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"OLD TIME STUFF"

Reminiscences of the Ottawa of Earlier Days, Personages, Scenes and Incidents Recalled for Evening Citizen Readers

This is the story of two most interesting things. Firstly, it is the story of the oldest existing house in Ottawa—or at least what is supposed to be the oldest house in Ottawa. If any reader of the Old Time Stuff knows of an older house, his or her house will be given equal publicity. Secondly, it is the story of Bank street at a time when Bank street did not run on its present location, a story of many years back when Bank street from Laurier to Gladstone avenue was located 89 feet further east than it is today.

This week's feature story is told to Mr. Wm. Stuart, of curling and lacrosse fame, and various other famous. Mr. Stuart, who is also a contractor of note, was not born in Ottawa, but he arrived here when he was eight years of age, and as he is known to be blessed with a splendid memory and has a reputation as a good teller of stories, his narration of the early days will be read with great interest.

Arrived With Prince.

Before proceeding with Mr. Stuart's story of Bank street, it might be well to state that he arrived in Ottawa in 1860, on the evening of the day the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales, arrived in Ottawa. Mr. Stuart's father and the Stuart family reached the Capital by the Prescott and Ottawa railway, exactly at the hour when the Prince was getting off the steamboat which brought him up the Ottawa river from Montreal. Mr. Stuart remembers this fact vividly for two reasons. In the first place, the whole town was gathered about the Queen's Wharf and up Sussex street, and the town was gaily decorated. In the second place, his younger sister Mary, who was about four years old, got separated from the family—and lost, and stayed lost for one whole week. She was finally found with a kindly French family in Lower Town as safe as anything. In those days there was only a weekly paper in Ottawa and as it came out the day after the Prince arrived, it was a week before the losing of the child could be made known. Besides, there was only one policeman, and Chief Thos. Langrell was too busy at man during the Prince's stay to find a lost child.

Coming of the Stuarts.

For the benefit of the many people who know Wm. Stuart, but do not know his genesis, it should be recorded that for some years prior to 1860 Mr. Stuart's father, who was a Scotch stone mason, and a very expert one, had been living in Montreal, where just prior to 1860 he had been superintendent of construction of the Montreal waterworks, which by the way were built by Engineer C. C. Keefer of Ottawa, who built the Ottawa waterworks. Mr. Stuart's father, who was also named William, came to Ottawa to work as foreman on the Parliament Buildings, the corner stone of which the Prince of Wales laid on the occasion of his visit.

Before proceeding with the story proper it might be interesting to state that Miss Mary Stuart, who was lost for a week away back in 1860, is still in Ottawa. She lives with her brother, Thomas Stuart, at 178 First avenue.

Real Bank Streeter.

The reason Mr. Stuart knows so much about Bank street and its early residents is that it was on Bank street, at the corner of Gloucester, that his father located the Stuart home in 1860. The original home was on the site of the Dominion House Furnishing Company's building (which building the Stuart family own). Later Mr. Stuart built a house for himself at 275 Bank street, now Bruce Stuart's home, and since then, and lived there till only a few years ago, when he moved to Somerset street.

And now to the story proper. First as to Otto's oldest house, to which Mr. Stuart personally conducted the editor of the Old Time Stuff. To see this house one has to be personally conducted, for it is a hidden thing. It lies in a back yard on Bank street, just south of Laurier, screened by the frontage stores. This veteran house is in the rear of No. 327 Bank street and is owned by Mr. Kilduff.

Built in 1828.

The house was built in 1828, only two years after Col. By arrived here to build the Rideau canal. Other houses were of course built between 1826 and 1828, but as far as can be ascertained none of the originals remain. The Kilduff house is, therefore, as far as known, the only existing link with the first couple of years of Col. By's stay in Ottawa. Col. By's house on Major's Hill Park went many years ago.

