,  
DUKE OF KENT,

Fourth son of George III; born Nov. 2,  
1767; died Jan. 23, 1820.

His Royal Highness, with that love for rural life for which he was noted, had selected a spot on the west side of Bedford Basin, which forms the inner harbor of Halifax, where he made many improvements and expended large sums of money in beautifying.