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TRURO — A Brief Review

TRURO was named by the English settlers who came up the Bay of Fundy—previously, or perhaps at that time known as La Bay Francoise—from Pescequid (Windsor), on or about the 13th of September, 1759 or 1760, and took up their abode on a lot of cleared land, not exceeding one hundred acres in area, making their homes on the sites of the ruined dwellings from which the French Acadians were driven several years before.

The district, which then comprised a large tract of country, was called Cobequid. John Winslow, when he came to Masstown and posted his famous proclamation on the door of the church, used this name in calling the people together for their deportation. This was on the 2nd day of September, 1755. On the 4th the transport ships drifted down the Basin of Minas, carrying away nearly all the Acadians; leaving nothing but rack and ruin.

The hundred acres of cleared land, previously mentioned, lay by the side of the river known to later day folk as Salmon. An old French well, christened by some memorialist as the "Holy Well," exists to this day to mark the site of the earlier occupation of the country after its colonization by Champlain, De Monts and Pontgrave. This well is on the property of Rev. Dr. Bruce, Bible Hill; a stone from the lip of the well was some years ago removed to a site in Victoria Park.

Not all of the French were deported, nor were all the live stock killed. Of the inhabitants who escaped, one was a woman who, after days of suffering, joined with about a dozen men who had evaded the soldiers and fled with them through the woods to Miramichi.

Some of the domestic animals were found living in a wild state when the district was again made a human habitation.

There is no authentic proof that Truro was re-settled by Europeans in 1759. Some historians give the date as the 29th or 25th of August, 1760,—one hundred and fifty years ago this month. In 1761 fifty-three families left New Hampshire, accepting the inducements offered

by the Imperial authorities, and took up tracts of country contiguous to Truro. These people were under the guidance of Colonel McNutt.

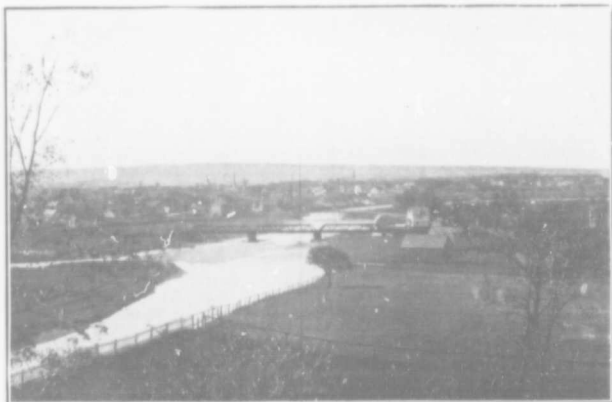
Five years afterwards, the population of the Townships of Truro, Onslow and Londonderry consisted of 664 men, women and children. Of these 155 were resident in the village of Truro, now a suburb of the Truro of today, and known as Bible Hill.

A second settlement was made on the southern side of the river later in the same century but was lower down, where Lower Truro now exists. These villages were known as Upper and Lower Villages.

Forty years ago Queen street was the main artery of communication between the two settlements and Haliburton states that Prince street was a path "with the cradle hills still on it." The Truro of ninety years ago was almost altogether on the north of the river; but gradually the splendid advantages inherent in the contour of the land and the fertility of the soils of the south side called to the residents of the north and they divided among them the lots to which they were entitled as settlers or descendants thereof, according to the plan of organization laid down in the original grant, becoming one by one residents of modern Truro. When the town was incorporated, Old Truro and Lower Truro were both left out, and if the observation is not impertinent, in so far as old Truro is concerned, the exclusion was a mistake which should at an early date be rectified.

Notes of interest in connection with Truro's settlement and growth are appended hereto.

The first child (Elizabeth Kennedy), was born on the 25th of October, 1761. The first marriage (between James Dunlap and Mary Johnston), was celebrated 1765. The first death (Widow Miller), occurred eight days after the arrival of the settlers. Her remains were interred in the cemetery on Robie street. The first justice of the peace (David Acrbald), was appointed 1762. He was also first representative of the



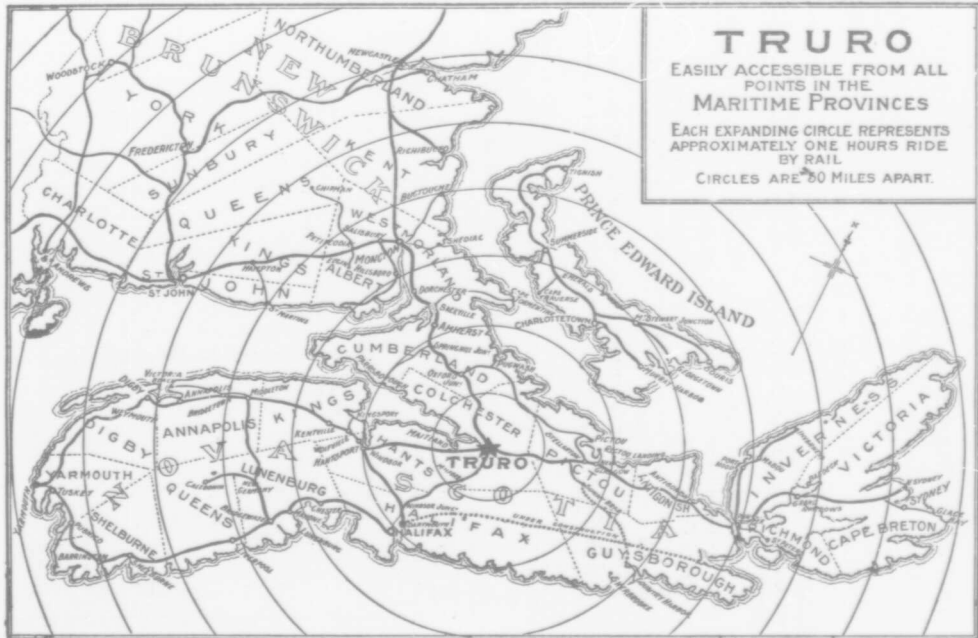
TRURO FROM BIBLE HILL.

