

KEMPTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA.

soon became a way of transportation and relieved the work of teaming of lumber and timber. In recent years the manufacture of lumber in this district has much declined, the logs from the adjacent forest ranges being taken down the Tusket river to Tusket and there being sawed by the Dickie & McGrath Company. However the expressions "teaming out," "rafting," and "the drive" are yet well remembered.

In the year 1883 gold was discovered near the foot of Crawley's Lake (often called Back Lake), about half a mile from the highway on the western side of the river. The gold was found in quartz veins in the bed rock comparatively near the surface. This mine has been worked intermittently since discovery and now is rewarding the present operators with some increase in production with encouraging prospects. Altogether quite an amount of money has been expended in the development of this gold district which has considerably aided the prosperity of the community.

Quite an industry has become established in the production of blueberries, the trade in which, about thirty years ago, was commenced, and for years continued, by Mr. Asa Robbins, of Tusket. In 1909 the expenditure of money in Kemptville in connection with this industry amounted to \$2000.

In communities as they increase in population there becomes the necessity for the country store. Some one is soon found having a turn for shop keeping and trade. Not until about thirty years after the first settlement was a shop for trade, in a small way, opened in this place. The names first connected with shop keeping in Kemptville were those of William Prosser at the corner, and James H. Hamilton, Esq., a little later on the Ridge. In after years business was engaged in at different times by Charles K. Hurlburt, Crowell & Clements (Henry Crowell and Comfort Clements), Frank Prosser, Albert Poole, Capt. Aaron Shaw, and a firm called The Kemptville Lumber Company. At the present time Allen M. Gates and John W. Harding each have stores of goods at the corner and are looking after the trade and business of the district.