

gint called it the "Shakespeare Hotel," to correspond with the name of the river and the "town," as laid out on the Canada Company's plans.



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When Sargint had completed his hotel, he got in a stock of goods and opened the first store in Stratford. This was during the summer or fall of 1832. About the same time the Canada Company commenced to build a saw-mill, finishing it late in the fall, and during the winter of 1832-3, they got out timber for a grist-mill, also logs, which they sawed into lumber in their new