township in the Assembly of Nova Scotia. The first house dedicated to divine service was erected in 1767. The first preacher (Rev. Samuel Kinlock) arrived in 1765. The first school was taught by Gavin Johnston in 1775. Truro Academy was erected in 1857. The Nova Scotia government established the Normal School in 1855. The first visit of an heir to the British crown was made by the Prince of Wales in 1860. The first court of sessions was held in Omslow in 1799. The first oatmeal manufactured in Nova Scotia was made in Truro by Thomas Dickson in 1820. The first waggon was built in 1814 by Thomas Dunlap and was driven to Halifax by Barnabas McQueen with a team of five horses. The first Natal Day, so named, was instituted in 1870, when the Presbyterians assembled on September 15th to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the calling of their first minister. This celebration led to a recounting of anniversaries, which yielded so much information that a real first Natal Day was celebrated September 15th, 1873, being the 121st anniversary of the founding of Truro. The first jail was built in 1803. The first cattle show was held in 1821. The first model farm in Canada was established by the government in 1857.

In 1875, when Truro was incorporated, the total amount shown on the assessment books was \$895,150. Last year's assessment shows a valuation, inclusive of income tax, \$3,261,208. C. B. Archibald was the first mayor. George W. Stuart is our present mayor. He has for councillors at the head William H. Snook and T. S. Matillo, representing Ward 1; Frank Stanfield and C. S. McArthur, D. D. S., representing Ward 2; John Slackford and Dr. Dunbar, representing Ward 3. The town clerk is H. G. McDougall; Leonard G. Crowe is stipendiary magistrate; town solicitor A. C. Patterson; superintendent of town works, G. C. McDowell; police, John Waller, (chief), Fred Smith and D. D. McRae.

The municipal officers of Colchester county are in the court house, Hugh McKenzie, K. C., is county clerk; sheriff is C. A. McLennan; register of probate, S. D. McLellan; registrar of deeds, Harold Putnam, prothonotary, E. W. Hamilton.

The Provincial Normal College, of which a picture is shown, consists of three structures, a college building, science building and technical training department under the direction of F. G. Matthews, and kindergarten and domestic science, employing four teachers.



TRURO'S HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

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The Provincial Agricultural College is situated about one mile from Truro, in the centre of an extensive agricultural district, M.C. Cumming, B.A., B.Sc.A., is principal. A staff of nine is employed in this college, and associated in the work there are all the members of the Normal College and the directors of the Manual Training School.

Truro's manufactories include the Truro Condensed Milk and Canning Company (Limited); Stanfields (Limited) Knitting Mills, Spencer Bros. & Turner (Limited) Wood Working and Builders' Materials; two cap manufacturing companies, of which the Eastern does the most extensive business; Victoria Flour and Feed Mills (Truro Foundry and Machine Co.; Hopper Bros.' Excelsior Works; McLeod Bros.' Wire Works; Truro Carriage Company, and a large number of concerns which employ from five to fifteen persons in manufacturing clothing and small wares. There are three printing houses, two laundries, a number of wholesale merchandise establishments and many hotels, of which the Learmont and Stanley are the most important. Truro is a distributing point for

agricultural implements, rubber goods and lumber.

Shipbuilding is an art lost to Truro, although present conditions seem to question that the industry ever flourished here. There are many of the older people, however, who remember the shipyards, one of which existed on the bank of the upland, about 200 feet from a point midway between Victoria Square and the new court house, north of Queen street. A brigantine of 360 tons was launched there; other vessels of heavier tonnage were constructed and launched at the junction of the North and Salmon Rivers, one and one half miles distant across the marshes.

Truro was connected with Halifax by rail December 15th, 1858. This railway also extended to Windsor. Pictou was connected in 1872. In 1861 there were on the lines 20 locomotives; 10 first class cars; eight second class; and 163 other cars and two snow plows. Connections with St. John and Montreal were made when the Dominion government took over the Eastern Extension, known earlier in its history as the European and North American, and construct



BEAUTY SPOTS IN VICTORIA PARK.



EAST END, SHOWING ROUND HOUSE.

ed the railway which now runs toward Moncton and the west.

