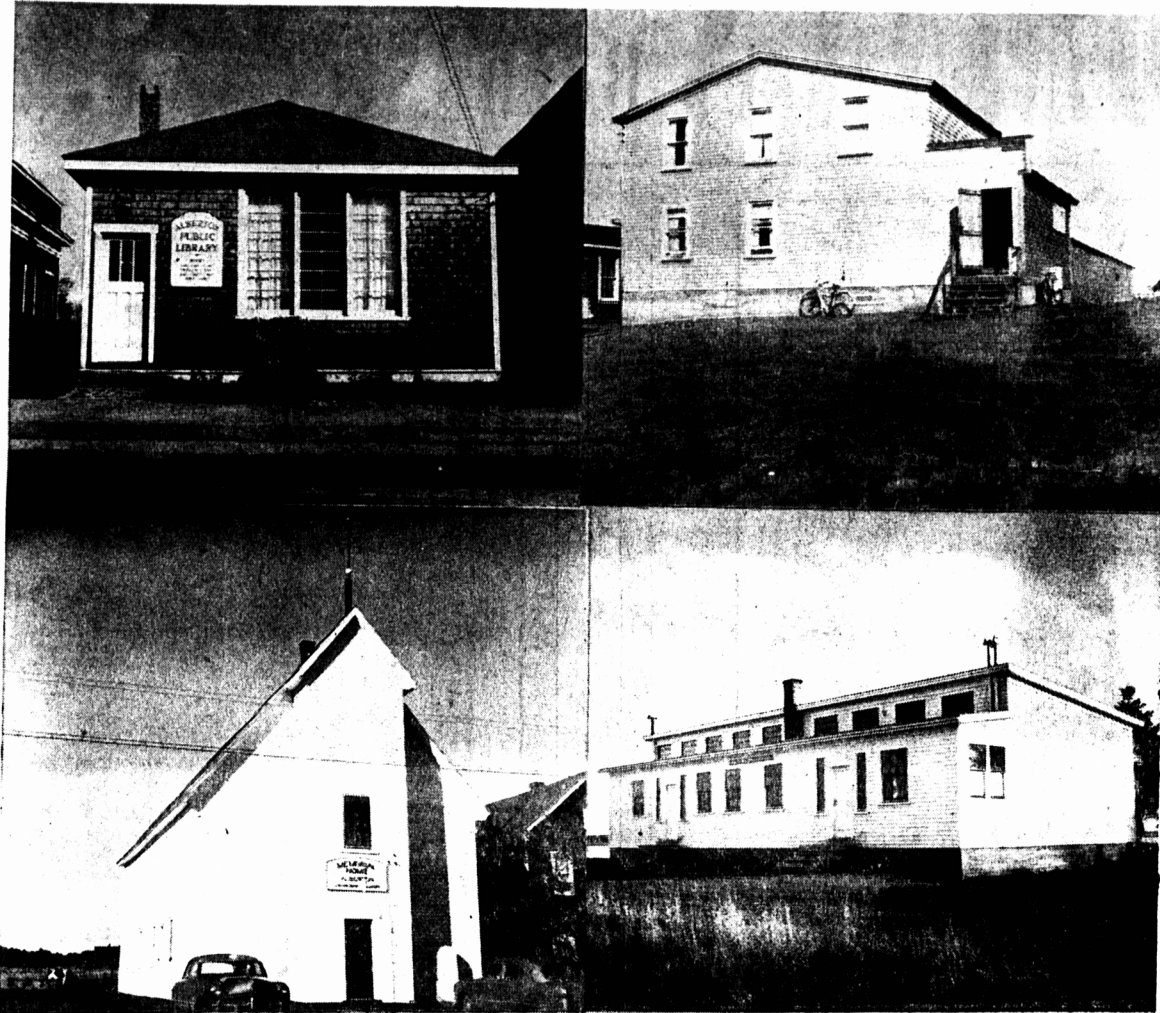


# MANY CHANGES MARK PROGRESS OF ALBERTON



Top left—Alberton Public Library; top right, Curing Club, lower left, Canadian Legion Memorial Home; lower right, Alberton South School. Photos by Wotton.

## ALBERTON PAST AND PRESENT

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ice cream, groceries, electrical supplies, etc. Their clerk at present is Mrs. Reginald Travers. Mr. Leard is a member of the Quarter Century Radio Club. In January, 1921, he purchased the first radio to come to Alberton. Some of the early models he owned may still be seen at his store but they bear little resemblance to the models he and his son, Roy, offer for sale today. Roy established a "first" too, when in February, 1954, he secured a television set the first to come to Prince County.

After the Post Office was moved across the street in 1936 the old building was purchased by Fred White. Here he, Mrs. White and their son, Gordon, sell ice cream of their own manufacture, clothing and groceries. On their windows may be seen advertisement of the current picture being shown at their theatre in another part of town. In the same building is office space recently occupied by G. E. Robinson, M.D.

