



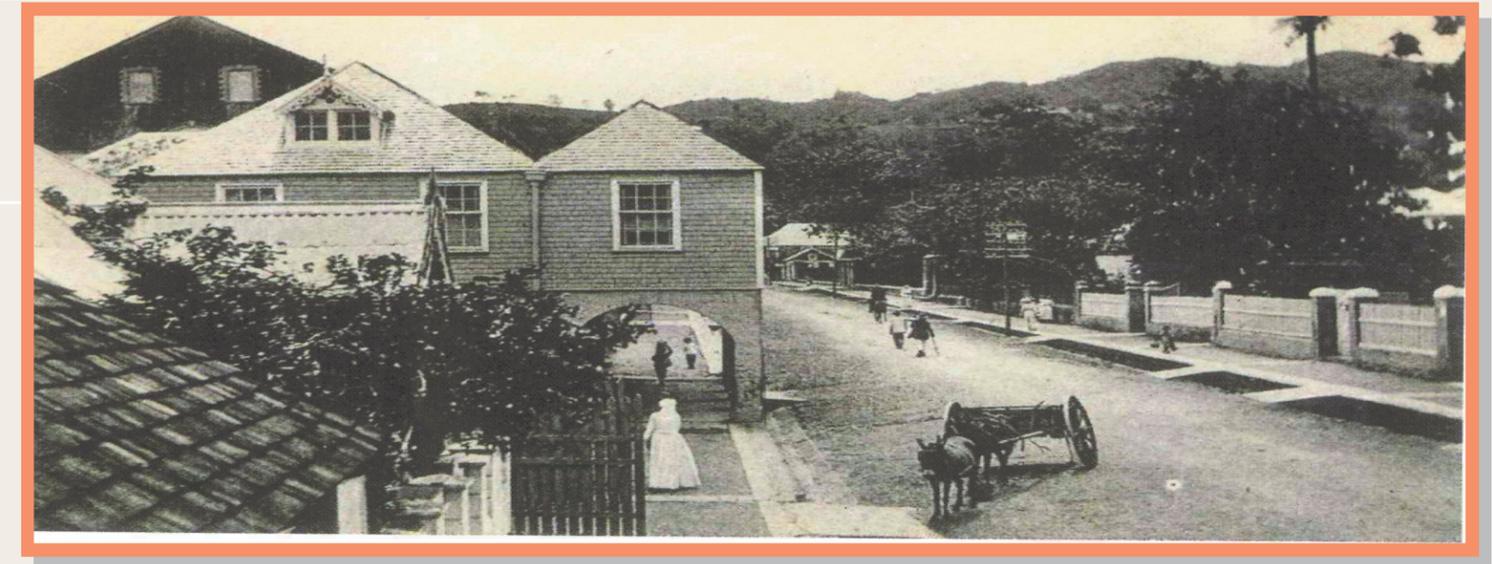
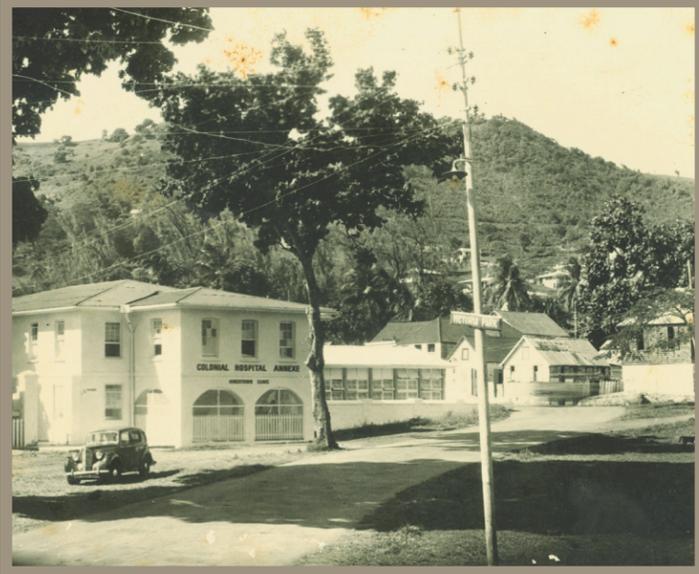
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The Chairman's Message

It is an honour to be a part of the history of the Kingstown Board as it marks the 122nd Anniversary of existence. The theme chosen for its celebration “*A Time to Reflect, Re-organise and Re-energise*” is fitting.