As a railway centre, Truro is unsurpassed in the Maritime Provinces, being situated at the junction of roads from Yarmouth (Dominion Atlantic Railway), Halifax, Sydney, Pictou and Montreal, and equipped with up-to-date switching yards, lots of car storage room, a thirty-six-stall round house, coal plant, repair shops, etc. Fourteen passenger trains and 17 freight trains leave here daily. There are 21 miles of switching tracks in the freight and passenger yards, the work of switching being done by a crew

of about 40 men. Between 35 and 45 locomotives are housed and cared for daily, requiring the services of some 25 employes. In addition to this, the Intercolonial Railway employs 150 men in the train service out of Truro, and being in the centre of a large and prosperous farming district, large quantities of freight are handled, requiring 25 men at this work. 400 incandescent electric lamps, operated from an independent power plant, are used to light the railway yards and buildings. The Intercolonial also has an ice house with a capacity of 450 tons, to be used in icing refrigerator cars and



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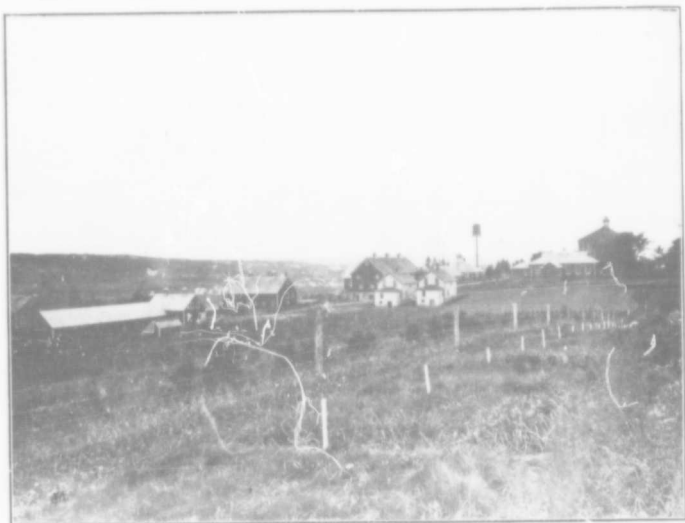
Truro's fraternal societies embrace nearly all the known benevolent and social organizations, trades, occupations and professions. A Board of Trade, with H. V. Yuill as president and G. A. Hall, secretary, attends to affairs relating to trade and commerce.

Victoria Park is situated about a quarter mile south of the railway station, and includes about one hundred acres of the most rugged yet romantically beautiful natural scenery to be found anywhere. No one visiting Truro for the first time, even for an hour, should omit a walk or a drive in this most attractive resting place. A few pictures of "beauty spots" in the park are shown in this booklet.

Truro's Fire Brigade, under whose auspices the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Truro by the English is celebrated this year, was organized thirty-two years ago. The company was then known as "No. 1," and consisted of fifty members. Pictures of the first captain or "chief," and the last or present chief, are shown, also the staff of officers of the brigade. The names of the members of today are to be found below. To them the compiler of this book asks visitors to commend themselves.

Officers Truro Fire Brigade are: Chief, N. B. Stewart; 1st Lieut., William Dexter; 2nd Lieut., Harry Chase; 3rd Lieut., D. A. Tattrie; Lieut. of Fire Police and Salvage Corps, L. P. Kent; Secretary-Treasurer, William Blenkinsop; Steward, Frank Wilson. The members reside in wards as follows: Ward 1--D. Forbes, G. B. Crowe, A. C. Mills, G. W. Henderson, Harry Chase, E. C. Higgins, G. L. Hanson, Frank Hanson, W. W. Smith, F. Dexter, W. C. Cutton, Dr. T. F. MacDonald, Mac. Langille, D. C. Dow, F. C. Layton, J. W. Spencer, Clarence H. Craig, Ward 2--W. Dexter, H. W. Crowe, Al. Miller, Geo. S. Keating, Frank Wilson, W. H. Rennie, H. A. Dickie, Frank McDougall, Angus McDonald, H. O. Christie, R. J. Pollock, T. W. Blenkinsop, Freeman McKay, E. Walton Davies, Jas. Coulson, H. B. Snook, Harry Archibald. Ward 3--D. A. Tattrie, Noble MacKenzie, Arthur Christie, Lorne Brennan, H. Feetham, L. J. Walker, John Glassey, J. R. Murray, G. E. Roop, J. K. Fraser, Gilbert Miller, Seymour Mackenzie, J. Learment, Percy MacDonald. The Fire Police, under Lieut. Kent, are: Ward 1--Alexander M. Rennie, Fred. L. Snook, C. P. Spencer, Ward 2--A. F. Cox, J. H. Sedgewick, W. D. Laurence. Ward 3--J. E. Sponagle, C. E. Maddin, G. Grassie Archibald.

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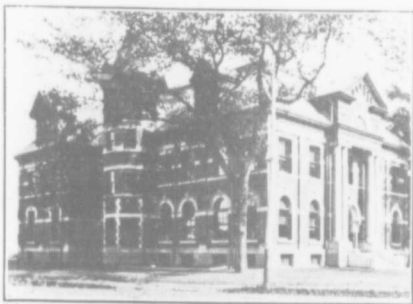
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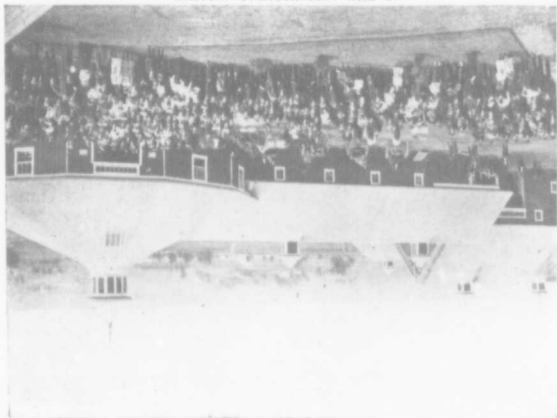


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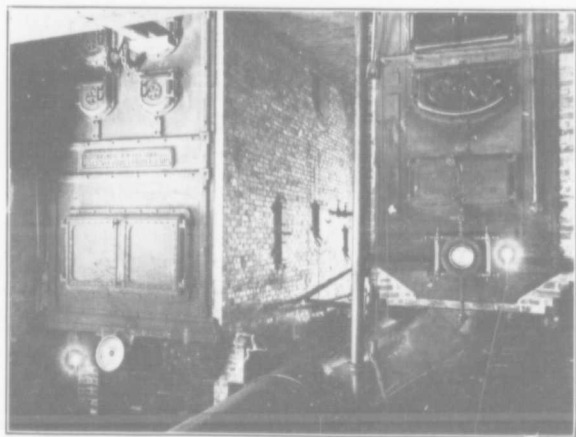


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Brief History of Truro Fire Brigade.

