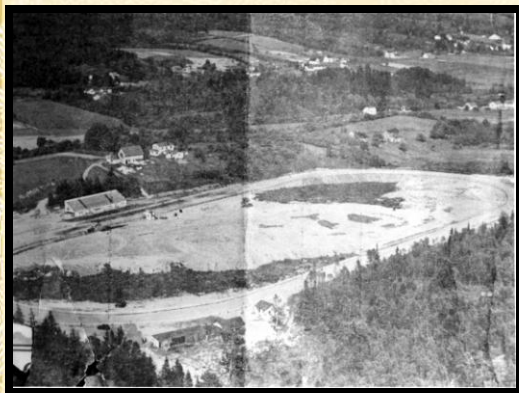


The Sackville Raceway

A forerunner to the Sackville Downs, "Sackville Raceway" was owned by the Walker family. It operated as a harness racing track from 1946 to 1954, and was later used for stock car racing.



Sackville's First Fast Food Restaurant



Owned and operated by Howard Whitford, this image shows the first fast food drive-in restaurant in Sackville.

Wood & Wheels

An employee of Ted B. Blackburn, John Payzant had a similar knack for business. Starting as a clerk in the 1950's, John took over the building materials business in 1964. In 1969, he relocated the business to the current site on Sackville Drive, opening a twelve-thousand-square-foot operation. His successful business continued with the help of his sons. Today, Payzants Building Supplies is part of the Home Hardware chain of building centres, with three locations in the Maritimes, two in HRM and one in Sackville, New Brunswick.

It was with Payzants Building Supplies that Sportwheels came to Lower Sackville. Started in 1947 by the Mayhew family, the business expanded to Sackville in the late 1960's. Their original building was with Payzants, though they quickly outgrew that location and moved to a renovated house further along Sackville Drive a few years later. In 1986, it moved again to a new building shared with two other businesses, though in a few short years the building was expanded to double its size and entirely used for Sportwheels. Still operated by the Mayhew family, Sportwheels can still be found on Sackville Drive.



The Sportwheels Building

SACKVILLE'S BUSINESS HERITAGE

IN PERSPECTIVE



Sackville's first Tim Horton's

Sackville Drive, the once rural road has become a hub for businesses in Sackville, with retailers, restaurants, and gas stations lining the street on both sides.

The face of Sackville Drive is ever-changing, with new businesses opening their doors, others relocating or closing up shop.

FULTZ HOUSE MUSEUM

"Mr. Sackville"



A view of an earlier Earl Schultz Garage circa 1940. This was the first Esso Station in Sackville.

The Evolution of Sackville Commerce

Since its conception, Sackville has seen its share of business people come and go. A number of individuals have found Sackville an ideal location to make a living. From wheelwrights and coopers to mechanics and electricians, Sackville has been a part of it all, striving to meet the needs of its occupants. An important tradition of the past was ice cutting. It often took place on First Lake in order to provide people with the means for food preservation. Whether servicing one's automobile as Earl's Schultz's garage once did, (now the site of Wilson's on Sackville Drive) or an enterprising young man like Reg Ellis selling berries to make some extra money, all have contributed to the history and growth of our community.

Ted B. Blackburn opened his first store in 1935, but quickly outgrew its location. In 1940, Ted moved his business across the main Windsor Highway to open the "Community Store". The new building was 28 feet by 40 feet to start, but expanded through the years. By 1960, the building had expanded five fold, into a three-story department store that sold furniture, hardware, clothing, and groceries, among other things.

The store evolved from a community store to a full shopping centre, the first in Halifax-Dartmouth, housing a post office and selling refurbished trade-in items in a bargain store across the street. It had flourished into a million-dollar operation, and employed 27 workers.

The moniker "Mr. Sackville" was used by Ted for his radio advertisements, and was certainly fitting.



Blackburn Dollars were received/used within Blackburn's store for purchases.



Shopping Delivered

Thanks to Duncan Fader, Sackville residents were able to buy groceries without leaving their homes! In 1929, Fader began operating a grocery delivery service, traveling through the community on his buggy to sell meat and groceries door-to-door. In 1941, the purchase of a Dodge truck helped expand his business through some of the neighbouring communities, including Hammonds Plains, Windsor Junction and Fall River.



Fader also operated a brick-and-mortar store, which acted as a base for his delivery service. It was built in 1947 on the Sackville Crossroads, where Fader operated it until his death in 1952. After that, the store was operated by his widow and later his son.