There have been many accomplishments over the hundred plus years and as the organisation pause to celebrate, it must not lose sight of the journey ahead. If one does not know his/her past, he/she may live an entire lifetime and die without any awareness of a better future that could have been. So reflect we must. We must learn quickly from the good and the not so good results and make relevant adjustments.

The organisation has been involved in the management of the town long enough to understand that change is inevitable. Never mind that some of the changes were unpleasant, while celebrating the milestone of one hundred and twenty-two (122) years, we reflect on the times when residents and users of Kingstown co-operated with the Board in maintaining the orderliness of the town.

The Board certainly cannot take the full credit for whatever was achieved. We commend the various partners who supported us through the years. We anticipate that such collaboration will continue into the future.

As the organisation advances into tomorrow, it is important that it strategize and incorporate best practices for governance and growth. Time is not a static commodity so the initiatives and necessary actions for developing and sustaining the organisation are required urgently.

We must all redouble our efforts to be calculated and efficient. Let us all be encouraged to give the best effort working hand in hand within the organisation and with partners across the various sectors.

Here's to many more years of positive growth to come. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

A temporary market facility of twenty-four (24) shops was also built during the construction of the Central Market to accommodate existing tenants of the old market.



The George Mc Intosh Community market facility was opened in 2004. This facility is located in Paul's Avenue and accommodates eighteen (18) market shops. It was originally established to house crafts.



In addition to these facilities, various streets of Kingstown are presently occupied by street vendors. These vendors, who are in excess of eight hundred (800) persons, are engaged in trading of a wide variety of items.

The Kingstown Central Market, funded by the Republic of China on Taiwan opened its doors to the general public on 23rd October 2000.

Presently, the facility accommodates three hundred and seventy-nine (379) market stalls and sixty-five (65) market shops, offering a wide range of services such as hair salons, boutiques, a doctor's office, seamstresses, barbers salons, jewelers, prepared food, electrical supplies and produce.



Our History

In early colonial days, under British rule, the affairs of Kingstown were supervised by the Town Warden, who was in turn responsible to the Governor of the Colony.

The Kingstown Board, commonly called the "Kingstown Town Board", was established on 18th November 1897 by Ordinance No. 11 of 1897, and a Board of Directors was instituted and charged with the responsibility for administering good government of the Town.

The first appointed Warden or Chief Executive Officer was *Mr. George Durrant Esquire* and his office was located on Bedford Street in a two (2) storey brick building next to the meat market and the public library. The fish market was located nearer the sea front.