The house in question is a one-storey log house about 8 feet high, 12 feet wide and 20 feet long, with a peaked roof which provided an upstairs for the early occupants. When the house was originally built it was a "double" house. In other words it was 40 feet long and two families lived in it. Years ago, when part of the present Bank street frontage was sold, the person who purchased the land cut off half the building.

House Was Stranded.

When this house was built it faced directly on Bank street, but in the states Bank street was moved eighty feet to the west and then this pioneer house was left stranded in a back yard. And to add insult to injury the grade of both Bank street and the yard was raised fully three feet, so that today one looks about five feet down into the yard from the ground level, giving it the appearance of having sunk into the ground. But it has not.

Who occupied the house when it was built is not known, but according to Mr. Stuart, the occupants of the double in 1849 were a Mrs. Gallan, a widow who kept a little store, selling candy, bread and such things, and one Barney Caton, who was a laborer on the Parliament Buildings. Mrs. Gallan lived in the north side of the double, nearest Laurier avenue, which was then called Maria street, and Caton on the south side.

A Vivacious Widow.

Mr. Stuart tells that he remembers Mrs. Gallan as a little bit of a woman weighing not more than 90 pounds. She was a very vivacious little person and at 40 years of age was considered one of the best step dancers in the Ottawa district. In those days, when the Irish jig was very popular, to be a first class step dancer was a big thing and Mrs. Gallan was much sought after to exhibit her art. She was highly respected by everybody.

Earthquake Story.

Of Barney Caton, Mrs. Gallan's neighbor, Mr. Stuart tells a funny story. Barney was a true son of Erin and a very nice man. One night about 1862 Ottawa was visited by a severe earthquake, which broke dishes and generally scared the inhabitants. After it was over, Michael Dolan, a near neighbor, came over to Caton's. Michael had never heard of an earthquake.

"Phwat was that, Barney?" he asked.

"That," said Barney, "was an earthquake."

"An earthquake? Phwat is an earthquake?"

"Do you know what tunder is?" said Barney.

"Sure I do," said Michael.

"Well, tunder is in the air, isn't it?" said Barney with the air of one teaching a lesson.

"It is," admitted Michael.

"Well," went on Barney, "when the ground shakes, it is tunder in the ground. It's all the same thing, only it is in the ground."

A Real Relic.

Michael and Barney have long gone to their reward, and they were middle-aged men in the sixties, but the scene of the daily comings and goings of Mrs. Gallan and of Barney Caton still remains as it was the sixties in Mr. Kilduff's yard one can easily reconstruct the simple early life of the sixties. The House is in very good condition yet, after nearly 100 years, considering the fact that no repairs have ever been made on it. It should be told that like all the old houses of early days, its small windows were small, less than three feet square, and the panes of glass about 8 x 10 inches in size.

Story of Bank Street.

And now for the story of Bank street as told by Mr. Stuart.

When the Stuarts came to Ottawa, Mr. Stuart senior bought a house on the west side of Bank street near what is now Gloucester (for Gloucester street did not then exist). This was a one and a half storey frame house, which had been erected in 1850. It was a nice warm house, as houses were in those days, as it was well constructed. This particular house was built with a sunding of 4 inch by 4 inch lumber nailed on flush with brick and clapboarded on the outside. The Stuarts had an acre of land and the back door faced the west and looked out into a nice garden. But several years later, one day suddenly their front door became their back door and they had to reconstruct the back of the house to make it look the way a front should. The explanation of this mystery was that the townplanners of those days decided that Bank street was not where it ought to be and so moved it bodily 89 feet to the west. They removed a log house (Lisgar) street and was not well remembered that Mr. John Jackwith in a earlier article told how Bank street jogged at Laurier avenue and ran off at a wonderful angle, coming out beside the Catholic church about where Parker's eye works now stands. But being a New Edinburgh man, the shifting of the street probably did not impress itself upon his mind.

Street Straightened.

Well, when Bank street was moved this jog was taken out and the street extended straight ahead on its present lines. In this connection it should be explained that the street was not moved 89 feet for its whole length. It was moved 89 feet near Laurier avenue, but at such a diminishing angle that at Gladstone avenue it remained in its original location.

