



Figure 14. Charles de Volpi and P.H. Scowen, *The Eastern Townships, A Pictorial Record*. (Montreal: Dev-Sco, 1962)

Lennoxville and Bishop's University

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Lennoxville

Named after the Duke of Lennox, great-grandson of Charles II, on whose escutcheon the town's coat-of-arms is based, this picturesque town is surrounded by rolling countryside and fertile farms. Incorporated as a town in 1871, Lennoxville has been widely known since 1843 for two major learning institutions, Bishop's University and Bishop's College School.

Bishop's University

As the location chosen for this year's Annual Meeting, Bishop's University offers great potential. The campus, its plan and architecture, will captivate the interest and appreciation of SSAC members. The earliest building still forms part of the main block, McGreer Hall, facing the Massawippi River. An engraving published in 1846 (Fig. 14) shows the original building set in a picturesque landscape. This image of a neat Gothic building might easily be mistaken for a gentleman's country seat.

A bird's eye view of Lennoxville published in 1881 (Fig. 15) shows the university, top left, at the confluence of the Massawippi and St. Francis Rivers.

No fewer than four trains are shown converging from all directions, and one wonders whether they will soon collide in a horrifying wreck at the centre of town, disrupting these hallowed halls of learning; but, fortunately, the serenity of the picturesque scene has been frozen in time.

A third image of the university campus, (Front Cover), chosen for this year's poster, illustrates, once again, the care which the buildings and grounds have received over time. Samuel Herbert Maw, the author of this inspiring watercolour, captured the beauty of the buildings and surrounding landscape; but, unfortunately, Philip Turner's proposed convocation hall and residence, the Tudor inspired structure closing the quadrangle, was not built. Norton Hall stands on the site today.

Since the University was founded, the 40 acre campus has increased to its present size of 500 acres. The natural landscape of the area is preserved by three other institutions adjacent to the university. Bishop's College School, founded in 1836, is an independent boarding and day school set in a beautifully landscaped campus located opposite the university. Also adjacent to Bishop's University is the campus of Champlain Regional College, opened in 1972 with an enrollment of 700 students. Further east along the St. Francis River and adjacent to the Champlain campus is the Research Station (Dominion Experimental Farm) established in 1914. Operated by Agriculture Canada, the research programs include management of beef and dairy cattle in addition to research on methods of increasing crop yields. These four institutions cover an area of approximately 2,000 acres.