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Ship "Hector" at Pictou
Sept 15th 1773, Was
Celebrated at Pictou



THE LANDING FROM THE "HECTOR" 1773

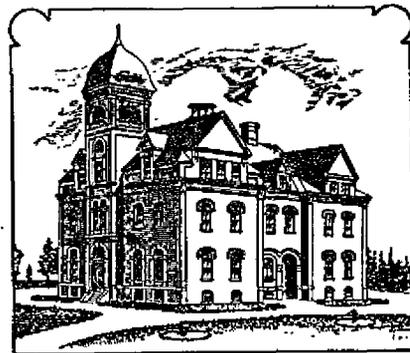
Historic Pictou.

It's a far cry back to the sunny day in June, 1767, when the little brig "HOPE" sailed into Pictou harbour with a small company of English settlers, 30 in all, from Philadelphia. Their hearts sank as they looked on either side of the harbour and saw nothing but dense forests to the water's edge. However, with indomitable courage they began the wearisome task of making homes for themselves and six years later they were joined by a band of Scottish settlers, 189 in number, who on the 15th day of September, 1773, arrived in the now famous ship "HECTOR". This was but the beginning of Scottish immigration which continued and increased for many years. In a single season as many as 1300 Scotchmen landed here. As a result the county became predominantly Scottish in character, a distinction which it still enjoys. Out of the 36,000 inhabitants of Pictou County more than 27,000 are the descendants of these Scottish immigrants "whose intellectual ideals, moral worth and material achievements have contributed greatly to the good government and upbuilding of Canada."

The Rev. James Lyon, one of the Philadelphia Company, was the first Presbyterian minister in the Province of whom we have any account, and he only remained in this county a short time. In 1786 the Rev. James MacGregor arrived from Scotland and nine years later the Rev. Duncan Ross came to be his assistant. They continued to be, jointly, ministers of all Pictou county until the arrival in 1803 of Rev. Thomas McCulloch who became minister of the "Harbour Congregation," as it was then called. This afterwards was known as Prince Street Church, Pictou Town. As the town developed other churches were organized, viz,—St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) in 1822; St. James (Anglican) in 1826; Stella Maris (Roman Catholic) in 1828; Knox (Presbyterian) in 1846, and the Methodist Church in 1856.

Pictou can also claim the honor of having one of her sons as the first missionary to sail from any British Colony to a foreign land, when in 1846 the Rev. John Geddie, with his wife and family, was sent to the New Hebrides as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church.

"Every great institution is the lengthened shadow of one man", says Emerson and today the famous "Pictou Academy", incorporated March 26th, 1816, stands as the monument to

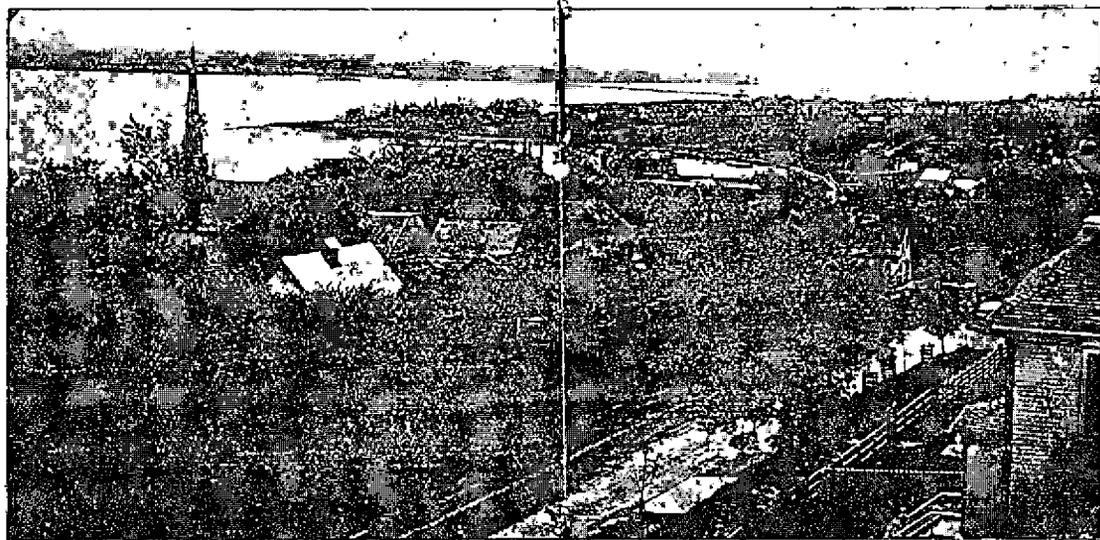


PICTOU'S FAR FAMED ACADEMY
FOUNDED 1816

Dr. MacCulloch, a man of outstanding literary ability and marvelous intellectual power.

Among his illustrious successors as Principal were Dr. Herbert Bayne, Dr. A. H. MacKay, afterwards superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia, Dr. Robert Maclellan, whose memory is still precious to his old students, and the present principal, C. L. Moore, M. A., F. R. S. C.

