

Wolfville in 1865

(Continued from last week.)

On the south side of what is now Main street the first place east of the Tannery Hollow was a small house occupied by N. Beckman. The occupant was engaged at the tannery and left Wolfville a good many years ago. The house was afterwards occupied by Thomas Chase, a cooper, and was torn down or removed a long time ago.

Next was the house of the late Johnson Elderkin and was occupied until recently by his son, Mr. Albert D. Elderkin. It is owned by Mr. J. A. Doyle.

The place adjoining now occupied by Charles F. Elderkin, was the home of his father, the late Elijah Elderkin. He and Johnson Elderkin were brothers and large land owners.

Next was the home of the late James M. Payzant, father of our venerable townsman, Dr. E. N. Payzant. This is the place formerly occupied by Mr. F. J. Porter and sold by him to Mr. Grant, of Halifax, who has made extensive changes. Mr. Payzant formerly lived in a small dwelling that stood where Mr. D. G. Whidden's apple house now is. The former house to which he removed was erected by the late James T. Manning.

Two small houses stood between the old Payzant place and the residence of Mrs. Stackhouse, one owned by the late Andrew Johnson and used as a tenement and the other occupied by a man named Derley.

William H. DeWolf then owned what is now the Stackhouse place. "Uncle Billy" was one of the best known characters of the village and quite an extensive farmer. This place was occupied for many years by the late Dr. D. F. Higgins, whose wife was Mr. DeWolf's daughter. The Higgins family was a large one the member being now scattered in different parts of the world, filling places of usefulness and trust.

The late Charles Fitch occupied the place where Mr. William Fitch, his son, now resides. Mayor Fitch is also a son. He was a leading man in the community.

Some of our readers will remember the old building that stood just east of the College grounds and close to the street. This was the next building and was occupied as a store by the late Henry B. Witter, who lived opposite in the house now occupied by Dr. Coit. This building was used for various purposes and finally as a tenement. The Misses Butler, who now reside next the Tabernacle, made their home there for years.

The double house now owned by Mr. F. H. Christie was the only building until

the corner store now occupied by Porter Bros. The store was built by the late John L. Brown who did business there for years. It was erected about 1850 and has been remodelled at different times. The other store to the west was also built by Mr. Brown and used in his business. It was afterwards occupied by the firm of Caldwell and Murray, who carried on a large business succeeding the firm of J. L. Brown & Co. A number of other business establishments have been carried on in this store, which is now used by Porter Bros. for their meat business.

The old Baptist church, which most of our readers will remember stood on the opposite corner where the present edifice now stands. It was the second church building and taken down in 1912 when the present building took its place.

The store now occupied by Williams & Co. and the house now the home of Mr. Frank Godfrey was the property of the late Lewis P. Godfrey, grandfather of the latter and father of Mr. F. O. Godfrey. In this store Mr. G. H. Wallace first began business in Wolfville. It was afterwards occupied by Mr. Godfrey as a shoemaking establishment.

Next was the home of the late George V. Rand, standing well back from the street on about the site occupied by the home of his son Mr. A. V. Rand, but facing Main street. This was long before Linden avenue was opened. Where the McKenna Building is stood the drug store and post office, both conducted by Mr. Rand. He was one of Wolfville's most public spirited men and did much for the welfare of the community. Deeply interested in music he had charge of the choir of the Baptist church for many years and also assisted greatly the other church choirs in the village. To him much of the credit of our excellent water system is due. Mr. Rand was an earnest advocate of temperance and had a barn destroyed by fire as a result of antagonism he aroused among the liquor interests.

Blackadder's Hall stood next on the site of what is now the store of Waterbury & Co. This was the property of the late William C. Blackadder, who carried on the manufacture of furniture. The building also contained two or three stores and a public hall. In the rear at one time the local court was held where many interesting cases were tried. This building was burned on the evening of St. Patrick's Day a great many years ago. The building which now occupies the site was erected by the late S. S. Borden and carried on in turn by his sons Alfred and Clarence. The former went west after a short time and died, his brother, the late Clarence H. Borden built up a large business and was a leading citizen until his death a few

years ago.

(To be Continued next week.)

NOTE.—The residence on Church Hill referred to last week as formerly the property of Dr. A. deW. Barss, we learn was erected for Mrs. Joseph Starr in about 1852, after the death of her husband who came from Halifax and erected the dwelling now the home of Mr. J. D. Chambers. Mrs. Starr was a Mrs. Calkin when she married Mr. Starr and before her first marriage was a Miss DeWolf. Dr. Barss purchased this place after his return from Scotland about 1869.

