

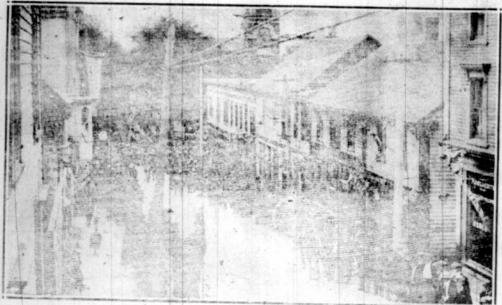
# The Lunenburg Daily News

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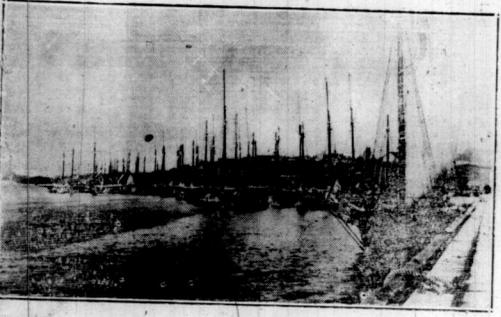
LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY, 9TH., 1923

NOVA SCOTIA

LINCOLN STREET LUNENBURG



ALONG THE WATERFRONT



Any historical sketch of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, this kind must necessarily be brief.

It first appears in history as "Merrighe" mentioned in the grant given to the Duke of Devonshire in the ill-starred LaTours in 1631. Of its history from that time up to 1749 there is no record. It was at the later date visited by Hon. Cornwallis and is described by him, "as a small French settlement, with very comfortable houses covered with bark."

This is about all there is recorded of "Merrighe" which was shortly after to assume a new name and prominent place in history.

The new name—Lunenburg—is of some 200 years of the fatherland of the people who came to settle and dwell it. Coming from the vineyard hills and valleys of Saxony, Switzerland and France, they were stout-hearted pioneers to make for themselves a home what was then the Wilderness of the New World. How we should honor them for their courage, their hope, their faith, their toil—toil that gave but little promise of what we, their descendants, enjoy today.

But to tell the pitiful story of their voyage, to describe their landing, and the subsequent hardships, unaided, not only from the severity of the climate, but from savage foes more cruel, more treacherous than the ocean they had crossed; to tell of the heroic effort, sacrifice and success, manners and customs, that has given renown to history, and to connect the past of "Merrighe" and heroism with the triumphs of today, is not our purpose in this short sketch. But of them, it may be said: Kneeling by the shore at Rous' Brook that fair June day they little dreamed that the small fleet that bore them hither was the precursor of argosies that should carry the multitudinous fruits of their toil to the four corners of the world. That they should "win a race that lived upon the deep"—that the little port to which they had come as to a haven of rest, would one day count its ships by the hundreds, manned by thousands of their stalwart descendants, and that the new Lunenburg would rival in wealth and beauty old "Lunenburg" on the Elbe.

Between then and now how great the difference. Time and the hour runs through the roughest day, and now their descendants are reaping the harvest they sowed in tribulation and watered with their tears. Today where they found a wilderness stands one of the most prosperous towns in the Province.

Situate on a commanding eminence overlooking the harbors Lunenburg presents an air of grandeur from every approach, whether by land or sea. To set upon a hill, it cannot be hid.

Its handsome public buildings, its numerous residences, its long line of wharves and piers, its fleet at anchor in the bay, surrounding hills dotted with well-tilled farms, present to the eye a picture of a town not presented by any town in Nova Scotia. To the people is apparent. Large and substantial houses and warehouses line the waterfront almost the entire length of the town, and where ever you go...

It is indeed a life in progress, as expressed by the shopholding yards of Messrs. J. B. Poyers Motor Co. and others, on the principal streets. The place is a center of large retail stores, banks and other institutions, and the commercial enterprise and activity of its business men.

Lunenburg became an incorporated town in 1838, and since that time great improvements have marked its history, and

the town boasts a handsome Town Hall of granite, containing besides the Council Chamber, County Offices and Court House. An Academy was erected some years ago equal in size and design to any collegiate building in the Province from which have gone out men who rank in intellect and successful achievement with the best in Canadian citizenship.

The fraternal organizations of a truly patriotic type are well represented by such societies as the Masonic Order, Oddfellows, Orange, I.O.D.E., Women's Institute and W. C. T. U., besides numerous organizations affiliated with the various churches

The hotel accommodation is quite equal to the present demand. Besides two first class hotels there are numerous comfortable houses of entertainment where travelers and visitors may find rest and comfort commensurate with their means. In this connection we may say if the people of our town possessed more of what our Yankee cousins term "push" an attractive summer hotel would ere long adorn some of the many beautiful sites adjacent to town and so attract to Lunenburg a lion's share of that large class of pleasure-loving, pleasure-seeking people, who every year in increasing numbers are making Nova Scotia a summer resort.

Lunenburg is essentially a Summer Resort. God and nature has fitted and decorated it for such a purpose. They have verily been lavish in their gifts. In summer the land presents a scene of unrivalled beauty which has its counter attraction in the wild and terrible grandeur of ocean, as it dashes with never ceasing roar upon the towering cliffs that guard the shore. Here are long stretches of sandy beaches that tempt the bather. The harbors and bays afford excellent facilities for boating and picnic parties. The scores of beautiful wooded islands are diversified with coves and lovely nooks of velvet green that delight the explorer and charm the eye of the artist.

Then, there are in every direction, drives and walks the quiet loveliness of which drives away dull care and brings the flush of health to the cheek.

Across the Bay, in full view of the Town are the famous Ovens—great caves, formed by the age-long action of the sea that send back a reverberating roar as the waves dash into them. Within a few minutes walk of the Town are the "Blue and Black Rocks," huge masses of boulder that seem as if they had been hurled from the sea by some angry sea god.

A few miles in another direction is the celebrated "Bachman's Beach" once the camping ground of the Indian—now the tented summer resort of our citizens.

Lunenburg is readily accessible, being connected with all parts of the Province by rail. The trains of the Canadian National afford daily service East and West from Halifax to Yarmouth where it connects with boats for Boston, while the D. A. R. provides a splendid trip via Bridgewater, Annapolis, Digby, St. John, Montreal and West, through the most beautiful scenery in Canada.

With all these advantages, it only requires enterprise and capital to make Lunenburg the Newport of Nova Scotia.

The History of Lunenburg's Great Fishing Industry is written in the lives of generations past and present, and would require a volume to record its development.

Three Banking Institutions afford facilities for Exchange, while the Government Savings Bank is a safe depository for the annually increasing wealth of the people.

Its water and electric light system are fully equal to the demand and would meet the requirements of a town of much large proportions. Its cement sidewalks paved streets and excellent sewage make it a more than ordinarily clean and healthy residential town.

In the way of Churches and public halls Lunenburg is well supplied. Among its Churches is the historic (Anglican) Church of St. John's which dates back to the early day of British rule in Canada, being the second oldest Protestant Church in the Dominion and is followed in rank of age by Zion's Lutheran and St. Andrew's Presbyterian. The Methodist, who came later, also have a commodious and imposing structure.

LUNENBURG'S MONUMENT TO HER HEROIC SOLDIERS



This monument was erected by the citizens of Lunenburg in memory of the brave soldiers of the town, who gave their lives for King and Country in the Great War 1914-1918.

FISH CURING IN LUNENBURG

