

of procuring data as to the histories of individuals, families and small communities are necessarily great. Letters, diaries, plans and muniments of title are rarely in safe custody, not always appreciated, and often scattered or destroyed.

With the object of making a contribution, although very small, to a somewhat general demand, the following paper has been written. As impersonal treatment of the subject selected would somewhat impair the value of the record, impersonal treatment has not been adopted, although a reasonable effort has been made to avoid needless obtrusiveness.

Victoria Ward is that portion of the city of Saint John which lies to the north of the City and Marsh roads, and to the east of Wall street, is bounded northerly by Stanley Ward, and includes Mount Pleasant, Lily Lake and a portion of land bounded by the Marsh Creek. In 1843 my father, the late William Jack, obtained a conveyance of some four acres of land fronting on a reserved road, subsequently and now called Wright street. The conveyance was executed by the devisees of the late Henry Wright, and the parcel conveyed formed a portion of a large tract, the balance of which was subsequently acquired by his son, the late William Wright, advocate general. My father, at a later date, obtained a conveyance of land in rear of his first purchase and extending to Mount Pleasant avenue, from the representatives of the late Chief Justice Chipman. I have often heard my father say that he was very generally ridiculed for buying land in what was commonly regarded as wilderness, with the intention of taking up his abode there. Amongst others the late James Dunn, who had purchased the land, on which his son lived till his house was burned, on the eastern side of Courtenay Bay, expressed a strong opinion that investment in real estate in that locality