SOMETIME early in 1868 an effort was made to organize an Engine Company and Hosemen for Truro. In all probability the money required was voted to be assessed on the district by the Court of Special Sessions. It is known that Charles P. Archibald and Alexander McKay, through a brother of Mr. C. Archibald who was in Boston, purchased what was nicknamed after its arrival here "The Honeyman Tub," from Hunniman & Co.

Money was also provided for a building, to cost about \$60, which was erected by George Gunn.

These transactions occurred prior to a meeting held for the purpose of organizing.

The engine was put together after arrival by James Publicover, who had for five years before been a fireman in Dartmouth. Publicover also provided a printed constitution and by-laws of the Antigonish Fire Company, as a guide.

The records go back only to the effective organization meeting which took place Oct. 24, 1868.

The minutes of the meeting of Oct. 26 contain the following references: "The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved." "The Chairman read the Constitution and By-laws for the organization of the Company."

Robert Barnhill was elected Captain at this meeting, with George Skimmer, Lieutenant, and D. Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer. James Publicover and E. W. Hamilton were appointed suction-hose men.

The fire hall or building occupied by the Firemen as late as 1899 had been provided by the Court of Special Sessions. A minute of January 18th, '69,

recorded by J. L. Sutherland, acting sec., contained the following: "E. W. Hamilton gave the Company some satisfactory information with regard to the dealings of the Court of Special Sessions toward the Company.

Another minute, dated Nov. 2, 1868, reads: "The necessity of having a steward whose duties were defined as providing refreshment after fires and keeping Engine-house and hose in good order at the company's expense, was passed unanimously."



CHIEF N. B. STEWART.

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On Monday afternoon, 20th September, 1869, the Engine was "taken to the Railway scales and weighed. Weight of engine, 2,750 lbs.; weight of hose and reel, 660 lbs.; total, 3,010 lbs.

On 15th Nov., 1869, the Secretary was instructed to "notify members who were fined that the amounts if not paid in one week would be placed in the hands of the Stipendiary Magistrate for collection."

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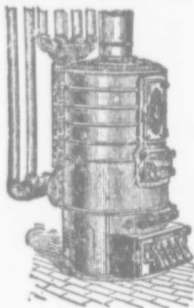
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Programme



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MORNING

- 10:00 Grand Parade of Visiting Firemen, with Bands of Music and Fire Fighting Apparatus.
- 12 noon Address of Welcome, from Balcony of Learment Hotel, by His Worship the Mayor.

AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Firemen's Sports and Contests on Truro Amateur Athletic Club Grounds. Admission 25 cents; single child, 15 cents; two, 25 cents.

EVENING

- 7:30 Grand Promenade Concert in Victoria Park. Music by Six Bands. Dancing and Refreshments. Admission to Park, 25 cents; single child, 15 cents; two, 25 cents.

Grand Display of Fireworks, Bonfires, Etc.

- 8:00 Metropolitan Theatre. Special Performance by Daniel Ryan Company, in "Black Fox."

Thursday, August 25

MORNING

- 8:00 Continuation of Firemen's Sports and Contests on Athletic Club Grounds.

Programme



Thursday, August 25

MORNING—CONTINUED

- 10:00 Grand Mercantile and Industrial Parade and Show of Carriage Horses. The Gillingwater Cup will be presented for the best Turnout in this Parade.

AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Beginning of the Big Base Ball Tournament for the Championship of Nova Scotia. Trophies: Club, \$150.00 Cup; Members: solid Gold Locketts, inscribed "Champion of Nova Scotia, 1910." T. A. A. C. Grounds; Admission 25 cents.
- 4:00 Meeting of Chiefs of Nova Scotia Fire Departments to organize Association for Mutual Benefit, and to formulate plan for regulation of Firemen's Sports and Tournaments.

EVENING

- 8:00 Smoking Concert and Entertainment in Curlers' Rink for Visiting Firemen.
- 8:15 Promenade Concert in Victoria Park. Band Music, Dancing and Refreshments. Admission to Park, 10 cents.

Friday, August 26

MORNING

Continuation of Championship Base Ball Tournament in T. A. A. C. Grounds.

AFTERNOON

Finals in Base Ball Tournament Games on T. A. A. C. Grounds and Presentation of Prizes.

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On May 16th, 1870, a flag was ordered "the same to be hoisted on days of meeting. Captain offered to provide the pole, Steward S. Muir the cord, and Samuel H. Craig the irons."

On Monday afternoon, Oct. 17th, 1870, the Engine being out for drill, the Captain (Hamilton) ordered the engine taken to the Court House in order to give the members the privilege of attending the school meeting.

On Monday, Feb. 20th, 1871, "members not hearing the alarm were exempted from fines."

