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EARLY NAVIGATION ON THE UPPER ST. JOHN.

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On another occasion, the "Antelope," having on board a company of troops that had been sent from Fredericton to quell an insipient riot on the part of some railway navies near Richmond, left Woodstock at the same moment as the "Highlander" and after a keen race arrived at her wharf in Fredericton about five miles in advance of her rival.

The steamboats did not succeed in driving the tow-boats off the river. In the year 1856, when the "Reindeer," "Richmond," and "Bonnie Doon" were on the route, a fleet of some twenty tow-boats found employment during the summer season. It appears from a communication to the "Head-Quarters" Newspaper, by Thomas Dowling, wharfinger at Fredericton, in the autumn of 1856, that wharfage had been received during the season for 264 tow-boats that had loaded at Fredericton with freight for the Upper Country. Mr. Dowling says:—

"Each boat, I presume, at the lowest figure carried 140 bbls. in bulk, making in all 36,960 bbls." In addition to this, 42 boats arrived from Fredericton laden with country produce and sawed lumber from up the river.

At this period the steamers "Richmond," "Reindeer," and "Bonnie Doon," were controlled by the "Union Line," of which the late J. T. Allan was agent at Woodstock. We learn from an old copy of the Carleton "Sentinel" that during the season of 1856, 67 trips were made by these boats up the river and down. The "Richmond" made twenty trips to Woodstock and return; the "Reindeer" six; the "Doon" nineteen. To Tobique the "Richmond" made five trips, the "Reindeer" four, and the "Doon" five. To Grand Falls three trips were made by the "Richmond," two by the "Reindeer," and three by the "Doon." The season seems not to have been a particularly favorable one, as shown by the small number of trips of the "Reindeer."

To show the length of time the boats were able to run, it may be mentioned that the "Richmond" commenced running April 26; stopped June 17; commenced July 5; stopped August 22; commenced Sept. 26; stopped Oct. 13. The "Bonnie Doon" commenced April 29; stopped June 22; commenced August 15; stopped August 22; commenced Sept. 27; stopped Oct. 14. The "Reindeer" commenced May 10; stopped June 17; commenced Sept. 26; stopped Oct. 10.

During the season the "Richmond" carried 1075 passengers—an average of 38 per round trip; the "Doon" 1525 an average of 57 per trip; the "Reindeer" 900, an average of 75 per trip. The amount of freight carried by the three boats during the season to Woodstock, Tobique and Grand Falls was for the "Richmond" 5,300 bbls, "Doon" 3,400; "Reindeer" 900; total 9,600. The freight we may observe, was all reckoned in bbls, 250 lbs. being called a barrel (this did not include the way-freight, which must also have been considerable and the freight carried down the river must also have been considerable) A large portion of the freight was at this time carried by tow-boats.

The amount of river traffic continued yearly to increase, and the steamboats to do a correspondingly more profitable business until the completion of the Woodstock Branch Railway some ten years later. In the article from which our figures are quoted the Carleton Sentinel remarks:—"We consider that the present Commissioner for the improvement of the navigation of the river has been pursuing the duties of his office with considerable success. This is a subject in which most of our readers are interested. Until we have a railroad, we must depend entirely upon the river for a highway upon which to carry on our import trade; nor even when our railroads are all built will the navigation of the river cease to be of importance; therefore, it is a matter of public concern to have everything possible done to lessen the risk and increase the facilities for safe, comfortable, and lengthened steam travel up the St. John."

The steamer "Antelope," as already noted, took the place of the "Reindeer" and used her engines. She was a very popular and satisfactory boat for passenger travel. After the "Antelope" was worn out, her engines were placed in the tugboat "Admiral" still in existence having proved a very valuable tug in her day. The "Highlander," was purchased by "The Peoples' Line," and the same company afterwards built other stern-wheel high pressure steamboats including the "Gazelle" and "Ida Whittier." For years these boats had an extensive business, frequently extending their trips to the Tobique and Grand Falls; but after the construction of the Woodstock Branch Railway and the line from Gibson to Woodstock on the eastern side of the river, business rapidly declined and "The Peoples' Line" retired from their enterprise. There has however usually been

each season a single stern-wheel boat of light draft of water on the route. In addition to the boats already mentioned in this article the public will be familiar with the names of the "Andover," "Florenceville" and "Aberdeen." The last named is still on the route her owner being Geo. F. Baird of St. John.

