



Wyatt's wharf was the short wharf just east of the Union Railway Station and not quite opposite Jaques & Hayes furniture factory. His office was on Front Street east of Yonge. (Detail of H. J. Browne's "Plan of the City of Toronto ..." 1862)

58), and *Indian* (1858).<sup>23</sup> He also developed a close relationship with Captain William Donaldson, thus becoming the agent for *Welland* (1855-56), *Silver Spray* (1864-65) and *Southern Belle* (1876).<sup>24</sup> Along with these individual ship agencies, on at least two brief occasions he served whole freight lines again: Nixon & Swale's Independent Line (1855-56) and Macpherson & Co.'s Freight Line (1858). None of these ventures were major successes. Most were quickly victims of the challenging economic times and the competition from the newly opened Grand Trunk Railway.<sup>25</sup>

Apart from his ticket agencies, and freight forwarding efforts, by 1857 Wyatt had leased a wharf.<sup>26</sup> He quickly became involved in the coal and cordwood trade. On the one hand, steamboats needed fuel. More importantly, both coal and wood were a winter necessity for the survival of Toronto's growing population. For the next fifteen years, in addition to the office on Front Street, Wyatt maintained a second place of business on the waterfront between York and Bay. It would be neither the largest nor the most successful wharf on Toronto's waterfront, but it had its place in Wyatt's ambitions.

<sup>23</sup> *Boston: Globe*, 5 July 1855, 17 August 1855, 30 June 1856. *Bowmanville: Globe*, 26 October 1855, 13 April 1859, 13 August 1860, 2 July 1862. *Mayflower: Globe*, 10 July 1854, 18 September 1856, 20 March 1857, 36 May 1858. *Indian: Globe*, 2 June 1858.

<sup>24</sup> *Globe*, 28 April 1855, 23 January 1856, 4 June 1856, 23 July 1864, 24 April 1865, 20 May 1876.

<sup>25</sup> *Globe*, 18 September 1855, 30 August 1856, 19 January 1857, 26 May 1858.

<sup>26</sup> *Globe*, 28 May 1857, 3 October 1857, 20 December 1858 (donation to the House of Industry), 26 September 1859, 6 February 1862.