March 20, '71, some difficulty must have been experienced, which ended in the resignation of Captain Hamilton, which was accepted. Later on, Lieut. Laurence and Geo. H. Skinner were nominated to fill the vacancy. Lieut. Laurence was then elected thus disposing of the difficulty. Skinner was elected Lieutenant.

The first annual sleigh-drive was appointed for Friday February 20th, 1872.

On the 5th of May 1872, a hurry call from the town of Pictou was answered by over 30 of the Truro Fire Brigade, who, with their engine, were taken to Pictou Landing by special train, arriving at the waterside in Pictou town in two and a quarter hours after receiving notice. The hand engine was placed at the foot of Coleraine street and pumped water to the tank of the Pictou engine, helping very materially in the effort to prevent the spread of a fire which had assumed large proportions. The fire started in a carpenter shop at the rear of the Cent-

ral House (D. Adamson's), and burned twenty-seven important buildings, including a church and the famed "Royal Oak" hotel, also a dozen large marine warehouses on wharves at the West End. An incident of the trip of the Truro firemen to Pictou was the collision of their locomotive with a section-men's car. All the party witnessed the sudden flight of the section-men as the train rounded

a curve, and were astonished to notice that extra speed was given to their train when the obstruction was observed. This action by the driver probably saved the train. The section-car was knocked a hundred feet into a gully and utterly destroyed.

The first expulsions from membership are recorded May 2nd '72: "For refusing to obey orders of the Captain, 21 members; for failing to attend drills and to pay fine, 1 member."

Some time after Jan. 20th, 1873, the firemen had an excursion to Pictou. It is recorded that the "Captain gave an interesting account of the excursion."

May 19, '73, the Company took action on a bill passed in the Legislature respecting exemption from Statute Labor. At a subsequent meeting a series of resolutions condemning

the member for the County for his share in the matter, was unanimously passed, and copies ordered to be sent the Government and the offending member for Colchester. The fault committed by the latter was a statement that "many members got enrolled as firemen to get clear of paying taxes," and that he "used his influence in cutting down the privileges of Engine-men." This protest, in all probability, assisted in a reversal of the Legislature's action.



ROBERT BARNHILL, FIRST CHIEF.

Elected Oct. 2, 1868. Served till Jan. 18 1869.



BIG "DAN."

On April 20th, '74, it was ordered that members turn out in uniform on 24th May, and that every member provide himself with his own uniform. The new uniform was to consist of caps, red flannel shirts, waist belts and dark pants, the shirts to be fastened with hooks and eyes and have a pocket on the breast, all trimmed with blue silk ribbon. Belts were to be black leather, trimmed with narrow red edging and stamped with the name of the Company.

The company agreed to turn out for a torchlight procession on the Queen's Birthday.

July 25th, on returning from a fire at Jas. Smith's house, it was resolved "that the Secretary be requested to start a subscription (as the fire enginemen were desirous of assisting our brother engineman) whose house was burnt." At this time \$200 was subscribed by the members.

Nov. 16, 1874, it was resolved to have "a social supper and invite the Picnic Hook, Ladder and Engine Company. This supper was subsequently held 23th Jan., '75.

On March 15th, '75, B. F. Pearson, (now a member of Nova Scotia's government) was elected a member.

Between July 5th and July 19th, 1875, five meetings by applying to the chair-North River. Colchester Cornet Band was paid \$25.00 for music. Subsequently

a bill from Mr. Marshall for loss of his grass crop and for damage to his fences was paid.

July 11th, 1876, the annual picnic was held, at which the Hook and Ladder Company and Town Council were invited. This picnic was held at Curtis' Mills, North River. Picnics were also held in following years until 1884, except as stated elsewhere.

Some difficulty was experienced in September, October and November between the Engine Company and the Fire wards: Chairman of Committee to visit the latter reported that "the enginemen would be able to receive water for practice meetings by applying to the chairman of the Fire Wards."

Dec. 16th, 1878, a committee was appointed to render aid and assistance to Howard Stewart, who was sick.

May 19th, 1879, a committee was appointed to visit the Town Council "in order to have the men paid all alike."

W. K. Murray (afterwards Mayor of Truro) was elected a member Mar. 15, 1880.

June 27th, 1881, Alexander Miller in the chair, a committee appointed at a regular meeting being called on, reported verbally that a tea meeting was to be held at Harmony on the 11th of July, and the people would like to have the Fire Brigade and their friends patronize them there. It was therefore "Resolved, that in order to patronize said tea meetings the company should leave the engine house at one o'clock in uniform. The committee to provide strawberries and necessary refreshments. This tea meeting is remembered as one of the most enjoyable outings of the older boys and forms the topic for many a renewal of stories of jollifications "in the good old summer time."

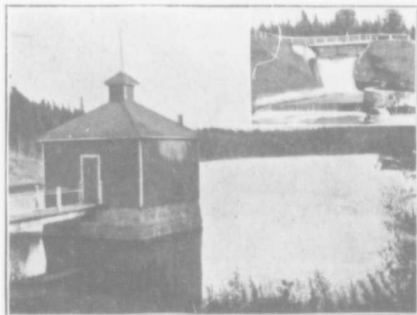
December 19th, 1881, William E. Logan was elected First Lieutenant, and Samuel H. Craig Second Lieutenant. Mr. Craig was long regarded as almost if not really the father of the brigade. He was a farmer, and each year from the date of his election and at last until he died, he brought in after the harvest, a big bag full of fine apples, emptying them on the floor of the hall, during recess, and remarking something to this effect: "Boys, you are all welcome to a share of the crop. Help yourselves: they're the best I have." And usually they were found to be the best grown in the neighborhood.

