



A rectangular building called "Fairview Cottage" appears on the site of 25 Queen Street on the Nova Scotia commissioned c. 1883 Ambrose F. Church Map of Lunenburg County. In this 1890 handbill, owner J. L. Doyle remarks about having opened his home one year earlier. From the image featured on the front, the jumble of various stylistic wings helps add to the country inn charm of the original structure, which burned down in 1916 and was replaced by the present building.



The front portion with the veranda is, based on the shape of the home in the A. F. Church map, likely the original portion. Built in a Carpenter Gothic style, it has a nice cottage charm about it, with its large, expansive, bracketed veranda, and its asymmetrical dormers, each of differing heights. Note the large panes of glass on the central dormer, and the wrap-around bay window featured on the dormer on the left. The lovely fretwork descending from each gabled peak of the dormers compliments the turned-post balustrade along the top of the roof nicely. The section from which the flag waves is a perfect example of Second Empire style with its tall, tower-like Mansard roof complete with cresting in the form of a balustrade. The windows protruding from it are pedimented. It also appears as if the roof-top was accessible, as someone seems to be standing against the cresting. In the rear are two seemingly utilitarian wings, each a gabled structure with three hipped-dormers on each side, complete with chimneys that display decorative corbelling. A similar hipped dormer seems to have

been added on to the rear of the original portion. It appears as if the bulk of the guest rooms were located in the rear wings of the property.