

The petition was signed by the following residents:—

Nicholas Sparks,	Joseph Aumond,
Wm. H. Thompson,	Thos. Corcoran.
George Patterson,	John Forgie,
Agar Yielding,	Robt. Lees,
Wm. Tormey,	John McKinnon,
George Byron Lyon,	Chas. Sparrow,
James Brough,	Peter A. Egleson,
Donald McArthur,	Workman & Griffin,
George H. Baker,	John Wade,
John L. Campbell,	Joseph B. Turgeon,
Richard Stetham,	John Scott,
Lyman Perkins,	Ed. McGillivray,
Peter R. Riel,	Andrew Main,
John Durie,	Aug. Keefer,
Richard W. Scott,	Ed. Masse,
John Bédard,	George R. Johnston,

Seven additional names were those of residents of Prescott.

The writer has been for many years the only one of the 40 incorporators now living. And but very few of the present residents in Ottawa will even remember the names of former townsmen who, in their day were, important factors in the growth of the town.

Centre Town was then an unoccupied hill side, sloping from The Barracks, on the site of the Parliament Buildings, to the By property—the Officers' Quarters were in the locality of the north end of the Western Departmental Block.

Neither Wellington, nor the streets south of it, between Elgin and Bank, had been laid out. Sussex was the business thoroughfare, and lots on it and the western ends of Rideau, George, and parallel streets, as far north as St. Patrick Street, commanded the best values. Wellington west of Bank, to Bay Street, was fairly well built up. The Le Breton Flats, extending north-westerly from Pooley's Bridge (in the vicinity of the Water Works building) contained a number of scattered houses.

While the limits of the town covered a large area, lots were not readily saleable; money was scarce, and the rate of interest high, 10 and 12 per cent. being readily obtainable on good