The first reference to Truro's water system appears Jan. 15, 1882, when the engineer was invited to the annual sleigh-drive. (This system was installed originally under Mayor Bent, with W. H. Tremaine as Constructing Engineer. As the town grew, the necessity for enlarged mains and a greater storage reservoir was encountered. Today the system is thoroughly distributed throughout the 17 miles of streets, and a reservoir of 4 2/3 acres extent, 26 feet depth at the face, is situated at an elevation of 210 feet above the normal level of the town, in the midst of Victoria Park, giving a pressure varying from 74 to 95 pounds pressure at the fire plugs.)

In continuation of the history of the Fire Brigade, note is made on Feb. 2, 1882, that a committee was appointed to go before the Town Council "in



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order to obtain recompense for James Smith, who was seriously injured at a fire on Inglis street."

At the torch-light procession, held September 15th, 1882, the Babcock engine, owned by Clish & Crowe, "greatly assisted in the first Natal Day celebration. This celebration was commemorated by the publication by Richard Craig, Esq. (afterwards Mayor of Truro), of a pamphlet of 100 pages, giving various accounts of the manner in which the day was celebrated, and brief history of Truro's settlement and progress.

April 25th, 1883, a committee appointed to meet the Town Council reported that the latter had decided to allow \$60.00 to defray expenses of a team to St. John. It was decided to send ten men on May 10th.

S. E. Gourley, later M. P. for Colchester, was elected a member May 21, 1883.

The sixteenth anniversary of the organization of the company was celebrated by a supper at the Maitland House. Ladies were invited.

Henry T. Lawrence having held office continuously for 15 years, was presented on Jan. 19, 1885, with an address and a purse of \$100.00 in gold.

Feb. 5th, '85, a supper was decided on, at which "the Mayor, Recorder, Councilors, the Press and Firewards be invited."

On the 31st of July, 1885, a delegation went to St. John in uniforms of blue shirts and navy blue trousers, belts and caps.

January 18th, 1886, it was resolved to have a "tea meeting to aid the funds of the company." This meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall about March 15th, and was a splendid success. At the following meeting of the company it

was resolved that "its success was due to the prompt and generous manner in which the ladies of the town responded to the requests of the committees."

August 21, 1886, the members decorated reel No. 2 and took it to Halifax for a procession.

It is evident that discipline and good conduct were the first requirements of firemen, as a member was "expelled" after returning from the Halifax tournament for "disorderly conduct while in a fireman's uniform."

Dec. 15th, 1886, the company was honored with a visit from His Worship the Mayor. This event was evidently in connection with proposals for a new building, as later in the evening the firemen decided "the lot too small for a proper building."

July 18th, 1887, after a fire of some magnitude, the "Secretary was instructed to give notice through the press that, in future, the public be requested not to interfere by giving orders during fires."

Sept. 16th, 1887, a Natal Day celebration was held in Truro, and the Fire Brigade took charge of the torch-light procession. The occasion for this was the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria's acces-



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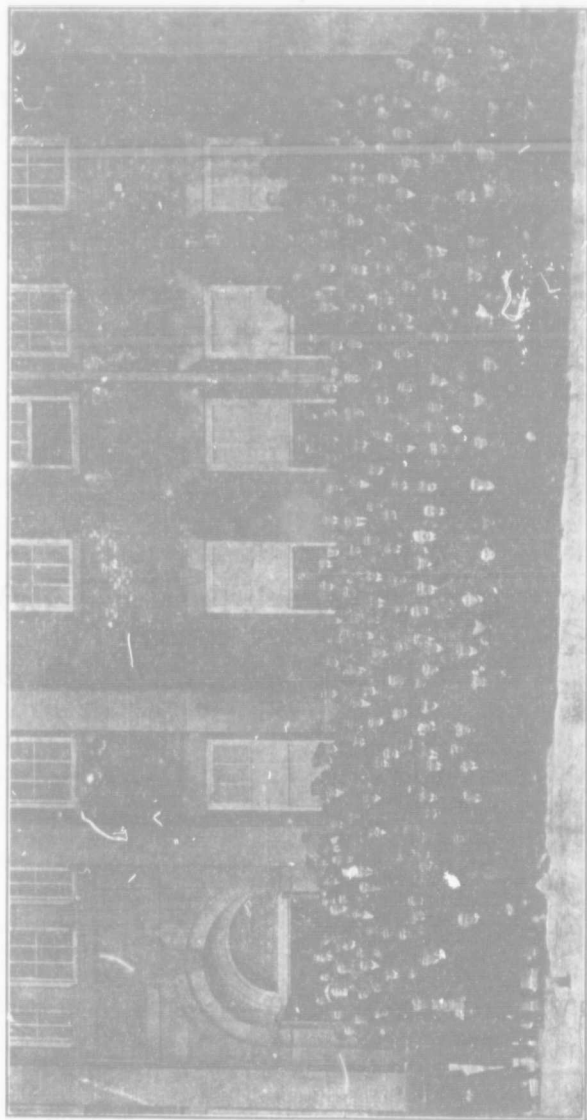
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sion to the throne of Great Britain and the colonies. A feature of the firemen's exhibition on a night was a grotesque exhibition on a float of "The Darktown Fire Brigade," with a realistic exposition of the burning of "Darktown school house." This highly amusing number on the programme of the celebration is remembered as one of the most enchanting incidents of the second celebration of Truro's founding.

