

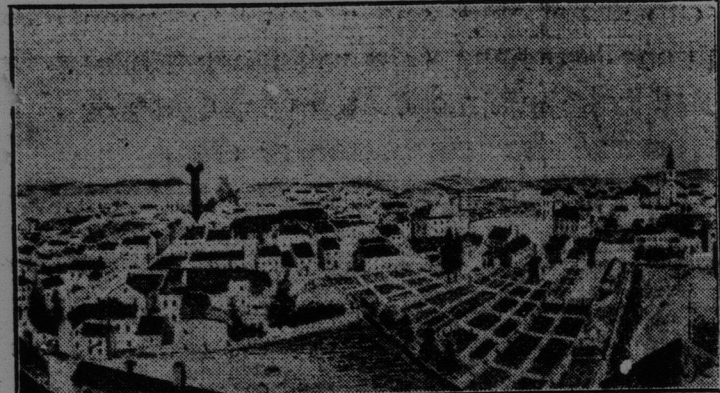
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# AN HISTORICAL SKETCH

1783-1909

The peninsula on which the City of St. John stands was surveyed and laid out by Paul Bedell, under direction of Sir John Gifford Sturges, Commandant at Fort Howe.

These lots were divided up among the loyalists who came here in 1783-at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. Lot No. 301 on the northeast corner of King and Germain streets was drawn by Robert Wood, a Pennsylvania Loyalist. He took out his freedom in 1785 as a



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Scoutmaster, and built a dwelling on the corner, where he was living as late as 1815.

One of the earliest settlers of St. John not connected with the Loyalist immigration was James Scoville. He was a native of the parish of Dunfermline, in Lanarkshire, Scotland, where he was born on the 19th of May, 1788. He came to this country in 1788 and settled in St. John and took out his freedom the same year as a merchant tailor. He commenced



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business in a building on King street, just below the lot which the Royal Hotel now stands. He was a man of much enterprise and ability and was soon at the head of a prosperous concern. About 1829 he bought the corner lot occupied by Wood erected on it the brick building which still stands there. This building is said to have been the



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## TARDY JUSTICE DONE BRITAIN AND CANADA BY AMERICAN HISTORIAN TELLS OF CRUELITIES TO LOYALISTS

Brutality of the Revolutionists Drove Thousands to Canada—Strange Admissions by Staunch American Who is Anti-British But Willing to Stick to the Facts.

Hitherto the inaccurate history taught in United States schools has constituted a formidable obstacle to the establishment of better relations between Canadians and Americans. Quite naturally, perhaps, American versions of the Revolutionary War have been animated by a manifest dislike of British institutions, and by a persistent effort to show the Mother Country in a bad light. "Policies and facts of arms creditable to the British government, and calculated to raise British prestige, have been suppressed systematically, or mentioned in the most cursory manner."

Fortunately, however, from the standpoint of truth and international amity there has appeared lately a school of United States historians who profess an allegiance to facts, and a determination

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### SCOTT & LOWREY

REPECTFULLY beg leave to apprise their friends and the public that they have commenced business in the above line in the shop in the New Brick Building, of the late Mr. James Scoville, next adjoining Dr. Hamilton, and fronting on Germain street, with which they may be honored shall be executed with the utmost neatness and quality.

Mr. Scoville was spoken of by his son.



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temporarily as a large-hearted, kindly and benevolent man, outspoken in his views and a later of shame, energetic in his business and much esteemed and respected by his workmen, with whom he had always the most friendly relations. In the notice of his death it is stated: "Few men have a name behind them more remarkable for integrity and benevolence."

About 1830 the property was sold by the executors of the estate of James Scoville to Moses Vernon, son of Gideon Vernon, a Pennsylvania Loyalist, and first sheriff of Charlotte county. Mr. Vernon occupied the portion of the building set apart for a dwelling until his death, which occurred in 1888. He reached the advanced age of 91 years.

The dwelling was entered from Germain street by a short flight of steps leading to a doorway of old colonial design. The business portion fronted on King street, as at present, except that on the corner of Germain street an outside iron stairway led to a moderate sized apartment which was first occupied as a post office. An old advertisement in the Courier of May 13th, 1837, announces that

THE POST OFFICE is removed to a Brick Building at the Corner of Germain and King streets, known by the name of Scoville's Building.

The main store on King street had as a tenant in 1838, J. McInnis, whose business was somewhat of the nature of that now carried on by Messrs. Scoville Bros., Limited, in this historic old building. He has an advertisement in the Courier of May 21st, 1838, for

FIVE JOURNEMEN TAILORS, to whom the highest prices and constant employment will be given. None but first-class workmen need apply.