When Mr. Stuart remembers Bank street that is the Bank street he knew but little more than a country road. In fact it only ran then as far as Gladstone avenue, where it was barred by William Bennet's farm (afterwards ex-Mayor McLeod Stewart). The Stewart homestead was located about where the corner of Elgin street and Wellington street is, but the Stewarts used Bank street as their main exit.

Only a Few Streets.

At that period the city, according to Mr. Stuart, the Sparks and Fry estates had not been subdivided as they now are. The only streets which existed were Queen, Maria (Laurier), Bridge (Elgin), Albion (Metcalfe), Lisgar avenue and Somerset street were Lamer (Lyon), Bank and Gloucester with the Concession Line road (Bronson avenue), which ran south along the Rideau canal. Practically nobody but farmers lived on Bank street south of Somerset street and not a great many people lived on Bank street north. Neither Albert nor Slater street, Slater street nor any of number of well known citizens also invested their hard earned money in the scheme. As soon as the company was floated the promoters and vanished.

Prospects Looked Rosy.

The company built a factory on the north side of Laurier avenue between Bank street and O'Connor street. It occupied the whole block. At each corner was a large two-storey square frame building. One of these housed the flax heckling machinery, the other housed what was called the round-about or the horse driven drum which worked the machinery. Between the two large buildings ran a fifteen-foot wide shed in which the flax was spun into yarn. At first the company imported its flax. (The suggestion of the gifts promoter was that the company should grow its own flax and cut down cost.

Grew the Flax.

As a matter of fact the company did grow its own flax, having a large field in rear of Bank street. But when the seed was gathered, no one knew what to do with it. One night, while they were trying to find out the whole factory went up in smoke. It seems they had forgotten to have tarred ropes for boat purposes and the ropes rotted in the sheds and overheated and a fire started. The volunteer hand brigade of the day was not equal to the job and so the factory ceased to exist. It had been in operation just one year.

Before the factory was opened the company celebrated by giving a bee-hive in a shed about the corner of O'Connor street and Laurier avenue. They roasted a whole ox and everybody made merry.

Mr. Stuart thinks Bank street will in the future be "the street of the city" and some day will extend way past Billings Bridge.

OLD TIME STUFF

There was shown this week to the editor of the Old Time Stuff by a well known citizen an "old time stuff" coin which came into his possession about 1862. On one side there was an Upper Canada halfpenny bearing the year 1823. On the center of the front of the coin is a beaver and the words "Upper Canada" "To facilitate trade." On the reverse side is a single stick steamboat and the words "Halfpenny Upper Canada." The coin shows very little wear. It would almost seem as though this old-time old coin had been reposing in some secret hiding place for years. How recently got into circulation would be interesting to know.

HIGH SIDEWALKS

Mr. T. Albert Stewart recalls when he was a boy, in the late sixties, the sidewalks in Ottawa were far different to what they are today. In that period sidewalks generally were built to grade, with the result that in the spring of the year they were almost underground. Later sidewalks were often much higher than the roadways and one had to be sober to be safe.

Mr. Abearn tells of a sidewalk incident which impressed itself on his boyhood mind. A horse ran away on Sparks street near where Parker's dye works now are. The driver, who was only a youth, was thrown from the rig and rolled under the wooden sidewalk, which at that point was about four feet high. As a number of jagged stones were under the walk, the youth was pretty badly hurt.

FIRE DEPT. CHANGES

Time has dealt heavily with the fire department of the Ottawa civic branches in the past 25 years. With a few exceptions both officers and men who figured in 1897 are now in other spheres of activity or time are now officers. The present chief, Robert Burnett, was a fireman in No. 2 station then. Jas. Latimer, grandson of No. 6 in 1897, is now an inspector. Thos. Stanford, guardian of No. 2, and Joseph Manners, guardian of No. 3, are dead. Joe Manners was prominent in Oddfellow and Orange circles. Mr. David H. Manners is a son.

