

promising future before it. Referring to its origin he says: "At the head of deep water on the East River of Pictou there is a small village which was commenced in the expectation of its becoming a depot for the fertile and populous country in its neighbourhood, but the formation of extensive works a mile and a half further up the river at the Albion Coal Mines by Messers Rundell, Bridges & Co. of London, will naturally attract thither, both the population and trade of the neighbourhood."

The firm of Carmichael and Argo were active in pushing the timber trade, but before the close of their first year in business their store with all its contents was destroyed by fire. After this misfortune the partnership was dissolved. Carmichael rebuilt the store and carried on business on his own account. On the 29th of January, 1812, he married Christian McKenzie, a sister of Captain George McKenzie to whom reference will be made at a later stage. Mrs. Carmichael is described by those who knew her as a woman of strong personal character, exhibiting in no small degree the energy and determination that characterized her brother. In any crisis in her husband's business affairs he always found her a wise and safe counsellor. She died in 1856.

About 1829 Carmichael embarked in ship building and laid the foundation of the business that at a later date was continued on a larger scale by his son. One of his earliest ventures was a schooner called the "Perseverance", designed for the West India trade. On her completion she was loaded with a cargo of fish and other produce for Jamaica. The Captain, supercargo and crew all belonged to Pictou County. The venture was looked upon as one of considerable importance by the people of New Glasgow. On everything being completed, the "Perseverance" sailed out of Pictou Harbour on her adventurous voyage and was never again heard from. Mr. Carmichael had previously