

In October, 1822, after a visit from the Grand Voyer, the official who in those days had charge of the building of new roads, the present Main Street was laid out as far as the above mentioned mills, a point below the Central Hotel.

Prior to 1855 the seven western ranges of Hatley and the nine eastern ranges of Bolton were united to form the new township of Magog, and in the month of August of that year the first council meeting was held, Samuel Hoyt, Jr., being Mayor, and the late G. O. Somers, M.D., being Secretary-Treasurer. The population of the "Outlet" at this time was about two hundred. In 1888, Magog village was set off as a separate municipality, A. H. Moore, Esq., being the first Mayor, and Ls. A. Audet, N. P., Secretary-Treasurer, and in 1890 the village was chartered as a town, the same officials retaining office.

In 1877-78 the Waterloo and Magog Railroad was built, and having been purchased by the Canadian Pacific, it was reconstructed and operated by that Company in 1888.

In 1882 the Textile Mills for the manufacture of cotton and print goods were built, and from this time the development of this progressive town of to-day can be dated. In 1889 these mills were transferred to the Dominion Cotton Mills Co., by whom they are still successfully operated, employment being given to about 900 hands.

Magog has now a population of about 3,300, and is considered one of the most thriving towns in the Province. Situated picturesquely at the foot of the famed Lake Memphremagog, daily communication by steamer is established with Newport, Vt., and being on the main line of the C.P.R., there are several daily trains to Montreal and Sherbrooke. There are four churches, the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Union, and since the fire in 1897 many fine buildings, containing up-to-date stores and offices, have been erected. In March, 1895, a branch of the Eastern Townships Bank was opened, and at the beginning of the same year a weekly newspaper, the "Enterprise," was first issued.

A supply of water for domestic purposes has been provided by a private company since 1891, and in December, 1897, the town corporation inaugurated an excellent electric light system.

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