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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Travelling In 1894 Recalled By Stories

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AFTER THE severe weather of the weekend, both cold and drifting snow, it might be a good time to recall some of the transportation difficulties of 74 years ago

In mid-January, 1894 The Examiner and the Daily Patriot carried headlines indicating there was word from the Stanley, and at times there were grave suggestions that the ice-breaker was lost.

It wasn't lost but it did have a rough time, the old stories explained. All of its passengers, save six, had been landed on the shore near Malignant Cove, N.S.

Mr. George E. Full, Charlottetown was one of the passengers who apparently stayed with the ship and returned to Georgetown.

Commons Committee Trip Easy

MANY PEOPLE, including myself, were hoping that the Commons committee on transportation would have had a much more difficult time reaching here this week than they did.

Had they struck a crossing when the car ferry was out in the Strait for at least four or five hours, they would have received a much more lasting impression of our transportation ills.

I heard a newscast that said the committee members had a tough time because they took 12 hours coming from Moncton to Charlottetown. They could have taken much longer had they struck a really bad crossing. The strait crossing was made, reports indicated, in something like an hour and twenty minutes, so the members didn't really get a taste of what the Strait can really do to a traveler.

Teare's Directory Of P.E.I.

I WAS looking through my files during the stormy weekend when I came across a copy of "Teare's Directory of P.E. Island 1880-1". It was loaned to me, I believe, by Edward Easton, Georgetown who had some of the most interesting museum pieces I have seen anywhere in my travels.

The old directory carried a great deal of advertising and much of my copy for today will come from these advertisements.

The front cover featured James E. Grant, commission merchant, corner Queen and Water Streets and he had about everything. His stock ranged from samples of Canadian, American and English goods, dry goods, hats, caps and millinery to groceries, oil, etc.

There was the Bank of Prince Edward Island incorporated in 1856, and the Union Bank of P.E.I. incorporated in 1863.

Charles Palmer was president of the latter bank and Palmer and MacLeod were solicitors. President of the Bank of Prince Edward Island was Hon. Joseph Hensley.

John Longworth, Lieutenant-Governor Haviland and Richard Hartz were some of the other directors.

Summerside Bank

A BANK in Summerside was called simply the Summerside Bank. C. Herbert Haszard was a book manufacturer at 18 Queen Street. M.A. Cameron was a general insurance agent on Queen Street and Harvie and Company were booksellers, stationers and news agents, and dealers in seeds, toys and fancy goods and a depot for authorized school books on the South side of Queen Square.

Hewson, MacDougall and Seaman were manufacturers of carriages and sleighs at the corner of Euston and Orlebar Streets. Their specialty was the Dexter Spring Wagon, whatever that vehicle was like.

A. White and Son were machinists and iron founders on King Square. They sold iron ploughs "of superior quality" and manufactured mowers and reapers and pulverizing wheel harrows. Their agricultural instruments were "cheaper than ever" they proclaimed.

Coombs and Worth was the "best and cheapest" place on the Island to get printing of any description done. Their "steam printing office" was located at 18 Queen Street.

S.T. Nelmes sold books, stationary, toys and fancy goods at 59 South Side Queen Square.

Board, Studies For \$64 A Year

NOTRE DAME Convent was advertising board and complete course of studies in French and English with fancy work and plain sewing all for \$64.00. Bed, bedding, etc. would cost an extra \$8.00, apparently, if furnished by the institution.

The required costume was "one black dress, plain shirt".

Fees for the day school attendance were three dollars for pupils of 10 years and upwards for a quarter. It was two dollars for pupils under 10 years.

William Larter was a manufacturer and dealer in boots and shoes. Ladies boots were made to order in the latest American styles. Gents' boots of all kinds were constantly on hand or made to order. The location was 42 South Side Queen Square.

Peter Ross was a general blacksmith on Kent Street, Georgetown. All kinds of blacksmithing were done with neatness and dispatch and on the most moderate terms.

Owen Winters was the proprietor of the Terrace House on Pownal Street. Permanent and transient boarders were accommodated at "reasonable rates".

DR. HECKMAN, a surgeon dentist had his office in Dr. Price's Building on Central Street, Summerside. He said he would fill all orders "in first-class style, as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be done elsewhere".

W.H. PENTZ was a watchmaker and jeweler in Summerside. Michael McQuaid was a boot and shoe maker and "first class work" was guaranteed in his shop at 26 Queen Street.

The MacDonald Hotel was located on Kent Street, Georgetown and the Emery House, run by Mrs. Priscilla Emery, was located at Montague.

Apothecaries Hall, established in 1810, was located at the corner of Queen Square. This old drug store is still with us. It's known as Hughes Drug Company, the present proprietor is Earl Baker.

It was run then by the Apothecaries Hall Company 1880.

The Revere House claimed to be "the first hotel in the city". Mrs. McNeill was the proprietor and it was located at the end of Steam Navigation Wharf.

Hickey and Stewart were advertising P.E.I. Twist and said "Our tobacco is 20 per cent better than any other offered on the market". They added, "We are the only House in the province that makes the manufacturing of tobacco a specialty." They were manufacturers of "Prime chewing and smoking tobacco".

The company's factory and salesroom was located at 1 Queen Street. And that must have been the forerunner of Hickey and Nicolson's tobacco manufacturers. The factory is still in operation, now on Prince Street, not far from this office.

Leading Newspaper

"THE PRESBYTERIAN and Evangelical Protestant Union" newspaper claimed to have at least twice the circulation of any newspaper on P.E.I. S.C. Lawson was editor and proprietor.

E.W. Taylor, watchmaker and jeweler, operated on the South Side of Queen Square.

Richard Weeks was architect, builder and contractor on Hillsborough Street.