

The definitive literary Ontario village is Deptford, "on the Thames River about fifteen miles east of Pittstown," which was created by Robertson Davies from observations made when he was growing up in and around Peterborough.

It had, as Mr. Davies noted in *Fifth Business*, "one lawyer, who was also the magistrate, and one banker in a private bank, as such things still existed at that time, . . . two doctors: Dr. McCausland who was reputed to be clever, and

Dr. Staunton . . . who was also clever but in the realm of real estate — he was a great holder of mortgages and owned several farms."

"... We were serious people, missing nothing in our community and feeling ourselves in no way inferior to larger places. We did, however, look with pitying amusement on Bowles Corners, four miles distant and with a population of one hundred and fifty. To live in Bowles Corners, we felt, was to be rustic beyond redemption."

Why the Prince of Wales Didn't Come to Belleville

In 1860 the Prince of Wales (the future Edward VII) came to Canada to officiate at the opening of Montreal's Victoria Bridge and the laying of the cornerstone for the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

He was scheduled to visit Belleville at the mouth of the Moira in Hastings County, on the sixth of September.

The Mayor issued a proclamation and the wharf was decorated with evergreens and banners. A roadway was constructed from the water's edge to a platform in the street, lined with small balsams and covered with scarlet cloth.

Nine arches were erected in the town's streets. Two of them were the work of the Loyal Orange Lodge and they were inscribed "No Sur-

render" and "Faith." These were in the nature of code words. The Orange Lodge was a branch of the one in Ulster, which was militantly anti-Catholic.

The Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies, who was traveling with the Prince, sent word ahead that there would be no "ovation in which the religious or political display of any party is made public" or which might encourage "religious feuds or breaches of the peace."

The Prince arrived at Kingston on September 3 and anchored offshore. When he found that the Orange Lodge in Kingston had prepared a partisan welcome he didn't go ashore. When the Bellevillians heard that, they took down the Orange arches and cancelled a planned Orange parade.



The Prince of Wales, third from left, during his visit to Canada in 1860.