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Almost at the end of Commercial Street. House is what is now The Red Inn. Wood End in the background. Note street lamp and plank sidewalk. - 1880's

Piece by piece, in order to keep the tax rate down, Commercial Street was finally macadamized. As late as the year 1910 the main street was still a dirt road from somewhere near West Vine Street to the creek, or the Provincetown Inn. The majority of town roads, lanes and byways, were still dusty footpaths, or horse and team ruts, and every year the taxpayers appropriated money for watering the streets during the dry months.

**May 24, 1871**

Would not a street sprinkler be a handy arrangement for us? How easily one might be contrived and how gladly would the residents of Commercial Street contribute to its support. Anybody who owns a horse and is not overdriven with business might make a lucrative business of sprinkling the streets once a day. Water those who pay and let those thirst and choke with dust who will not lend their support. Any one owning an animal who can haul a cart will, we think, by canvassing find a hearty aid. Who is the lucky man?

**June 13, 1901**

The new watering cart, "Provincetown, No. 1", put on the road Saturday last is a credit to Selectman Geo. Allen under whose superintendency it was purchased. It is modern in every detail and was built at South Bend, Ind.



Same scene about 1905. Last house on left is the Sandhurst cottage.



Facing East from the Red Inn. --- About 1910