

Wolfville in 1865

The store now occupied by Miss B. K. Saton was at the time of this sketch occupied by the late Samuel B. B. shop who lived in the present home of Mr. S. P. Hales. Both have been much remodelled since those days and would scarcely be recognized by people of that time. Mr. Bishop died of small-pox during the invasion of Wolfville by that disease in the summer of 1873. His widow, who is one of Wolfville's oldest residents, and his daughter, Miss Ernestine Bishop are still living here.

The next building was the dwelling now occupied by Mr. J. F. Calkin—then the home of Mrs. Alex. MacKeen. Mr. MacKeen was a native of Pictou county and his wife was a Miss Fowler. Her father at one time, we believe, owned all the property lying between Gaspereau avenue and Highland avenue and extending as far south as Pleasant street.

Where the store of J. E. Hales & Co. now is stood a building occupied as a harness shop by the late J. G. Patriquin. This building was erected by Mr. Patriquin and the late Lewis P. Godfrey and purchased later by the former. It was owned later by Mr. C. A. Patriquin and is now the property of Mr. Edson Graham. It was removed to its present site about thirty-five years ago.

What is now the Chinese Laundry is one of the old buildings. At the time of this sketch it must have been occupied on the ground floor by the old Peoples' Bank, of which Dr. A. deW. Barrs was then Manager. Upstairs lived a family by the name of Cogswell. One of the members of this family, Joseph, was the founder of the Western Chronicle.

On the site of Wolfville's fine Government Building was then the hotel, afterwards known as the American House, owned and conducted by the late Capt. George C. Graham. In the old days it was a favorite stopping-place for stage passengers and the barn stood just to the east and next the street. This place was purchased and occupied for years by the late Henry B. Witter. It afterwards became a popular hotel again under the management of the late John Harris. It was eventually totally destroyed by fire and was taken down when the land was purchased by the government.

The late Edward Paine built and occupied the dwelling now the home of Mr. L. E. Duncanson. Mr. Paine was a farmer and his farm included much of what is now Summer and Acadia streets and extended beyond Prospect street. When Wolfville decided to put in the water system Mr. Paine sold his fine property to Mr. L. E. Duncanson and purchased the land and built the residence now oc-

cupied by Mr. R. A. Kinnie and resided there until his death.

East of what is now Gaspereau avenue were three houses owned by the late T. L. DeWolfe. The old house stood just west of Sleep's hardware store and was destroyed by fire in March, 1915. This was probably one of the first dwellings erected in Wolfville having been built considerably more than a hundred years ago. Mr. DeWolfe built a fine new house near the corner of Gaspereau avenue which was shortly after destroyed by fire. The other DeWolfe place stood back from the street south of where the Presbyterian

manse now is. It was known later as the "old red house" and was taken down many years ago.

The place now owned by Mr. David Thompson was the old Woodworth place occupied by the late John Woodworth. The house was erected by his father, the late Joseph Woodworth about 1840 or 1841. Mr. Woodworth had previously lived in the old Payzant place at the west end of the village. In the old days the Woodworth home was a social centre. There was a large family all of whom left Wolfville many years ago. Mrs. Thompson is a grand-daughter of the

first owner of this place.

Just around the corner on the east side of what is now Willow avenue stood the blacksmith shop of J. Burns, afterwards occupied by J. I. Brown, now of Westfield, Mass., and just east of this was the harness shop of the late James Wilson.

Mr. Wilson carried on the harness business and practiced as a magistrate on the other side of Main street for many years and resided at Scott's Corner, in the house now owned by Mrs. Hennessey. He subsequently went to the United States and died there.

"Scottie" Stevens lived next and owned a number of tenements at "the bridge" in the days of this sketch. He was evidently quite a character and THE ACADIAN would like very much to have a sketch of his life.

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