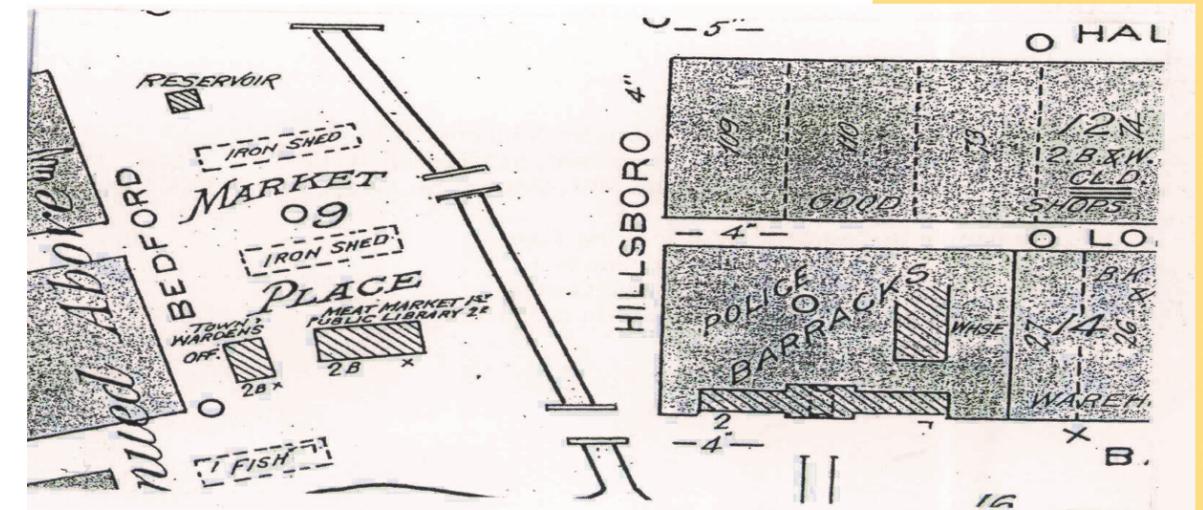


Photo depicting a map of Kingstown

On 6th October 1981 the existing Board of Directors was dissolved by Act No. 2 of 1981 and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs was given the responsibility of exercising powers, and discharging duties as Chairman of the Kingstown Board.

Presently, the Kingstown Board is legislated by Act No. 22 of 1970 and forms part of Local Government, which is a division of the Ministry of Transport, Works, Urban Development, Local Government and Postal Services. The Ministry is headed by *Hon. Julian Francis*. The Chairman of the Organisation is *Mr. Hudson Nedd*, who is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry.

The Kingstown Board is presently managed by the *Warden (Ag.) Mr. Benson Plaugh-Feddows*. The organization employs a staff of over one hundred and seventy (170) employees and operates from over thirteen (13) locations. Its main office is located on the compound of the Kingstown Central Market.

The role played by the Kingstown Board towards good government of the Town has evolved over the years as the city continues to become transformed.

Business opportunities and other economic gains have attracted new users to the Town while new entities, Statutory and Non-Statutory, have emerged to satisfy nationalistic goals of the country.

Markets

In the early 1900's trading of live stock, produce, fish or any goods within the Town and within one mile from the limits thereof, were regulated by the Kingstown Board.

Markets were located along Bedford Street, with the meat market situated on the ground floor of a two-storey building (the public library on the first floor), produce markets located within two (2) iron sheds, and the fish market nearer the sea front.

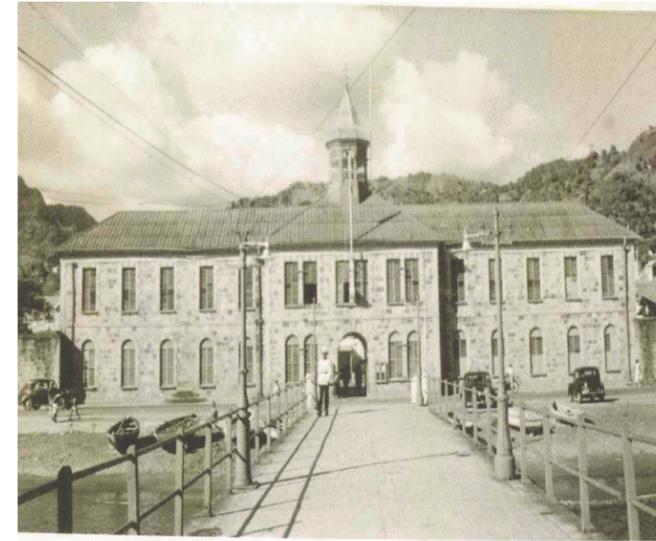


Stock Market - January 4, 1929



Old Fish Market

Over the years other market facilities have emerged such as Bay foreshore (formerly the old Jetty) and China Town. These were built on reclaimed land sites and house a total of fifty (50) market shops.



The Old Jetty



Present Bayforeshore facility



Landmark before China Town was developed.



China Town Market Facility

In the late 1980s and early 1990s a new fish market, a meat market, and thirty-five (35) market shops were built on reclaimed land now housing the Fisheries Complex and Little Tokyo Bus Terminal.

Today sale of fish is being regulated by the Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour, while sale of meat is +regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture.