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EARLY DAYS OF WOODSTOCK.

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No. 23.

The state of settlement in old Lower Woodstock at the expiration of the first year is shown in a general muster of the inhabitants made in August, 1785, by order of Major General John Campbell, in order to keep a check on the rations supplied by government to Loyalists and disbanded troops. The muster roll is here given in slightly abbreviated form:—

RETURN of settlers on Block No. 4, assigned to the King's American Regiment of Foot.

BELVISO, 5th August, 1785.

NAMES.	CHILDREN.			
	MEN.	WOMEN.	OVER 10.	UNDER 10.
Captain I. Attwood,...	1		1	
Lieut. G. Cox,.....	1			
Serjt. Solomon Teed,...	1	1	3	1
Drummer Silvanus Teed	1			
" Elias Teed,...	1			
Serjt. Charles Fraser,...	1			
Corpl. A. Thompson,...	1	1		1
John Moore,.....	1			
Serjt. Jeremiah Masten	1			
Cornelius Gee,.....	1			
Serjt. Geo. Hartley,.....	1	1		
Henry Cronkite,.....	1	1	4	1
Serjt. Hicks Seaman,...	1	1	2	2
Philip Long,.....	1			
Anthony Woodland,...	1			
John C. Fox,.....	1			
Michael Hausinger,...	1			
Luke Jennings,.....	1			
Serjt. Daniel Wright,...	1	1	1	1
William Foster,.....	1			
Corpl. Titus Way,.....	1			
George Hicks,.....	1			
Serjt. Asa Blakesly,...	1			
Tristram Hillman,...	2			3
Corpl. Henry Jones,...	1			
Corpl. John Hillsgrove,...	1	1		1
William Hawes,.....	1			
Michael Brannoh,...	1			
James Murphy,.....	1	1		1
Samuel Whitney,.....	1			
Total,	31	13	11	12

(Signed) I. ATTWOOD, Capt.,
Late K. A. Reg't.

The last six names in the above list are those of men who served in the Loyal American Legion, the commander of which was the celebrated Benedict Arnold. The others belonged to the King's American Regiment. Lieutenant George Cox was the only officer, in addition to Captain Attwood, who actually settled upon the lands allotted to the regiment, although there is reason to believe that others drew lands in the tract, which they subsequently sold for a trifle or failed to settle. Lieutenant Cox saw hard service in the American Revolution and was wounded at the battle of Eutaw Springs.

Isaac Attwood's enterprising spirit was not satisfied with clearing in the course of the first summer about forty acres of the property which fell to him in the regimental draft, and to which he gave the name of Bel-viso, signifying "beautiful view," he was ambitious to become the proprietor of a large estate and to be a mill owner. He therefore on the 1st of March, 1785, presented a memorial to the Governor in Council (as mentioned in the last article) in which he expresses the hope that, as an encouragement to his exertions in promoting the settlement of the regimental grant, Fall Island may be granted to him. To this the Governor in Council replied, "Islands belong to the Corps on each side of the river opposite to them." The island in question was just opposite Captain Attwood's property at Bel-viso. In the earliest plans of the river the island is marked "Isle Oanwells" and a little later it appears as "Fall Island." More recently it was called Cronkite Island and today is known as Brown's Island. It is a valuable bit of property. From the foot of the island a bar runs obliquely across to the right hand shore of the river, where it spreads into a large bank of shingle known to boatmen and stream drivers as "Belvisor Bar," showing that the name of Belvisio, slightly altered in form, has clung to the locality since the days of Captain Attwood. But it is very doubtful whether a dozen people in the province, outside of those who have read these historical articles in THE

DISPATCH, have any idea of the origin of the name of "Belvisor Bar."

The reply which he received from the Governor and Council suggested to Captain Attwoods another course of action. He accordingly obtained the signatures of the settlers living on his own side of the river and of those in the upper part of Block No. 5 (assigned to the Queen's Rangers), on the opposite side of the river, to the following document:—

"We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify that we have not the smallest objection to Captain Attwood having a grant of an Island by the name of fall Island, lying opposite or near our Settlements in Blocks No. 4 and 5.
18th March, 1786."