J. McInnis, Scoville's Brick Building.

a much more ugly and unimpressive affair than most of us imagine. I know of many who talk of their ancestors, . . . but would not now take the side of their ancestors chose. Nor was it a great, spontaneous, unanimous uprising, all righteousness, perfect in its motives, and its march of success at every step, and incapable of failure."

In going to the original documentary sources of information Mr. Fisher has brought forth much material hitherto overlooked by his predecessors and United States. One sees that the colonists evinced a disposition to profit by the protection of British prestige and the British fleet without paying anything in return. While seeking to secure some revenue from the colonists by asking them to consent to a form of taxation remarkably light compared with that borne by the people of Great Britain, the imperial government consented to cancel even such trifling levies as it had imposed. The reasons behind the rebellion were these: After 1640 little migration took place from England to America. The two million white colonists of 1776 were descended from an original transplanted stock of one hundred thousand. There were no fast transients, and no cable services to keep the Mother Country and its offspring in touch and sympathy. Consequently, such characters as Samuel Adams found good material to work upon when they began fomenting rebellion. But under these very favorable conditions it was many years before a

### Constipation—Nearly Every One Gets It

The bowels show first sign of things going wrong. A Cascaree taken every night as needed keeps the bowels working naturally without grip, gripe and that upset sick feeling.

Shortly after the place was occupied by the late Dr. Livingstone as a drug store under the name of "Apothecaries' Hall." In later years there has been a succession of tenants, the late D. O. L. Warlock carried on here a watch-making business. Mr. Cokerly had a shoe-finding store, Friel, groceries.



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continued in business until 1889, relating that year, when the place was taken over by Messrs. Scoville, Fraser & Co. William G. and James M. Scoville, natives of Springfield, Kings county, opened a clothing store in a building on the Market Square, near Dock Street, on Jan. 19, 1889, in company with E. E. Fisher, under the firm name of Scoville, Fraser & Co. In May of the same year their business had so much increased that they required larger quarters, consequently they removed to the Scoville or Vernon building on the corner of King and Germain streets, then occupied by McCafferty & Daly, dry goods and T. O'Brien, stationery.

They occupied the lower half of the house, vacated by McCafferty & Daly and to their new location they found a marked increase in their business. Their stock consisted of ready-made clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, and the time rapidly approached when their largely increasing business required much more space than that comprised in the portion of the

everything in the clothing line required for men's wear can be furnished. The boys' clothing department is also very complete, being the most up-to-date in its appointments of any in Canada, and any garment required by a lad can be procured there.

The men's furnishing department is also very thorough and up-to-date. This item applies to a variety of articles, but the department can supply them all.

Finding much difficulty in securing properly made and satisfactory clothing from manufacturers of this day to supply the demands of their high class and ever increasing trade, the proprietors of Oak Hall a short time ago launched out into the manufacture of ready-made clothing on their own account. The success of this venture has been most marked. Today in addition to manufacturing for the needs of their own large retail trade, they have a large wholesale connection to supply. Each season new territory is opened up, the product of the factory being well received; business in this department being ever on the increase.

One very important thing to remember in connection with the manufacturing part of the business is this: The proprietors of Oak Hall clothing store in a position not possessed by any other hereabouts, in that it is enabled to supply its retail patrons with clothing at manufacturers' prices, admitting of great saving in price.

Eighty-three years have passed since James Scoville departed this life, taken away just as he was preparing to enjoy the results of his labors in the building he had erected for the purpose of increasing his facilities for carrying on his business as a clothier and as a comfortable home for his family, yet could he revisit the scene of his early life he would still find in the same situation prepared for himself, a business of the nature of his own, yet far exceeding anything he ever could have conceived possible in that vocation.

On Jan. 19, 1909, the Oak Hall clothing store will have completed twenty years of

business life, and by May it will have occupied its present location for the same length of time, in a building built by a merchant tailor nearly one hundred years ago for the needs of his business, and which has been occupied by some one in