One of the striking figures of the brigade 25 years ago was the late George F. Macdonald, the superintendent of fire alarms. Mr. Macdonald was known to mostly everybody in the city. He was the soul of good humor and spread sunshine wherever he went. He was a great practical joker and was a good essential interest to his daily newspaper. Mr. Macdonald died suddenly of apoplexy. He was an expert in fire alarm systems. In his early days he was a telegraph operator.

A Small Affair.

In those days there were no fire stations such as exist today. No. 4 station was then housed in a rented building at 14 York street; No. 2 was located in a little box of a station on Lyon street, corner of Queen; No. 3 was in the Bank street station, Sussex street, near Nicholas. The only station which today holds its 1897 location is No. 1, on Duke street, but it has been considerably improved.

Back in 1897 the department had no automobile engines, no hose towers, no trained horses, no double platoons, no scaling ladders—in fact practically nothing of its present day equipment. At that period horse drawn hose waggons were only beginning to replace the old time "reels." The veteran "Conqueror" Merryweather fire engine was the brigade's big asset and show feature. It was only after Chief Provost came in 1897 that the brigade began to be brought up to date.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON CANADA'S HARD WHEAT, HARDY MEN

Former Premier is Speaker at Dinner to W. L. Griffith, H. C. D. Secretary.

LONDON, May 22.—At the Hotel Cecil last night Mr. Lloyd George presided at a dinner to Mr. W. L. Griffith, on his retirement from the permanent secretaryship to the Canadian High Commissioner's Department.

Mr. Lloyd George proposing "Our Guest," said he had known Mr. Griffith for twenty-five years, and the fact that the gathering was so representative and influential was a tribute to his qualities. Mr. Griffith had performed an honorable position, where he had rendered vital service, not merely to the Dominion of Canada, but to the Empire. Speaking of Lake all Scotsman, early days he was a telegraph operator.

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EARL'S DAUGHTER WEDS A WIRELESS OPERATOR

Lady Pleasance Elizabeth Rous, Daughter of Earl of Stradbrook, in Romanee.

LONDON (by mail)—A romance that began on the deck of a P. and O. liner during a voyage from Australia ends happily sequel at the Roman Catholic church at the Lancarkshire mining village of Shotts, when Lady Pleasance Elizabeth Rous, daughter of the Earl of Stradbrook, governor of Victoria, was married to Mr. Owen McKenna, a P. and O. wireless operator.

Mr. McKenna's home is at Shotts, and for two weeks the bride, who is 24, lived there at an adjoining hotel. On April 28 she was admitted to the Roman Catholic church.

Only relatives and friends of the bridegroom were present at the wedding. The bride wore a dress of pink silk, the color in which she had made herself. She was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Nellie McKenna, sister to the bridegroom. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. McKenna's parents, the bridegroom is being spent in Ireland.

Lady Pleasance met Mr. McKenna while on a voyage to Rangoon to visit a friend. When the liner was leaving port she asked Mr. McKenna to sign his name in her autograph book, but as there was not much space left she offered him her pen. It was then that Mr. McKenna learned of her real identity. On reaching Rangoon and on a colleagram to her parents saying she had become engaged and intended getting married as soon as convenient.

Lady Stradbroke's Gift.

Lord and Lady Stradbroke arrived in London last night from Australia. Lady Stradbroke asked a reporter who met the train to contradict the suggestion that the wedding had taken place in the face of the opinion of health and Lord Stradbroke.

"We would have been at the wedding had we reached England in time," she said. "I gave my daughter a pearl necklace with a diamond clasp as a wedding present, and send a telegram of congratulation yesterday from Marseilles."

"Had the engagement your approval?" Lady Stradbroke was asked.

"It had my consent—the consent of both of us," she said. "I have cause less in the bargain.

Lloyd George in the autumn. Mr. Peter C. Larkin replied.

