

1876.----- FORT ERIE

"Fort Erie is an incorporated village in the south east part of the Township of Bertie, and dates its first settlement back to 1784. During the war of 1812, Fort Erie was the scene of many conflicts between the Americans and the Canadians, and the settlers in the vicinity in most instances lost all their property which could be burnt or otherwise destroyed.

At the present time the village of Fort Erie is a pleasantly situated place of about twelve hundred people; and has a Railway communication by means of the Canadian Southern, Great Western Air line and the Grand Trunk Railway; it also has a Ferry across the Niagara River to East Buffalo. The Village has several churches and common schools, and does a good local trade with surrounding townships.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, a resident of the Township of Bertie, deserves great credit for the interest he has taken in the Temperance movement, and in the welfare of fellow townsmen. Mr. Kennedy at the expense of about one thousand dollars, erected a Temperance Hall upon a piece of ground he owned, and donated it to the Township along with the land. All honour should be given to a person who is generous enough to give his fellow men such a practical proof of his desire to benefit them."

1876.----- VICTORIA

"Victoria the name of the new town claiming Public attention, is situated at the west end of the International Bridge, which spans the river opposite Buffalo. This Bridge one of the handsomest structures on the continent, has its west end station on a portion of the town plot of Victoria; which is likewise the terminus of the Grand Trunk Great Western Air Line and the Southern Railways; whose stations are upon and adjoin it. It has a large frontage on the River; and possesses all the advantages of the unlimited water power of the noble river, as well as its harbor and dock accommodations. It is contemplated that Victoria will, by means of the Bridge become a suburb of Buffalo. Its elevated situation, beautiful surrounding scenery, pure air, cheap living, and freedom from city taxation; will render it a most desirable place of residence. The extensive works connected with these railway stations and necessary machines and workshops, will afford constant employment for numbers of men who will likewise have the advantage of work in the large iron and other factories on the American side of the river. The centre of the city of Buffalo can be reached in a few minutes by regular trains and street cars. Victoria already has good stores, hotels and neat cottages. A glance at its situation, railway and water shipping accommodation, demonstrates it as a point possessing unsurpassed facilities for all classes of manufacturing and mercantile business.

Its proximity to Buffalo gives Victoria the advantage of the trade of that great and growing city, and its surrounding towns.

The founder and proprietor of the place MR. S.M. JARVIS, Barrister from Toronto, is devoting his time and means energetically to its development, and a prosperous future may be fairly predicted for it."

Above articles----from "The OFFICIAL ATLAS of LINCOLN AND WELLAND COUNTIES
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Victoria Post Office:::

The first Post Office in Victoria stood on Jarvis St. on the site of Buttler's Barber Shop. George Graham was the Postmaster, and David Hardison Deputy Postmaster.

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The following is a list of the people in Fort Erie, from the above book. It is not a complete list of the business and professional people in the town; but only those that patronized the above Atlas.

Name	Location	date of Born	settled ment.	P.O.	Business
Baldwin W.M.	Niagara 7 Bertie	1875	New York	Fort Erie	Gen. Merchant
Beebe H.T.	Queen St. East # 2	1868	New York	Fort Erie	Builder & Cont.
Cruickshank E.	Con. 3 lot 11	1853	Canada	Fort Erie	Gentleman
Crabb John	Phipps St.	1875	England	Fort Erie	prop. Bertie Hall Hotel
Clark E.P.B.	Walnut St.	1840	Canada	Fort Erie	Millwright
Douglas W.	Niagara St.	1867	Canada	Fort Erie	Physician
Graham W.M.	Con. 3 lot 9	1847	Canada	Fort Erie	Farmer
Gibson Wm.	Niagara St.	1873	England	Fort Erie	Boots & shoes
Hall Wm.	Niagara & Queen	1874	Ireland	Fort Erie	Prop. Queen's Hotel
Hardison D.	Courtwright St.	1875	Canada	Fort Erie	Merchant
Lanagan Joseph N.R.	N.R. lot 18	1870	Canada	Fort Erie	Bailiff & auctioneer
Miller Peter E.	Con. 4 lot 7	1837	Canada	Fort Erie	Farmer
Maywood Robert	Niag. & West st.	1845	Canada	Fort Erie	Prop. Commercial House
Mc. Carney A.	Courtwright St.	1873	Canada	Fort Erie	Prop. Victoria Hotel
Moore Robert	Con. 2 lot 5	1873	England	Fort Erie	Prop. Grand Trunk R.R. hotel
Paulis John	Niagara St.	1869	Canada	Fort Erie	Flour, feed, grocer, baker.
Riselay Cranmer	con. 3 lot 8	1831	Canada	Fort Erie	Farmer
Stephen Charles	Niagara St.	1873	Scotland	Fort Erie	Gen. Merchant
Schryn Joseph	Niagara St.	1842	Canada	Fort Erie	H.M. Customs
Troup Peter B.	Con. 4 lot 5	1850	Canada	Fort Erie	Farmer magistrate
Warren Robert G.	lot 3	1853	Canada	Fort Erie	H.M. Customs.

Hotels in Fort Erie 1876 and their Proprietors.

Commercial House-- Prop. Robert Maywood <i>original Frontier House</i>	Niagara St. by Catherine
QUEEN'S HOTEL --- Prop. Wm. Hall	Niagara & Queen St.
Bertie Hall Hotel--Prop. John Crabb	Niagara & Phipps St.
Victoria Hotel Prop. A. Mc. Carney	Courtwright St.
Grand Trunk Prop. Robert Moore	Gilmore Rd.