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FACTS ABOUT WATFORD

Dates that You May Have
Forgotten.

- Richard Brown, Esq., was first Postmaster. He died in 1854, aged 76 years.
- The first G. T. R., then G. V. R., depot was erected in 1857-8, and was burnt down before it was occupied.
- R. L. Hawkins was the first station master in Watford. He is still living, and lives retired in Ridgeway.
- The first Congregational Church was established in 1839, with Rev. Mr. McGlashan as pastor.
- The Presbyterian Church was organized in 1845, and worshipped in the old frame church on the 4th line. The building now forms part of Cameron's livery barn.
- Rev. J. H. McCartney was pastor of the Methodist Church when it was first constructed, and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Hicks.
- The first Church of England services were held in 1857, in Sickle's Hall. Trinity Church was erected in 1858, the first rector being the Rev. Mr. Gibson.
- The Roman Catholic Church was erected in 1875, at a cost of six thousand dollars. Father Molphy was the first pastor.
- The first meeting of the I. O. G. T. was held in 1850, in an old frame building on the 4th line, opposite the cemetery. Wm. Smith was the first W.C.T.
- Havelock Lodge, No. 258, A. F. and A. M., was organized in June, 1870. Arch. Jamieson was the first W. M., and D. J. Campbell, Secretary.
- L. O. L. No. 505, was organized in 1873 with Wm. Bryce as W. M., and Alex. Scott, Secretary.
- The local court of the Canadian Order of Foresters was organized in November, 1879.
- The Watford Mechanics' Institute was organized in 1879. Dr. Harvey was president and John Cowan, secretary.
- Watford derives its name from a town of the same name near London, England.
- Watford's population in 1832 was 1132.
- Baker House built in August 1882.
- Squire Eccles died in December, 1882.
- Colonel Campbell died in Feb. 1883, and was interred with military honors.
- Bole & Sickle removed from Watford May, 1883.
- George Brown died September, 1883, aged 65 years.

Thomas Fowler died Jan., 1884.
Dominion House opened by R. Early, May, 1884.
P. LeSueur, one of Watford's first merchants, died April, 1884.
E. D. Swift commenced business in town August, 1884.
Watford Firemen won hose race at Toronto September, 1884.
Fawcett's Bank failed and Campbell's Bank closed October, 1885.
Arthur J. Kingston, Esq., died October 1884.
Fawcett's safe burglarized and books stolen January, 1885.
John Swift, merchant, died March, '85.
Scott Act carried in Lambton by 3000 majority, March, '85.
Half-breed rebellion in Northwest in April, '85. Watford Co. ordered to be ready for service.
Reil captured May '85, sentenced to hang in August.
Jacob Lawrence died August, '85.
Contract for Guide office let Oct., 1885, amalgamated with Advocates, Jan., '86.
Rodgers Bros. store burglarized March, 1885. McLaren's drug and book store burnt.



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Dr. Gibson located in Watford, April, 1886.
Sparway and Roberts found guilty and sentenced June, '86.
Watford Firemen won hose race at Kincardine, June, '86.
F. Kenward appointed principal of Watford public school July, '86.
August, '86—Wreck of the yacht Crusier at Pt. Frank, in which T. A. Telfer, W. M. Vidal, and Walt Morrison were



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drowned. Morrison's body was never recovered.
Frank Restorick shipped 700 head of cattle to England August, '86.
Feb. '87—Moncrieff and Fairbank nominated for the Commons, former elected by 142 maj.
Hector McLeish murdered in Northwest June, '87.
Bank of London suspended, Cashier disappears with \$2,500, Sept., '87.
Oct., '86—Reeve Dixie and party departed for Southern California.
Great fistie encounter between "Pug" and "Sluggie" Case, Feb., '88.
Council purchased cemetery property from W. D. Cameron, May, '88.
Jockey Tweedie killed at Strathroy races, May, '88.
D. Howden retired from business and removed to London August, 1888.
Thomas Rice killed by lightning, Aug., 1888.
Watford Firemen won Stoo at Sarnia tournament, Aug., '88.
John Fuller died Feb. 27, '89.
Miss Mary Marshall shot in Warwick, March, '89.
Scott Act repealed by 1229 majority in Lambton, May, '89.
Congregational Church opened, June, 1889.

R. E. Dodds died January, 1889.
May, '89—McKenzie and McGillicuddy nominated for the Legislature, S. D. Barnes Third Party. McKenzie's maj. 432.
July, '89—Franklin McLeay sailed for England to join the Wilson Barrett Co.
Banquet and farewell presentation to Dr. Stanley, Sept., '89.