"I think that the wedding took place rather in a hurry as my daughter's husband had to return to finishing."

Lord and Lady Stradbroke are here for a holiday. Their country home is Henham Hall, Wangford, Suffolk.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE ARRIVES

LONDON, May 22.—(By mail)—Members of the Vancouver Board of Trade are expected to arrive at Southampton today by the Empress of Scotland, and will be met by Mr. F. C. Wade, agent-general for British Columbia, and Sir George McLaren Brown, chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in London, and Mr. G. H. Ward, secretary.

Tomorrow the delegates will lunch at the Stadium. Wednesday the invitations of the reception committee of the British Empire Exhibition, in Thursday's Empire Day, they will attend a business conference at Canada House. Chamber of Commerce, and the Mother Country and Sir Lord Lord Lord Leverhulme will entertain the delegates at luncheon at the Carlton Hotel. In the evening there will be a banquet by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Club of Great Britain in the Grand Hall, Hotel Cecil, to celebrate Empire Day and welcome the delegation and the ladies of the party. Lord Birkenhead will preside. Later, they are invited to attend a reception and dance at the British Empire Club, Trafalgar Square.

The object of the visit is to draw closer together the Dominion and the Motherland, and to lead to the development of inter-imperial trade. It is encouraging to note the enthusiasm which has been shown by the chief business and commerce of the United Kingdom in extending a warm welcome to the delegation and in providing in every case an excellent program for their reception and entertainment. The announcement of Lord Birkenhead's acceptance of chairmanship of the banquet to be given on Empire Day has given great pleasure to all Canadians in London.

The delegation will visit the following towns: Bristol, May 25; Leicester, May 28; Birmingham, May 29; Northampton, May 30; Liverpool, May 31; Edinburgh, June 1; Newcastle, June 4; Hull, June 5; Manchester, June 6; Sheffield, June 7; Nottingham, June 8.

An adjourned sitting of Kirkcaldy licensing court, held refused dual licenses to the Masonic Hotel, Kirkcaldy, so that there is one licensed house in the burgh.

IS LEVIATHAN OR MAJESTIC LARGEST?

LONDON, May 25.—Does Great Britain or does America own the largest liner?

The controversy has arisen over the American claim that the Leviathan is the largest ship in the world. British shipping authorities tenaciously cling to the belief that the honor is held by the White Star line Majestic.

The figures for the two liners show that the Leviathan has a greater registered tonnage, but that the Majestic wins on other and more essential points:

	Majestic	Leviathan
Tonnage	56,551	59,956
Length (feet)	956	950
Breadth (feet)	100	100
Turbines h.p.	100,000	100,000
Speed (knots an hr.)	23½	23½

The official figures of the length of the liners, measured "between perpendiculars," and not from stem to stern, show that the Majestic is six feet longer than her rival.

The Majestic can carry nearly 4,000 passengers; the Leviathan 2,602 passengers and 1,196 crew. The Leviathan is twenty-two feet higher than the Majestic.

Both ships were made in German shipyards, and were taken as part of the reparations payments.

GERMAN WAR MATERIAL FOUND

LONDON, May 25.—Details of the stocks of hidden war material found by the Allied Control Commission in Germany between September 1919 and last month are given by Lieut.-Col. Guinness, under-secretary for war, as follows:

42 guns complete;
14 howitzers only;
7,510 shells;
1,7 trench mortars;
840 machine guns;
42,348 small arms;
6,527,496 rounds of small arm ammunition.

Included in the material surrendered to the commission were: 23,558 guns (with barrels); 24,107,054 shells; 15,816 trench mortars; 87,358 machine guns; 4,556,851 small arms; 42,942,800 rounds of small arm ammunition.

The following war material was destroyed by the Germans before the establishment of the Commission of Control:

2,842 guns;
6,226,311 shells;
2,635 trench mortars;
6,004 machine guns;
1,707 small arms;
21,916,000 rounds of small arm ammunition.

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