In 1920 a Boys' Residence, "Academy Hall", was erected in connection with Pictou

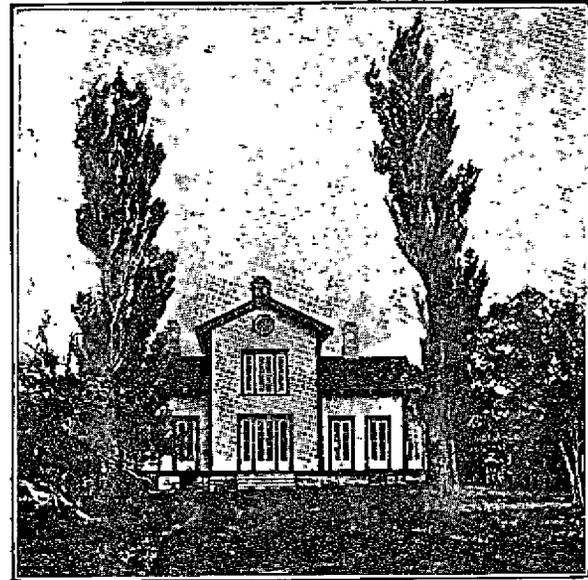


GLIMPSE OF PICTOU, SHOWING NORWAY POINT—BEAUTIFUL SITE OF ODD FELLOWS' HOME

Academy under the supervision of the Presbyterian Church.

Pictou Academy has been called "The Nurse of Genius in the Provinces by the Sea", and truly she has earned the honor, for among her Alumni she numbers Sir William Dawson, the greatest Principal McGill ever had; Dr. George M. Grant and Dr. D. M. Gordon, both Presidents of Queen's University; Dr. A. Ross Hill, late President of University of Missouri. Other College Presidents from Pictou County are Dr. John Forrest, President of Dalhousie, and Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, Principal of Pine Hill College, Halifax. Dalhousie University has always had a Pictou County man for its President—Dr. MacCulloch, Dr. Jas. Ross, Dr. John Forrest and Dr. A. S. MacKenzie.

In 1893 a musical society called the "Ladies Glee Club", under the direction of Miss Annie MacDonald (now Mrs. Jas. Primrose), head of the Musical Department of the Academy, decided to devote the earnings from the society to the care of the sick. With this object in view a public meeting was called, resulting in the formation of an energetic "Hospital Committee". A few rooms were rented in the "Alick Fisher" house and Mrs. Marjorie Logan put in charge as matron. This was the beginning of our hospital.



CLUB HOUSE—PICTOU GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

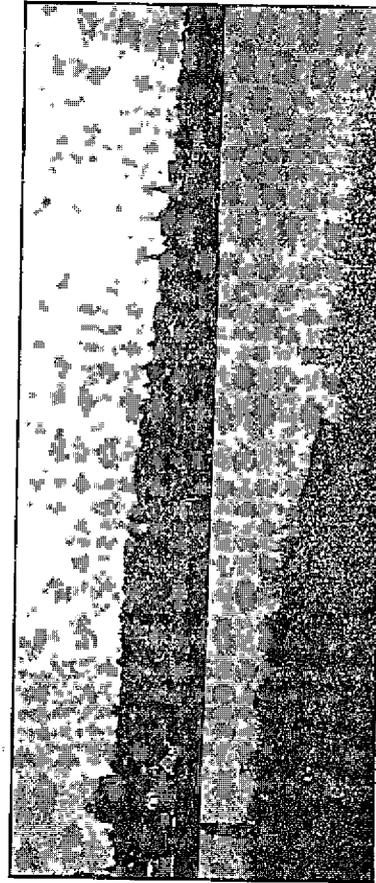
Dr. John Stewart, now of Halifax, fostered this enterprise and performed the first operation. About the year 1897 the Government Marine Hospital was procured by the town and the patients looked after at first by the caretakers. Then for a number of years this work was done by the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Not until Sept. 17th, 1903, was the "Cottage Hospital Board" incorporated. The present building was erected in 1906, being opened officially on Dec. 6th. of that year. Since its earliest inception it has proved of inestimable value to the community.

The present Superintendent, Miss Currie, has for twelve years given most faithfully and cheerfully her best services and has endeared herself to all.

In 1921 the Pictou Golf and Country Club was organized. The view from the veranda of the Club House on the top of Fogo's Hill is surpassed by none in Eastern Canada.

The present "Odd Fellows Home", purchased in 1922, formerly "Norway House", was built in 1816, by Mr. Edward Mortimer, at that time a member of the House of Assembly and the leading business man in Eastern Nova Scotia. After his death it was occupied by three Factors of the Hudson's Bay Company in



PICTOU FROM THE HARBOR

turn, Lord Stratheona being the last. It was in it's early days the centre of social life in the Shire Town.

In many other ways Pictou has exerted an influence far beyond local bounds. Pictou, beautiful for situation, overlooking it's fine harbour, an educational centre of high repute has a glorious past history and a magnificent opportunity for service in the future!

JOAN MacGREGOR FRASER,
Secretary, L. C. W.
West Pictou.

A Call to the Clansmen!

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Hae ye ever heard of Pictou, fair Pictou
by the Sea,
Where the Scotchman eats his parritch
and tae's his cup o' tea?
He aye minds the Catechism, and he
loves a braw, big fight,
But ye must not reprimand him, for a
Scotchman's always right.

Hae ye heard of the Ship Hector that
sailed the stormy sea,
With a company of brave Scotchmen,
the finest that could be?
A hundred and fifty years ago they
landed on our shore
And thanked the Lord devoutly that
their troubles all were o'er.

Ay, but they worked their hardest; ay,
but they toiled and prayed;
And they taught their children wisely,
and strong foundations laid
For character the finest; for strength in
brawn and brain;
A goodly heritage they left: Who fol-
lows in their train?

Come, Scotchmen, then, where'er ye be,
come join right merrily
in the Hector Celebration, down in Pic-
tou by the Sea,
Bring the wee uns and the wifie, and
share in all we do
To honor these brave stes of old, our
kinsmen staunch and true.

J. G. F.