

and belonging to a firm in Quebec by the name of Stephenson.

Further along and almost directly below where the Duncan House stands, was the Duncan shipyard, where the ring of the workman's hammer was constantly heard, and where the largest ship ever built on this Island, registering 1791 tons, was launched in the year 1858, by the firm of Duncan, Mason & Co., and named "Ethel," after Mr. Duncan's only child.

Mr. Heard's shipyard was about where the railway yard is, only nearer where the railway wharf is built. On the shore not far from the Kensington shooting range of to-day was McGill's shipyard, where there appeared to be always a vessel on the stocks. Some of the old ship-builders used to say, that ship-building was like making patchwork quilts, that when one was finished there was almost enough material left to make another, and in that way they were induced to go on building. But the wooden ships of P. E. Island are almost amongst the things of the past and it is only now and again we hear of a ship being built.

On part of Kensington the land was very low and wet, caused by a stream running in from beyond the St. Peter's Road. The way to the McGill shipyard was along the shore and as the outlet from the stream to the Hillsborough River was wide, a bridge was built over it. On the north side of the bridge was a floodgate, or sluice, and as the water rose quite high, it caused a whirlpool. It was a great amusement to many of us children, to throw chips or sticks into the water, as far from the eddy as possible, and watch them drawn in, and, after whirling round a while, disappear into the vortex. The current was very strong there and the danger often was of ourselves going over and sharing the same fate as the chips we had thrown in, but the strong railing of the bridge was a safe guard.

About fifty yards beyond the bridge and standing upon the rising ground was an object of great interest to all. A