

## Charlottetown Fifty Years Ago.

AND what are we to remember this time, what is there interesting to record, Is it the appearance Charlottetown presented to a stranger coming up the harbour, and what we imagine some of the many immigrants coming here from Scotland and Ireland in the early forties, and later on, thought of it? Some probably would see it very flat and unattractive, others look upon it as well protected from the encroachment of any enemy, and others again would think it a comparatively busy place; that is if its numerous shipyards, with generally two or three vessels under construction, were any indication, and would decide there was plenty work for all who were able or willing to do it.

The Douse shipyard being on the Douse property near the west end of Richmond Street was the first to meet the eye, as it showed up from the harbour, and there Mr. Douse built several vessels.

The next to be seen was close by where the Steam Navigation Wharf now is, and where the second Gulnare was built in 1845 by Peake & Duncan. The first Gulnare was built in Quebec and came to Charlottetown in 1841, the same year that Captain Bayfield, Commander Bedford, Lieutenant Orlebar, and the other officers of the surveying staff came to take up their residence here. The second Gulnare not being quite up to their expectation, they had the third one built in Quebec. She proving a failure, the late Mr. Robert Longworth undertook to build the fourth. All were topsail schooners, and we understand the fourth Gulnare was more satisfactory. After that they had their first steamer, the Margarettta Stephenson, built by