The 20th annual dinner was held in Chisholm's Opera Hall on Jan. 2nd, 1883.

July 15th, '83 John Stanfield, present member for the House of Commons for Colchester, was elected a member, the by-laws governing elections being suspended for the occasion.

\$125.00 was received in July, '83 from the Town Council to enable the firemen to take part in the sports at the Summer Carnival in Halifax.

Dec. 16th, 1889, it was decided to "use the funds in Savings Bank" to help decorate the new hall. About \$400 were appropriated for the purpose.

July 17, '94, Capt. McKay was pre-

sented with a gold badge by the members, and on the same date J. Lewis & Sons handed in a check for \$50 for the benefit of the funds of the company.

N. B. Stewart was elected a member Feb. 15, '92.

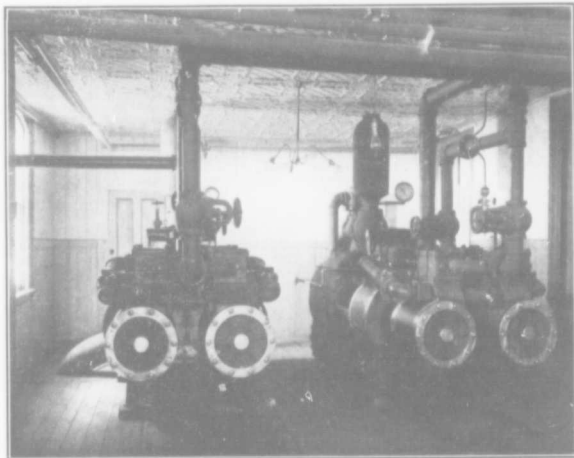
June 20th, '92, the company went to a tournament in Charlottetown.

Jan. 26th, 1894, was set aside for a Ball, under the auspices of the company. The event was one of exceptional interest, and was largely attended. townspeople.

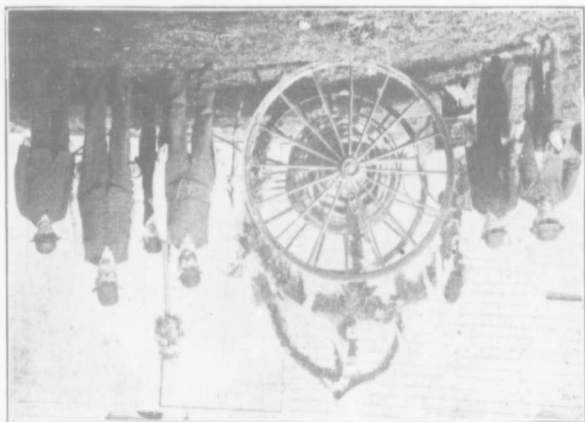
Truro's Jubilee and Natal Day was celebrated Sept. 15th, at which decorated apparatus was taken in the day procession and torch-lights at night.

Sept. 19th, '96, Capt. A. E. McKay tendered his resignation as chief on account of ill health. He was given leave of absence instead, and Lieut. Angus McDonald was elected to fill the vacancy in the meantime. N. B. Stewart was elected 1st Lieut. to take McDonald's place. Capt. McKay returned to his duties and was re-elected chief Dec. 21st.

Sept. 15th, 1897, the Diamond Jubilee



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of Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne was celebrated with a "Trades' procession in the morning and a Dinner" in the evening, at which the fire department paraded.

Nov. 20th, 1899, the new Central Engine House on Young street was formally occupied by the Brigade. Hills occupying the corner of the street, amounting to a large sum for furnishing the rooms were paid by votes out of the funds.

The success of the Canadian troops at Fairbairn was celebrated Feb. 20th, '00, by a general turnout of all citizens, in which the fire department took a prominent part.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Henry, caretakers of the firemen's rooms, were presented, Dec. 17th, '00, with Easy Chairs, as a tokens of appreciation for services rendered in the past year.

The fire transportation to the members of the Firemen's Tournament, successfully held in Halifax, Aug. 6th, was furnished by the Intercolonial Railway.

Oct. 21st, '01, after the burning of Train's Green House, letters were received from J. K. Hedges, George Mann, E. Phillips and Angus & Pollock, enclosing checks of \$10, \$15, \$15 and \$25, as tokens of appreciation for services rendered in saving property.

Nov. 10th, '01, a vote of thanks was rendered Hanchard, Bentley & Co., for a very generous donation.

Jan. 20th, '02, the members were informed regarding accident generally, each contributing a share of the cost of premiums. This insurance has been maintained to date. At the present time each member is insured in \$1,150, for death by accident and corresponding proportions for loss of limbs, etc., and for death or disability resulting from any of a special list of diseases.

Thursday, Jan. 24th, Mayor Stuart and a committee of citizens assembled at the Engine House and presented ex-Captain A. K. McKay with a purse of \$500 as a testimonial to the services he had rendered as Chief of the Fire Department. Of this amount the firemen contributed one-third.

Fraser, Fraser & Co. contributed \$30, Jan. 20th, '02, and Daniel Mann enclosed a check for \$25 toward the funds for the company April 21st.