A few years ago an ice freshet resulted in filling up the river channel to some extent at Grand Pass in the vicinity of Spring Hill and as a consequence the season of steamboat navigation has been somewhat shortened. It is not improbable that more attention may be paid to the encouragement of navigation in the future in view of the beautiful scenery our noble St. John affords to the tourist and also in view of its being the only competing route with the C. P. R. for freight to Woodstock.

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Pass The Bottle.

The William Penn, an American steamer commanded by Captain John Codman, was the first transport flying a foreign flag which was chartered by the French government in the Crimean war. She went aground on Nagara Point, and the pasha of the Dardanelles came off to the ship, tendering his assistance. Being under the impression that the orientals were forbidden by the prophet to partake of wine, that luxury was excluded from the cabin table. "Think of my astonishment," writes Captain Codman, "at a gentle hint from the pasha as to champagne. It was, of course, produced. Upon my remarking that it had not been offered before on account of regard to what I suppose to be his religious scruples, he replied, with an air of perfect sincerity: "Wine was forbidden by the prophet; now champagne did not exist in his day, how, then, could he have forbidden it? Marshallah! God is great. Pass the bottle."

If the care of the hair were made a part of a lady's education, we should not see so many gray heads, and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer would be unnecessary.

"Biled Clothes" Startled Him.

A Glasgow professor visiting Canada with the British Association in 1894 went out to an Alberta ranch to see something of Northwest life. "I fixed him up as well as I could," the rancher relates, "but he complained, after the first night, that he did not like sleeping with his clothes on. So I stretched a cowskin across the shack and told him, the second night, that he might undress if he liked. He took off most of his garments and put a long, white night dress on. My foreman, coming in in the early morning, while yet the gentleman was sleeping, and observing the white night dress, said, in a whisper: "Rather sudden, eh?" "What?" "The death of the old man." "He's not dead; he's asleep." "Not dead; then what's he wearin' them biled clothes for? Never saw a chap laid out in biled clothes afore, 'cept he were dead."—Canadian Gazette.

Throat Trouble Cured.

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The Town of Bandon, County Cork.

The town of Bandon, situated on the river, celebrated by Spenser as "The pleasant Bandon crowned by many a wood," was peopled by a colony of English Protestants, who at one time allowed no Catholic to enter the place. Over its gates the following inscription was placed: "Turk, Jew, or Atheist May enter here, but not a Papist." Dean Swift wittily supplemented these lines with the following: "Whoever wrote this wrote it well, The same is written on the gates of hell." At the present time, however, there are more Catholics than Protestants in Bandon.

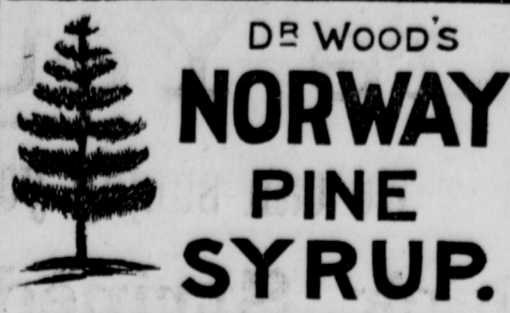
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months it broke about 150 miles from the African coast. It was repaired and broke again. It was then found that at the place where the break occurred there was a great deal of vegetable growth resembling river weed; that the color of the sea was a dirty brownish green, indicating the presence of fresh water, and birds' feathers, pieces of orange peel, scraps of carpet and bits of drift-wood were drawn from the bottom of the ocean. The phenomenon was purely local as the nearest river was seventy-five miles away and discharged its waters in a different direction. It was surmised that it meant the sudden breaking through of a submarine river, and the cable was moved to a distance; after two years it broke again and was moved once more, and engineers are waiting to see what will happen. Submarine rivers are known to exist in other parts of the ocean, off the mouth of Congo and in the Gulf of Carpentaria, for instances, this explanation, however, does not account for the carpet and the orange peel.