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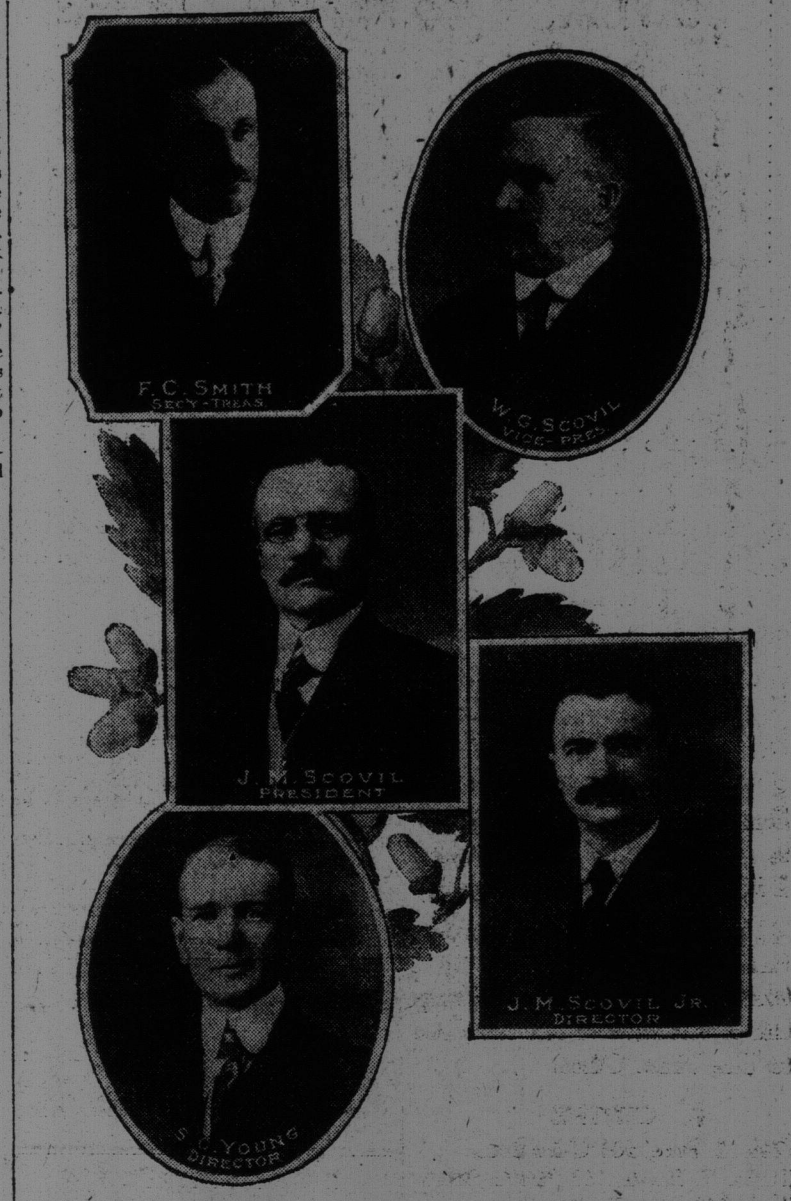
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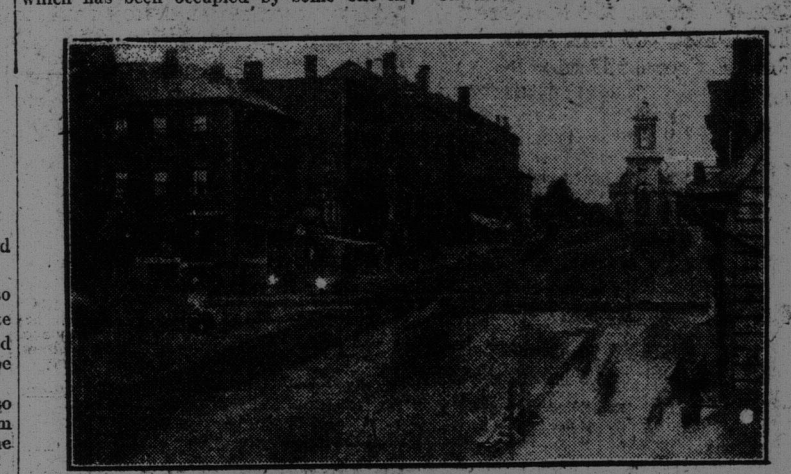
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the same line of business most of the time since. Twenty years is a short time in the history of any business, but it is a question if any line of business has advanced from so small a beginning twenty years ago



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long years of misgovernment which preceded it when the slaves were existing to the free states, and the frightful misgovernment of the carpet-bag and reconstruction period, because all your slaves would have been set free, and their owners paid their value in 1833, when slavery was abolished by England in all her colonies. In a similar way you would have swept your vast political corruption and the disgraceful misgovernment of your large cities. You made a mistake when you broke up the British empire in 1776. These admissions are all the more striking because they are made by an American who is strongly anti-British in his sentiments.—Toronto News.

### ENGLAND'S OVER-WORKED BISHOPS.

(Manchester Guardian). The stress and strain of a bishop's life at the present time are such that it is not only impracticable for him to fulfil one-half of the engagements pressed upon him, but more difficult for him to find time to think.

### "THE OLD SCRAT." H

How the Evil One Came to be Popularly Known as "The Old Scratch"

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