

Wolfville in 1865

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The old Temperance Hall building was erected about 1868 and was destroyed by fire in May, 1881. It was replaced by Wolfville Division about twelve years later. We understand Wolfville's first public school was conducted here and "The Acadian", Wolfville's first newspaper, published by the late Mayor Theakston, also had its home in this building.

Next was the store and home of the late Bishop Palmer the former occupying the site of the building in which THE ACADIAN is now located and the latter standing where "The Palms" is now located. The store was burned at the same time as the Temperance Hall building and the house was destroyed in the winter of 1872 when the store on the corner of Main street and Central avenue, then occupied by the late H. B. Witter was burned.

This store was built by the firm of Forsythe & Rounsell, which did a large business in its day. It was occupied later by H. B. Witter, Burpee Witter, Caldwell & Co., J. D. Chambers and the present proprietor, Mr. C. H. Porter. Originally there were two stores, the one on the west side being occupied in turn as a millinery store, a book store and finally by the late A. J. Woodman, who began the furniture business now conducted by Woodman & Co.

On the next corner was a dwelling house occupied by a Mrs. DeWolf at the time mentioned in this review. The building was taken down when the present Bank of Montreal building was erected by the old Peoples Bank.

The residence of Dr. Elliott was then occupied by John Rounsell, of the firm of Forsythe & Rounsell, his partner, Geo. E. Forsythe, the living in a house which stood where the Royal Bank now is. This building was removed by L. E. Duncanson and now occupies a site on Gaspereau avenue.

The late S. R. Sleep lived in the building that is now Blakeney's Store which was converted from a dwelling house a year ago. Mr. Sleep did a tinware and stove business where Mr. G. A. Johnson now carries on business.

Where F. W. Barteaux's grocery now is stood a building known as the Acadia House and occupied by the late James S. McDonald, who carried on a large dry goods and clothing business. Mr. McDonald sat for a term in the provincial legislature and afterwards went West where he died a few years ago.

Just east of this on the site of what is now Calkin's Drug Store was a store in which Miss E. R. Gould carried on a dry goods business. This store was later occupied by the late W. J. Higgins and the firm of Higgins, Crowe & Co., which carried on a large bakery and confectionery business. It was occupied for some time by THE ACADIAN, which made its first appearance here in April, 1883. This building which was occupied at the

time as a hardware and paint store by B. G. Bishop was burned in the winter of 1889, when this paper, which was then located in the building occupied now by Mr. E. S. Crawley and Dr. Bars, had a narrow escape.

On the corner where the store of R. E. Harris & Sons now stands was a small store carried on by the late Aubrey Crane. Mr. Crane afterwards built a larger building, in which he carried on a grocery business. This building was later destroyed by fire.

On the corner in the house now occupied by Mr. F. W. Woodman was the home of the late T. A. S. DeWolf. Mr. DeWolf had a very fine place here to which he retired after conducting a successful business in Halifax, which business is still in existence under the name of T. A. S. DeWolf & Son. Afterwards the Central House was conducted here by the late Charles Brown. It was also the home of a number of well known Wolfville people at different times. The late John W. Bars also made his home here for a short time after his coming to Wolfville.

A small house stood on the site of the Starr, Son & Franklin building (where W. O. Pulsifer and J. F. Calkin now carry on business). This house was owned by Mrs. Thompson who conducted at that time the old Wolfville Hotel which stood east of where W. A. Reid's buildings now are. The latter, which was one of the oldest buildings in Wolfville, was burned some years ago. It was a great resort in the old days and a favorite stopping place in old coach days. Many interesting stories might be told regarding it.

Just east was a hardware store conducted by a son of the proprietor of the hotel. It was afterwards owned by "Orpheus" Lodge, I. O. O. F. and was burned a good many years ago with all the lodge's fine equipment.

Next were three small tenement houses owned by Mrs. Thompson and which disappeared in turn.

"The Bridge" was an important centre in those days before the railway bridge was constructed. Sea going vessels came up to the wharf which was on the side of the Main street here and the late A. D. DeWolfe, father of Mrs. T. E. Sherwood, had a store here where he did a thriving business. All these buildings and the wharf have now gone, and the creek is rapidly filling up and in a short time all trace of the old activity will have been obliterated.

Next was a blacksmith shop carried on for many years by Mr. J. L. Franklin, the carriage shop of the late D. A. Munro and his residence, now the home of his son, Mr. D. R. Munro. These buildings were erected by the late Edward Paine who sold to Mr. Munro. The latter was one of our most public spirited men. He afterwards converted his carriage shop into a wood-working factory and did a large contracting business. Most of Wolfville's enterprises of long ago had their origin here including the first skating rink, the electric lighting system, etc.

Mr. Munro was also one of the original water commissioners.

On the corner where Mr. R. E. Harris's garage stands was the store of F. & H. Brown, one of the leading business places in the county. This firm did a large business. The late Frederick Brown resided now occupied by Mr. R. E. Harris. He was a well informed man and a great politician in the Liberal party and a man of wide popularity. After Mr. Harris became the owner he removed the store and it is now occupied by R. E. Harris & Sons.

Mr. Brown's partner, the late Henry Brown, lived where Mr. Henry Hill now resides, with his brother the late Dr. Brown, who had his office and apothecary shop in a building that stood on the west side. This was afterwards moved up Willow avenue and converted into a residence.

The late H. O. McLatchy, M. D. lived where Mr. Jonathan Hayes now resides. Dr. McLatchy was one of our early orchardists. He and the late Dr. Brown were the "beloved physicians" of that day.

Where Mrs. J. F. Armstrong now resides was the old Armstrong home then occupied by the late James Armstrong. The Armstrongs were then one of the best known families. Mrs. Irene Fitch, of Sea-

view avenue is a daughter. The place has remained in the family ever since, the husband of the present owner, the late J. F. Armstrong being a son. This house was also the home of the late Rev. "Father" Harding.

The next place was the present residence of Mrs. Gue then the home of the late Dr. J. Johnston who came here from the West Indies. He was a brother of the late Judge Johnston, at one time Attorney General of the province. The house was for many years the home of a former well known Wolfville citizen, the late J. W. Hamilton. Others who since then made it their home were the late J. S. Dodd, the late Capt. H. Taylor, the late R. Earl Burgess.

Where Mr. Geo. A. Prat's home now is stood a dwelling occupied by the Rev. John Chase and just east a small house, at one time a shop, in which John Clement, an old country man and an ex-soldier who for many years lived with the late John W. Bars made his home.

Next was St. John's church erected in the year 1818 and still standing with some additions.

Then came the house recently removed by Sir Charles Townshend to the lot in front of his property. This was once the

home of the late S. W. deBlois. It was an old building formerly moved from a site near the present Catholic church.

Next to this was the dwelling now occupied by Mr. H. E. Calkin. This was the home of Dr. A. deW. Bars who went to live there about 1865. Dr. Bars is one of our oldest residents and could give many interesting details concerning early Wolfville.

Then came the home of the late Dr. R. V. Jones, now the property of Judge Ritchie. Dr. Jones built this property and resided there until his death a few years ago.

Next was the place now occupied by Mr. J. D. Chambers. This house was built about the year 1855, by the late William Brown for the late Joseph Starr, who came from Halifax to make his home here. It was for many years the home of the late John O. Pineo, and since his death has had a number of occupants, Mr. Chambers purchased and renovated it a few years ago. "The Lindens" is one of Wolfville's oldest and most desirable places.

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