THE EARP HOUSE::: Princess ST. Fort Erie. 1870!s.

This large frame building started out as a private home for a Gentleman from the U.S.A. a Mr. Charles Edward Howard EARP & his wife J ennette. Before he could complete the home his funds ran out and he sold to to "The Jewette C ompany in 1875. They completed the building, but not completely as Mr. Earp had planned. The home changed hands many times before the turn of the century; then in 1908 it went to Orin E. Foster, who ran a patent medicine business from this address. In the same year he sold out to the "R.T. Booth & company." .It was, then notoriously ran as a Gambling House. Here was held the famous Mississippi Lottery. To give the blace a air of respectability, art classes were held here for the bubils of the old the village's first Library "The Mechanic Institute" operated from this building.

The building remained emoty for some time; then through the efforts of Mr.Wm.Hunt, it was sold by the R. T. Booth Company to Arthur C. Pose; in 1912. Mr. A.E. Rose was married to Annie Kraft; and he was an executive with the Cheese Company in the U.S.A. The had a family of six children, and once more the building was used for it's original purpose.

In 1928 A.E. Rose sold to Howard Meyer, who in turn lost the property to the Town for taxes in 1936.

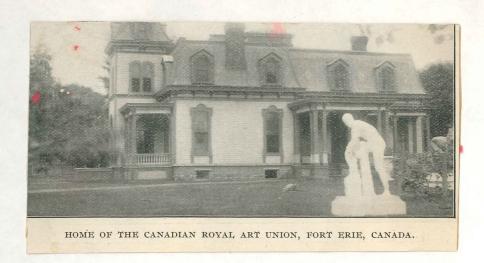
In 1937 Robina White bought the place from the Town, and the gracious old home was turned into a hotel, and has remained as such ever since. Many of the original furnishings were sold at the time Mrs. White and her husband converted it into a drinking establishment.

moved to this place on Princess. She stayed till 1946.

Since that time the Hotel has had many owners, and is now known a s " The Erie Lane House".

Arthur Rose

Below it, the old Emp House, built by an American, now the Eric Lane Hotel, remembered once for its two won deer, brought from the Pan American grounds in Bulialc, and its spacious lawns, and "the Mississippi Lottery" re-



the TENNESEE HOTEL owned by R.T. Booth:: 1908.

Here was run The Mississippi Lottery::: art classes run for the pupils of the alley School to give an appearance of respectability. William Hunt was and employee of the Hotel at the time of the gambeling.