In the spring of 1954 Mr. White purchased the house previously referred to as belonging to William Wells. During the month of May it was demolished and in its place is being erected a large, modern building. It was not without a twinge of regret that older citizens saw this old house passing out of existence. For more than one hundred years it had stood there and its timbers had been hewn from pine trees that once grew on that very lot. Its floors were of two-inch plank fitted together with groove and tongue. Joists were mortised and flooring was held in place with large wooden pegs. Built by Edwin Wallace, it was rented for some years to Mr. and Mrs. Ireland. Men and women of what is now the older generation recall with pleasure the candy sold by Mrs. Ireland, some of it home-made. Within recent years the house had fallen into a sad state of disrepair and, ironically enough, was considered a serious fire hazard—this little old fashioned house which had stood unscathed through the fire of 1896 which came to its north wall and again through the fire of 1919 which came to its south wall.

Next in line is Keenan's clothing store owned by Mrs. W. A. Gordon. The clerk is Miss Theima Ahearn.

Callaghan's Variety and Fashion Shop, erected in 1951, carries a large and varied stock. With Mrs. Merritt Callaghan are two clerks, Miss Katherine O'Malley and Miss Elma Inman.

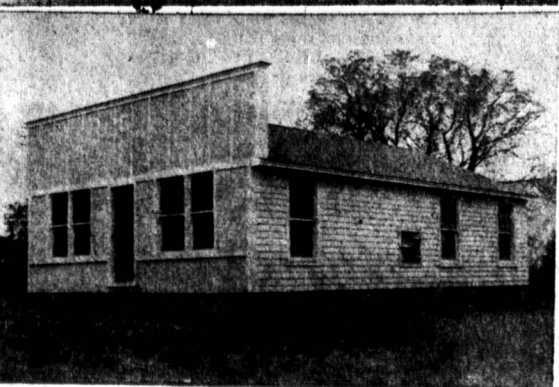
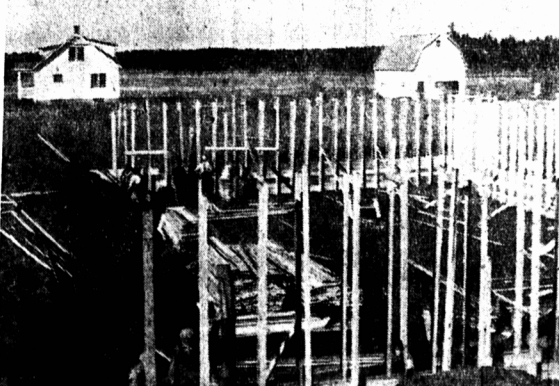
Hardy's men's and boys' clothing store opened for business in May, 1953. Wesley Hardy, proprietor, is agent for Tip Top Tailors and his store is the local bus stop.

Weeks' Radio Sales and Service has as its proprietor Frank Weeks who is also agent for Massey-Harris farm machinery. Mr. Weeks is in charge of The Guardian Office for West Prince which was opened in January, 1951. On the second floor of this building is the Department of Fisheries office with R. D. McKinnon in charge.

In the next building Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Noonan, with Miss Dorothy Hennessey as clerk, operate the grocery and clothing store they purchased from John Moran a little more than one year ago.

Next door Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Foley have had a general store for the past nine years. Their clerk is Miss Frances McAliduff.

On the two entrances to the Irving Building one sees the red and white striped barber poles of Gordon Jeffrey and Alvin Bell.



Top, White building under construction; top centre, new Alberton High School underway; lower centre, Princess Pat Theatre; bottom, Alberton Plant. Photos by Wotton.

Gordon has been in business for six years, while "Al" is a veteran in the trade, having opened shop in Alberton almost thirty years ago.

Next door is a small store owned by Mrs. Joseph Rayner and in the last building on the block Leo McDougall has a taxi stand and canteen. Across Poplar Street, on the site of Myricks' old store, is Everett Shea's Restaurant.

Beginning again at the north end of the street but on its east side we see first the building owned by J. W. Don Campbell, M.L.A. "Don" is International dealer for the district. His bookkeeper is Mrs. Jeanetta Ogden.

The small building which appears next is "The White Spot" Eric and Conna Corbett's canteen which opened for business only a few weeks ago.

On the site of Rogers' store is the Corbett Building which houses Matthews' Meat Market (Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Matthews) and H. D. Corbett's grocery store. Mr. Corbett's clerk is Miss Margaret Forsyth.

When the Bank of Nova Scotia closed its Alberton branch the comparatively new brick structure was secured for a Post Office. The transfer from across the street was made in 1936 while H. W. Matthews was postmaster. The present postmaster, Heath Profit, is assisted by Mrs. H. W. Matthews and Byron Weeks. Rural mail couriers at the present time are Russell Hardy for Route 1, LeBerte Pridham for Route 2, and Wilfred Smith for Route 3.

After the fire of 1919 the Canadian Bank of Commerce erected a fine brick building slightly to the north of where the old branch had stood. Managers who have been in Alberton since W. C. Lawson's retirement in 1929 are R. L. Willett, A. G. Parks, V. L. Curry, H. J. Pike, and R. E. MacDonald. The present manager is G. J. Johnston and the other members of staff are George Gibson, Mike Gallant, Stella McNevin, Anna Ramsay and Norma Gaudet. On the second floor of the building are the offices of Miss Louise Gillis, Public Health Nurse, and G. L. Keefe D.D.S.

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