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Final meeting of Fawcett estate committee, Oct., '89.
Joseph Clark died December, '89.
Feb., '91—Moncrieff elected for the Commons by 556 maj. over R. Stutt.
April, '91—Watford Council granted \$7,000 to erect new High School.
June 6th, '91—Death of Sir John A. Macdonald.
Oct., '91—Watford's population 1299.
Jan., '92—R. J. McCormick elected Warden.
April, '93—Death of Hon. A. Mackenzie at Toronto.
July, '92—Watford won first money in horse race at Strathroy.
Sept., '92—Lawrence's stove mill burnt, Music Hall gutted by fire.
Jan., '93—Death of John Stapleford, a Watford pioneer.
Feb. 24, '93—Destructive fire in Watford, 13 houses burnt.
March, '93—Death of Mrs. Emily Browne, Watford's oldest inhabitant.
June, '93—Crossley and Hunter held evangelistic services in Watford.
July, '93—Wilson arrested at Saginaw for the murder of Miss Marshall.
Sept., '93—Wilson found insane at trial and committed to asylum.
Dec., '93—McKinnon and McCallum nominated for the Legislature, McCallum's maj. 465; Frank Taylor and Mrs. Wilson, of Enniskillen, killed at railway crossing in Kerwood.
Jan., '94—Dr. Newell purchased practice of the late Dr. Harvey.
April, '94—Taylor House opened.
May, '94—Watford Public School burnt down; Sudden death of Mr. John Roche.
Aug., '94—Wm. Greer and Jno. Searle burnt to death in Plympton.
Nov., '94—New Public School opened. T. Howden contractor.
Feb., '95—Harvey Birchard reported to be robbed of \$850.
April, '95—Death of Aunt Ellen Lucas, aged 93.
Nov., '95—H. St. John leaves town to escape a charge of bigamy.
June, '95—Watford firemen visited Romeo.
July, '95—Roche Bros. purchased Baker House.
Sept., '95—Dunlop's flour mill burnt down.
Nov., '95—Death of Samuel Dodds; Dr. McLeay's brick block completed in 7 days.
Jan., '96—Death of G. Pethyridge at Victor, Col.
June, '96—Fraser Moncrieff and Armstrong candidates for the Commons, Fraser elected by 40.

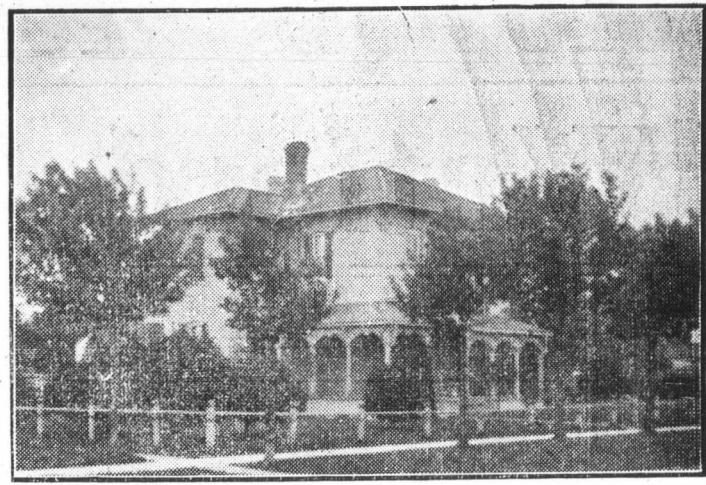


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Aug., '95—Death of Mrs. Elliot, aged 84; death of Mrs. P. Dodds.
Sept., '96—Baptist church opened; Lord an' Lady Aberdeen visited Watford.
Dec., '96—J. Atkinson, of Inwood, shot his wife and committed suicide.
July, 1900—Franklin McLeay, the brilliant young Canadian actor, died in London, England.
Watford is the most important shipping point of its size on the main line of the G. T. R.
Watford has four churches and a high and public school that are equal to any in the province.
Watford has the best built and most compact Main St. of any village in the west.
Watford has turned out more doctors, dentists and nurses than any town of its size in Ontario.

SQUIBOGRAPH SELECTIONS

A Toronto woman arrested the other day had \$1,700 concealed in a pillow slip. From a distance the charge against the prisoner appears to be a sham case.

A mining report states that Coppers are firm. Any person who ever tried to pick one up on the walk on April 1st, knows that.

The Hamilton Board of Health is asking for an appropriation for the extermination of mosquitoes. The Council objects on the ground that they would leave themselves open for too many bills.

A Winnipeg man found a hundred dollar pearl in an oyster, but it is a circumstance to wait the real estate dealers in that city have taken from laborers.

Speaking about a sudden change in temperature Indianapolis has the record. A youth in that town picked up a snow ball to throw at another boy and when it struck him it scalded his neck.

Edinburg is afflicted with a plague of fleas. It may be necessary for the Duke of Argyle to erect a few more mile posts.

In the prize list of the Toronto horse show the winners of prizes for best display of millinery, and most elaborate costumes, were inadvertently omitted.

The Detroit banks have provided a retiring room for their employees to rest when not on duty. Many of the cashiers, however, prefer crossing over to Windsor.

A Philadelphia surgeon recently removed a patient's finger and grafted it on his face to replace a lost nose. The operation was quite a success, but the patient complains that when he reaches out to shake hands with a friend his nose bobs down to join the other four digits.

CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL WEALTH.

Canada produced 1906, 363 million bushels of grain of all kinds, including wheat.
45 per cent. of Canadians are engaged in husbandry.
63 million acres occupied in 1901; now, 80 million acres.
87 per cent. of Canada's farmers own their holdings.
Canada exported, 1906, 54 millions of agricultural products.
Canada exported 1906, 66 millions of animal products, a total of 120; increase of 27 millions over 1905.
Canada exported, 1896-1906, 833 millions of agricultural products.
Canada had 1 billion, 787 millions, invested in agriculture, (1901).
Of this, 1 billion, was in land, 275 millions in live stock.
Estimated capital now invested in



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agriculture, two billions.
Canada has invested 4 times as much in agriculture as in manufacture.
Annual value of farm crops and produce in Canada, 363 millions, (1901).
Estimated value of products now, 450 millions.
Total value of farm property, lands and implements, 1 1/2 billions, (1901).



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