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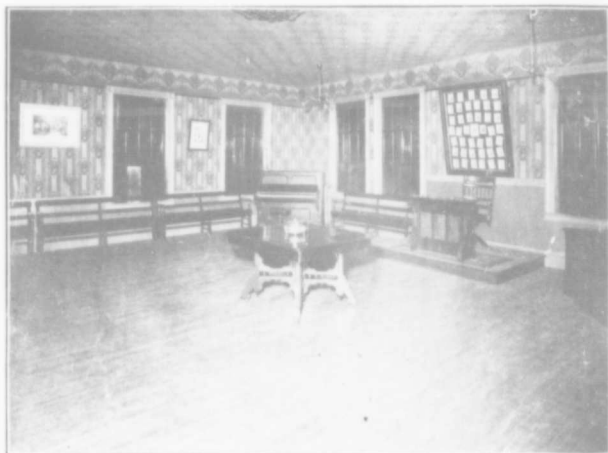
engine and ladder truck. At the time of the taking of this picture one strong horse was used to transport the chemical. Two beautifully matched white horses are now in use. One large white horse of splendid proportions is attached to the hose waggon, and a finely built brown draws the chemical.



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THE FIREMEN'S HALL.

(The regular meetings of Truro Fire Brigade are held every third Monday in each month in the evening, in the spacious room pictured on page 9. This room was renovated, handsomely decorated and finished with a polished hardwood floor at expense of the Brigade, in 1903. It is furnished with desks for Chief and Secretary. A piano is shown in a corner, an extension dining table is in

the centre and hardwood settees are ranged along the walls. The members occasionally assemble there with friends for social functions, dances, suppers, etc. In another part of the building a full outfit of napery, china, delft cutlery and table silverware is kept. Extra tables, the whole sufficient to provide a hundred covers are also on hand.)

Oct. 19, '03, Windsor firemen presented a silver water pitcher to the Brigade.

Jan. 18, '04, John Stanfield donated \$10, Halifax Fire Ins. Co. \$20, and Acadia Ins. Co. \$25, and were voted hearty thanks.

July 1st, '04, a tug-of-war team went to Windsor, and in company with many members participated in sports of the Avonian Athletic Club.

Jan. 1st, '05, a concert in the Academy realized \$225.53 toward the Insurance Premium fund.

Dec. 31, '05, Gunn's Opera House was hurried. "For commendable work in connection with this fire," the following complimentary contributions were sent in to the Brigade: Frost & Wood \$5, Black

& Co. \$10, F. Cantwell \$25, W. D. Rex \$15, Mrs. Conner \$5, E. Phillips & Co. \$50, A. T. Calyryple \$25, Angus & Pollock, \$10, Mrs. White \$5, Levy Bros., Hamilton, Ont., \$50 (jewelry samples protected).

Hon. F. A. Laurence was thanked for arranging free transportation for the members to Charlottetown. \$200 was granted by the Town Council toward their expenses.

Jan. 1st, 1907, the third annual concert was held, and receipts amounted to \$202.76 net. Donations, in addition, from S. G. Chambers \$10, Mayor Murray \$5, Mrs. Conner \$5, Frost & Wood \$5, and J. H. Kent \$5. Same were placed to credit of the insurance fund.

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June 17, 1907, \$58 were received from residents of Bible Hill for services rendered in protecting properties at time of fire in that suburb.

In July, 1907, the membership was increased to 60 men, 10 of whom were to be known as Fire Police.

Sept. 3rd, 1907, the members went to St. John and took part in a firemen's tournament and reported later that they were entertained.

New electrical apparatus in connection with improved fire-alarm was installed in the Central Enginehouse during summer of '03.

In October, 1906, a "striker gong" was put into the residence of every active fireman and connects, up with the signal boxes and automatic steam siren at the Intercolonial railway round-house at the Eastern end of the town. A whistle is also maintained at the Chambers Electric Light Co.'s station at the West End.

Archibald & Co. donated \$20 toward the funds of the Brigade in January, '09, "for very much appreciated services promptly rendered," at a fire some weeks before the date of their letter.

At the annual corn supper in October, '09, the Mayor, Councillors and prom-

inent citizens were present. Mr. C. E. Bentley, ex-President of the Board of Trade, stated at this function that it was "mainly on account of the active efficiency of the Fire Brigade that an insurance re-rating of the town was procured, which would effect a saving to property owners of more than \$4,000.00 in premiums annually."

Nov. 13th, '09, the ratepayers of the Town authorized the Council to pay \$1,000.00 to the Fire Brigade, toward expenses of proposed tournament in 1910.

At the "reunion" in the engine house after the New Year concert, 1910, Chief Stewart was presented by the members with a pair of buffalo robes.

The Government of Nova Scotia presented \$500 towards the funds of the company for "excellent services rendered by saving property" at Agricultural College farm-buildings' fire, Sept. 26, '05. This money was deposited toward tournament expenses in Truro in 1910.

The department of railways makes concessions to the company for "protection of railway property" by granting free transportation occasionally and largely reduced fares at other times, when men go away to tournaments.



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Truro Fire Brigade is purely volunteer, and is composed of leading business and professional men and skilled mechanics. They are relieved of the annual town poll-tax, and are exempt from duty on juries. They pay fines for non-attendance at the meetings, and are exempt from duty on juries. They pay fines for non-attendance at the meetings, fires, etc., and furnish their own rubber clothing, toward which the Town Council contributes \$10 annually. Meeting rooms are exclusively for use of members.

Each member is insured at the expense of the company (augmented in part by personal assessment) to the extent

of \$1,150 (increasing annually \$50 until \$1,500 is reached.) in case of death by accident, and for disabling accidents in proportionate sums. Also indemnified during illness from certain named diseases. Members are assisted during illness also by fraternal attention and otherwise when necessary.

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