

1878

lot 5 n.s. of Jarvis: above Crooks St.

"The Flat Top" this name used by the villagers.

UNION HOTEL

B.&.S. Oct. 24, 1873. lot sold to Benjamin Clarkson.

B.&.S. Jan. 19, 1877. Benjamin R. Clarkson et ux to Edward Hawkins.

Grant: Dec. 21, 1927. Edward Hawkins and wife to Harry Hawkins:
^{built 1878} !!() & KNOWN AS Union Hotel
subject to life estate.

Grant. Dec. 21, 1927. Edward Hawkins and wife to Edward Joseph Hawkins.
west 90 ft. lot #5.

Grant: July 7, 1944. Harry Hawkins and wife to Mike Arendacky and wife
Mary as joint tenants: 45 ft. of lot #5.

Grant: July 7, 1945. Harry Hawkins and wife to Roco Fidel: pt. lot 5.

Grant: Sept. 29, 1945. Roco Fidel to Patricia Hanna married woman.

B. &.S. July 3, 1957. Alfred Fredsberg and Esther his wife to Bertie
S.P.C.A.

It is not known if any hotel stood on this property when it was owned by Benjamin. Clarkson. He aquired the property at the time that the International Railroad Bridge was opened. The Victoria Station was just west of this land.

It was quoted at the time of Edward Hawkins Sr.'s death that he came to Victoria in 1871 and went into the Hotel business. The following year he married Isabelle Warden. He built his hotel on lot #5 in 1878. It was a two story frame building with a flat. roof.

The ground floor had a large kitchen and a bar and sleeping quarters for the owners. The upstairs was one large room, where the railroad men who would stay the night, slept on mattresses placed on the floor.

Mr. Hawkins Sr. left for the south end of Fort Erie where he went into the Bakery business. The operation of the hotel then passed to his son Edward Joseph and his wife Lula May. They bought a home on the ~~North~~ ^{South} west cr. of Jarvis and Crooks St. in 1908.

Edward Jr. and his wife left for the Nigh Rd. in 1902 where they operated the old Bertie Hotel known by the villagers as the Half Way House.

A railroad employee by the name of Mr. Lamb took over the operation of the hotel with the help of his wife Pattie. The building was damaged by fire in the 1920's, however it was rebuilt. After the departure of Mr. Lamb and his wife the hotel stood empty for a number of years finally being demolished in the 1930's.