

on continuously and extensively in the town and vicinity until recent years, when it has subsided almost to zero, owing largely to the late depression in shipping rates, and the inability of wooden ships to successfully compete with steel tonnage. Ten years later the township had a population of about 1,900.

An important event in the history of Windsor was the opening of a line of railway from Halifax to this point in 1857, bringing Windsor into direct rail communication with the outside world. In 1868 this line was continued westerly through Kings County and the Annapolis Valley to the town of Annapolis, thus giving to Windsor the immense benefit of a railway extending from Halifax to Annapolis. The town at this time had also steamboat connection with Saint John and Boston.

In 1860, Windsor was honored by a visit from the Prince of Wales, who at that time was making a tour of the Province and Canada. He was received here enthusiastically by the people.

The year 1869 is remarkable as that in which occurred the great Saxby storm, which broke away the dykes on both sides of the river. That portion of the town called the Island, or Point Nesbit, was completely inundated, the people in some instances being obliged to get out of their windows into boats. The place had not been visited by a similar catastrophe since the year 1828. In 1759, or just one hundred and ten years previous to the Saxby storm, the dykes were carried away, causing all the valuable marsh lands to be flooded.

The Alumni of King's College, in 1858, set in motion plans for the erection of Convocation Hall on the College grounds, and in 1866 the building was completed. About eleven years after the completion of this edifice, the finishing touches were given the Hensley Memorial Chapel. This Chapel was erected at a cost of \$14,000.

It was during those decades immediately following 1850 that the industries of the town commenced in reality. They have been steadily multiplying until the present day, when Windsor has quite a wide range of manufacturing concerns.