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In 1872 William D. Buzzell, who came to Houlton in 1845, decided to open a business on Main Street and soon decided to operate a hotel. This was his first venture in the hotel business. He renovated his home into a hotel, known as the Buzzell Hotel, in 1872. It was managed by Charles H. Sleeper for the first year or two. In 1874-75 it became known as the Exchange Hotel.



This building along with all its contents was lost in the fire of 1880. Mr. Buzzell purchased a lot on Court Street and rebuilt at once, a four story building with 62 rooms well known and a favorite of businessmen and county officials.



When the foundation for this building was laid in 1880 bystanders, who always know best, warned Mr. Buzzell that he could not expect to fill all the rooms as planned. Within one year Mr. Buzzell added an addition for ten more rooms.



**The building was lost to fire in 1942 and not rebuilt.**





