

The earliest known photograph of
Paisley, taken in 1865.
=|| Written History of S.S. No. 4 & Alderlie =||

under the picture below.



Here is the earliest known photograph of Paisley, taken in 1865, when the village was only 14 years of age. So many changes have been made in the buildings since then that one cannot begin to enumerate them. However, older readers should recognize many of the landmarks. For instance, the frame building at the lower

left of the picture, is now the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cavill. In 1865, and for many years afterward, it was an hotel. The original Knox Church, a frame structure, can be distinguished at the top lefthand corner, while the Anglican church is seen near the top centre of the picture.

The building now occupied by the Co-op. should be recognized by even the younger readers, while the Central Hotel is similarly easily identified. The saw and grist mills are plain to see, but it would require a keen-eyed old timer to put proper name on each building along that muddy old road. And take note of those wooden bridges.

By the way, can any of our old-time readers tell us who the photographer was, and from what point of vantage he snapped this particular photo away back in 1865? The photo from which the reproduction was made was sent to The Advocate by Mr. Arthur Claxton of Lindsay.