

and afterwards, assisted by Rev. J. M. McLeod of Richmond, in the Webber Building. In 1864 the present Presbyterian Church was built, with Rev. W. R. Frame as first pastor, so that last year the people of this denomination celebrated their "Jubilee." In 1853 also, St. Paul's Parish, Summerside, was founded by Very Rev. James McDonald. The first church building was hauled from Indian River and set up on the site of Holman's gardens, the parochial house being the house now occupied by Mrs. Holman. The Convent was opened in 1868 and the Brick Church begun in the following year. The present parochial house was hauled across the ice from Mont Carmel and placed where it now stands. The Episcopalians who now own a neat brick church in the centre of the Town also worshipped in the Webber Building until their church was built in 1850 with Dr. Reid as Rector. Ten years later the Methodists erected their first church (now St. Paul's Hall) with Rev. W. W. Percival as resident clergyman.

It was the custom of Mr. Robert Strong at that time to carry on his back every Sunday morning from his home across the street the small organ used in the service. The vivid contrast between past and present can be understood more clearly by comparing these primitive conditions with the twenty thousand dollar property and fine pipe organ of the Methodists in Summerside today. In 1863 the Baptists and the adherents of the Christian Church built places of worship and both denominations also have recently erected fine new churches in good locations.

The most historic building perhaps in the Town is the "Kirk." It is the Joseph Pope house, built in Bedeque over a century ago and was the birthplace of J. C. and Thomas Pope, the latter of whom was the most intimate friend of Newman at Oxford. For the last twenty-five years it has been used as a place of worship by the adherents of the Church of Scotland.

The first store, O'Halloran's, stood on the site of the Journal Building, but methods of salesmanship have changed much since the days when a customer would ask "Is it good tea you have, Mr. O'Halloran?" to be met with the invariable reply "There it is; it's two-an-eight a pound an' if ye don't take it ye can lave it." The leading merchants of the early sixties were J. C. Pope,

James L. and Robert T. Holman, James Muirhead and Colin McLennan. The two latter also built ships, went into politics and took a leading part in the public life of that day. Passing by the names of many merchants familiar to an older generation we come to those who fill their places in the Town today, and in no better way can we realize the changed conditions that have arisen since the time when even paper bags were unknown and when a customer who came to buy tea or sugar was expected to bring a bandanna handkerchief to wrap it in. The oldest of these houses is of course the one founded by the late Mr. R. T. Holman, but since an extended notice of this firm appears on another page it need only be mentioned here. The senior merchant of Summerside today is Mr. F. W. Strong, who in 1873 along with his father the late Hon. W. G. Strong purchased from J. C. Pope the store which he has ever since occupied. The following year saw the inception of another well known firm—Sinclair, Minto and Stewart—which

began its career in the small one-story building now occupied by Dr. McLellan as a Drugstore. Mr. Minto withdrew in 1885 and Mr. Sinclair in 1908, the year that saw the completion of their fine new brick building and the incorporation of the firm under new management. The growth of the town is well illustrated by the fact that thus in less than forty years this business should have increased from the dimensions of the modest 30x40 place of beginning to fill every corner of their present three story building, and now represents an annual turnover of over a half million dollars. Another firm which has had phenomenal success and has also done much to improve the appearance of the business section is Brace, McKay & Co. Ltd. Its quarters have also changed from a small building on the present site of the Bank of Nova Scotia to the magnificent brick structure finished in 1905 and it has also become an incorporated company with business connections extending over the whole of Canada. The youngest member of the fraternity is Mr. W. J. Lidstone, who with traditional Summerside energy is building up a successful trade in the David Rogers Building.

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