

The first town hall was built in 1850, and the present one in 1877.

The first horse-shoer was James Mills, who started business in 1845, and the first general blacksmith shop was that of Gillespie Sayers in 1848. John Carleton, who is still a resident of Tweed, was the first general boot and shoe maker. He started business in 1844. The first store and tavern was opened by William Sissley in 1848. Arthur Wright also opened a store the same year, and shortly afterwards Duggan Hart and William Trumpour also opened up a business. In 1850 another store was added by George Howell. The first wagon makers were Joseph McCartney, William Waller and his brother James, and Joseph Frost, who all conducted business on a small scale, but in 1857 John and Adam McGowan established the first carriage factory.

The first tannery was built by Richard Tucker, and the first cooper establishment by James Leslie, in 1854. The first bread and biscuit maker was Allen M. Vandusen, who started in 1854, and the first butcher was Richard D. Marshall in 1850. The first veterinary surgeon was our present one, Dr. P. Bowlby. The first medical doctor was T. E. Pomeroy, and the first herb doctor Solomon Prindle, father of our Isaac Prindle. The first woolen and carding mill was built by Abraham Clow in 1850, and afterwards bought by Daniel Y. Dyer, who ran it for a number of years when it was carried away by a flood down the river and into the lake. The machinery was afterwards removed and placed in a mill at Lost Channel.

The first stage was run from Tweed to Belleville by John Canniff in 1857, making three trips a week.

Felix Diyome in 1884 started the first barber shop. The first law office was that of George Anderson, opened in 1889. The first watch and jewellery establishment was started by Merritt Clark in 1866. The first tinshop and hardware store was established by William White in 1858. The first furniture and undertaking establishment was that of O. C. Frost & Son, which was started in 1883. The first foundry and machine shop was opened in 1870 by William Garrett & Sons, and the first planing mill and sash factory by Vandusen & Houston in 1886. Thomas Wright, the first harness maker, started business in