

THE KING EDWARD HOTEL:: NIAGARA BLVD. FORT ERIE:: 1905.

Construction of this large tree story hotel in the heart of the old village just opposite the Ferry landing was begun in 1904, by Ed Ramey. The Brothers Ed, & Sam whom had originally came from Portcolborne moved to Cleveland where they got work as street car conductors. They both decided to go into the Hotel business. Sam moved to Fort Erie around the turn of the Century and purchased the Cottage Hotel from a Mr. Spain. Ed. bought the Welland House in Welland and also operated a hotel in Ridgeway known as the queens. Sam moved into the hotel business in Buffalo and Ed took over the Cottage Hotel. In 1904 he had this little place of business moved back for the front of the lot and began his new hotel. When it opened in 1905 it was one of the finest hotels from here to the falls. Ed retired in 1916 and sold the King Edward Hotel.

Early 1930"s Prohibition:

1932 : occupied by Bank of Montreal : s.s. # 236.

:Cent: # 234.

Post Office :N.S. # 230.

Apartments occupied the Upper Floors.

1935: prop. James Gordon

1941: Prop. Nick Watson.

1971: Coleman Bagu.

1986: James Hedler.

1987: Ronald Duplantis.

Dec. 1987. Chris Rudan: name changed to Maxines.

1987. Major renovations made to the hotel.