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Where Did He Get Them?

The old man is a great favorite on Newspaper Row; his only failing is that he has asthma, which he has to drown out occasionally.

Last week he started out to drown his hay fever on pay day. When he left the office he counted among his possessions \$25, his week's salary. Just what happened to him is a mystery, because he never gained consciousness until he woke up in the station house the next morning. He searched his pockets; they were empty.

Eight o'clock came, and the station keeper came to let him out. There was no charge against him; he had only been locked up to sleep it off. The station keeper called out Bob's name, and then began to hand out things that had been taken away from him when he was locked up, of which he had no knowledge; first his watch, then \$37.50, half as much again as Bob had when he started out, then a new suit of cloths, an umbrella, a box of collars and a basket of grapes.

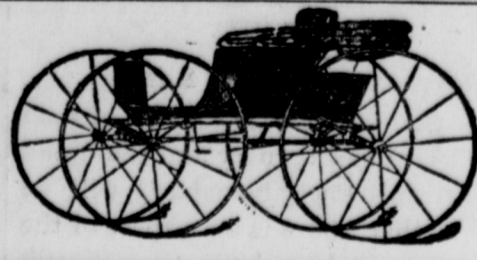
Bob is still wondering where they came from. But he entertains the highest opinion of the police department and the board of public safety.—Louisville Commercial.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

Mr. H. Hindson, of Hindson Bros., Watford, Ont., says: "From personal experience I recommend Milburn's Heat and Nerve Pills for nervousness and general weakness of the system, and can say without doubt they are the best medicine I ever used."

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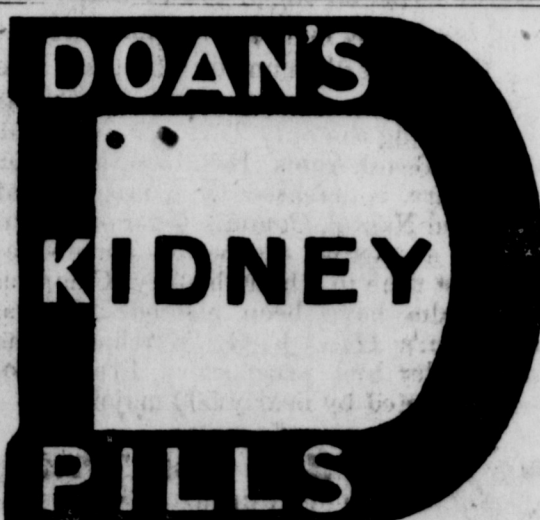
Ralph Waldo Emerson was once greatly amused with the following anecdote. A lady, deeply veiled and dressed in mourning, was riding in a stage coach in Vermont, opposite to whom sat a small, sharp-featured, black-eyed woman, who began catechising her thus:

"Have you lost friends?" "Yes, I have." "Was they near friends?" "Yes, they was." "How near?" "A husband and a brother." "Where did they die?" "Down in Mobile." "What did they die with?" "Yellow fever." "Was they long sick?" "Not very." "Wasthe seafarin' men?"

"Yes, they was." "Did you get their chists?" "Yes, I did." "Was they hopefully pious?" "I hope and trust they was." "Well, if you got their chists and they was hopefully pious, you have great reason to be thankful." The stress laid on the "chists" and the placing of their rescue before the piety of the lost husband and brother as reasons for thankfulness struck Emerson as exceedingly characteristic of a certain class of Yankees and infinitely mirth provoking.—Golden Rule.

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