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***b. May 4, 1858 in Lunenburg d. December 23, 1920 in Lunenburg.  
Buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lunenburg.***

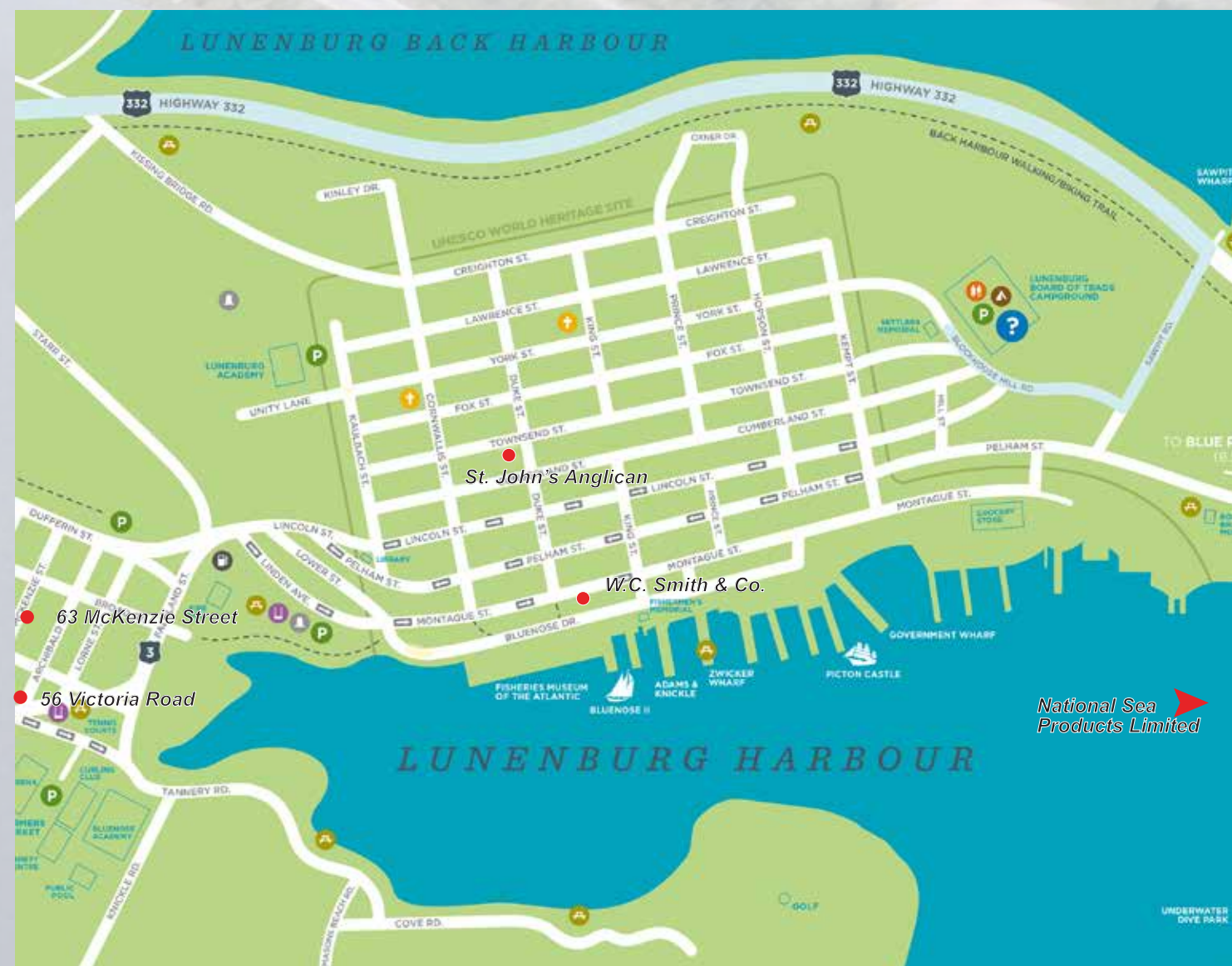
***Associated Places: W.C. Smith and Company, St. John's Anglican Church,  
63 McKenzie Street and 56 Victoria Road.***

***Contributions: Master Mariner, Visionary, Entrepreneur, Fishing Industry, Community Builder and Volunteer, St. John's Anglican Church, Town Councillor.***

***W. C. Smith was a 5th generation descendent of Georg Michael Schmidt and his wife Maria Braizada who arrived in Lunenburg in 1753. As a young man W.C. became one of Lunenburg's most successful fishing skippers. In 1899, at the age of 40, he retired from active fishing, purchased a waterfront property, built a wharf with a store house on it, now the Gift Shop of the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, and began a vessel outfitting company called W. C. Smith & Company. Under W. C. Smith's Presidency, the company expanded along the waterfront to obtain more wharf space, and began to process salt fish for export, purchased a ship building business as well as the Lunenburg Coal and Supply business. The Company changed its name to Lunenburg Sea Products in 1926 and merged with Maritime National Fish Company to become National Sea Products in 1945. Today we know the company as High Liner Foods.***

***W.C. during his lifetime was a strong supporter of St. John's Anglican Church. At the time the Church building underwent two major expansions, a conversion from a plain building to a gothic architectural gem built in wood, the addition of a clarion of bells in a bell tower and the modernization of the heating and lighting system. Much of this work was accomplished with W.C.'s support as commended by a plaque on the Church wall.***

***He was an active member of Lunenburg society and served several terms on Town Council. He was also a prominent member of the Masonic Order. W.C. was stricken while attending the first International Schooner Race in Halifax and died two months later at home. Upon his death, the local Progress Enterprise printed the heading "Capt. Wm C. Smith, a veteran Fishing skipper and one of Lunenburg's Most Prosperous Business Men Laid to Rest."***



Office of W. C. Smith & Co.  
Today the location of the Dockside Restaurant -  
90 Montague Street



National Sea Products Plant - 1963