WOW!

A clergyman, anxious to introduce some new hymn-books, directed the clerk to give out a notice in church in regard to them, immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own to give with reference to the baptism of infants. Accordingly at the close of the sermon, he announced, "All those who have infants they wish baptized, please send their names in at once."

The clergyman, who was deaf, supposing that the clerk was giving out the hymn-book notice, immediately rose and said—"And for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day between three and four o'clock; the ordinary ones at 15c. and the special ones with red backs at 25c. each.

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Grand Pre News

Miss Annie Martin returned to St. John, on Friday last after spending two weeks in Grand Pre, guest of Miss Stuart. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Woodman are spending a few days in Bedford, N. S., visiting friends.

Miss Nellie Hardacker has returned home after spending Easter with her sister, Mrs. Morine, of Bear River.

There are still quite a few on the sick list with the mumps.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. W. C. Trenholm is still improving.

Mr. S. W. Rogerson returned home on Monday from Millville where he has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. S. T. McNeil, of that place.

The Hattie Jost Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. F. W. Curry on Monday evening.

Miss M. Adamson, who has been spending her vacation with Mrs. C. S. Pickford, left for Windsor on Monday.

WATCH YOUR SMOKE

(From the Springfield Union.)

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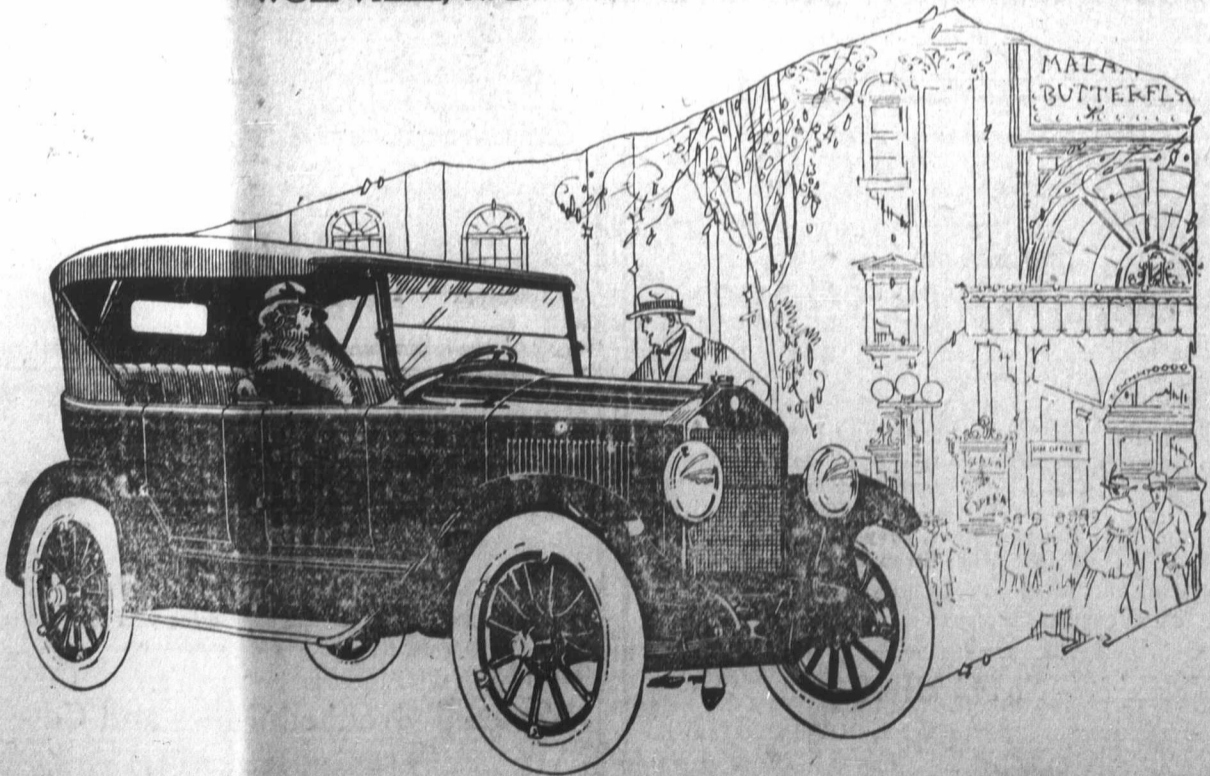
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