The names of the settlers appended are as follows—those marked * lived on the east side of the river:—John C. Fox, Henry Charlton, John Hicks, Alexander Thompson, John Hillsgrove, William Jones, Cornelius Gee, George Hicks, Daniel Wright, Titus Way, John Moore, George Hartley, Anthony Woodland, James Sheehan, James Pennington. Lot Patterson, John Miller,* Jeremiah Masten, Solomon Teed, Alexander Ross,* Luke Jennings, Hicks Seaman, Silvanus Teed, Charles Fraser, Abraham Masten, Peter Newton,* James Sharp,* Patrick McNelly,* Philip Foster, Mark Freeman, Philip Long, Samuel Freeman, John B. Williston, and Philip Housinger. It was ordered by the Governor in Council (14th July, 1786) that Captain Attwood be registered for Fall Island by the consent of the settlers in the vicinity.

The gallant captain now set seriously to work to become a saw-mill owner and operator. We learn something of his progress in this line from the following memorial, the original of which is beautifully written in the captain's hand, and was presented to the Governor and Council for consideration early in the year 1787.

"To His Excellency Thomas Carleton, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick and Territories thereon depending, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc.

The Memorial of Isaac Attwood most humbly sheweth:—

That your memorialist has been for a year past building two saw-mills on Eel River in Block No. 4, a lot he purchased from Peter I. Smith. That your memorialist, from the largeness of the stream, scarcity of provisions and various accidents and disappointments, has been subjected to a greater expence than the most accurate computations suggested.

To render these mills advantageous to himself and the public your memorialist prays for one thousand acres in the rear of said lot, or mills, to be continued on the stream; or such other quantity, more or less, as your Excellency shall think proper to grant or as mills built on so extensive a plan naturally require, which favour shall be Long and Gratefully Remembered.

I. ATTWOOD.

Bel-viso in Woodstock,
15th February, 1787."

The Governor and Council, after due consideration, decided that the prayer of the memorialist could not be complied with.

Captain Attwood did not succeed in obtaining the grant of the tract assigned to the King's American Regiment until the 17th of August, 1787, nearly four years after the grant to the 1st Battalion of DeLancey's Brigade had been issued. This seems the more remarkable in view of the fact that Captain Attwood was a member of the House of Assembly for the County of York, and therefore quite in touch with the government of the day. The block of land granted to the King's American Regiment is described as "a tract of fifty-seven lots, or plantations, partly improved and partly wilderness land." The usual reservations are made to the King of "all white pine trees and all mines of gold, silver, lead and coals." The grantees received 200 acres, as a rule, which was con-

siderably better than the "soldier's lot" of 100 acres.

In building his mills at Eel River, Captain Attwood drew most of his supplies at the store of William Garden, merchant in Fredericton. The expense incurred greatly overran the estimates, and the captain soon found himself seriously involved. In the end his property was seized and attached by William Garden and other creditors as security for the payment of his debts. Debtors at this time were frequently imprisoned, but the person of Captain Attwood was privileged as being a member of the House of Assembly. His appointment in 1792 as one of the commissioners of roads for the parish of Woodstock shows that he was then living at "Belvisio," but it is pretty certain that he left the province not long afterwards. We learn from the return of the settlers in old Lower Woodstock in 1785 (which appears at the head of this article) that the only member of Captain Attwood's family was one child over ten years of age. This child, John Alfred Kirtland Attwood, was baptized by the Rev. John Beardsley July 30, 1789, on the occasion of his missionary tour up the River St. John. We may judge of the ultimate fate of Captain Attwood's property from the following advertisement dated at St. John, 5th June, 1809:—

"Notice is hereby given by the subscribers, Trustees for all the Creditors of the late Isaac Attwood, that the mortgage title to those two well known Tracts of land at Meductic, called Belvisio, and Captain Attwood's Estate, together with a small Island in the neighborhood called Fall Island will be sold at public auction at Gabriel Van Horn's Tavern in Fredericton at 12 o'clock on Monday the 25th day of September next. An assignment of the mortgage to be made at the time the money is paid or secured to be paid.

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HENRY SMITH, }

The names of many of those who are included in Capt. Attwood's "Return of Settlers on Block No. 4, assigned to the King's American Regiment of Foot," will seem very familiar to the residents on the upper St. John today. The names of Hartley, Cronkite, Long, Jones, Marsten, Teed, Cox, Thompson, Moore and others are preserved in the descendants of the old pioneer settlers. The historic name of Meductic too has been revived and applied to the village at Eel River. For this the people of that place are to be commended.

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"There is no doubt whatever that Leif Ericsson and a band of Norsemen came to America many years before Columbus did," said the historian to day. "All histories say this and nothing Congress could do toward honoring the adventurer could affect the history of the new world.

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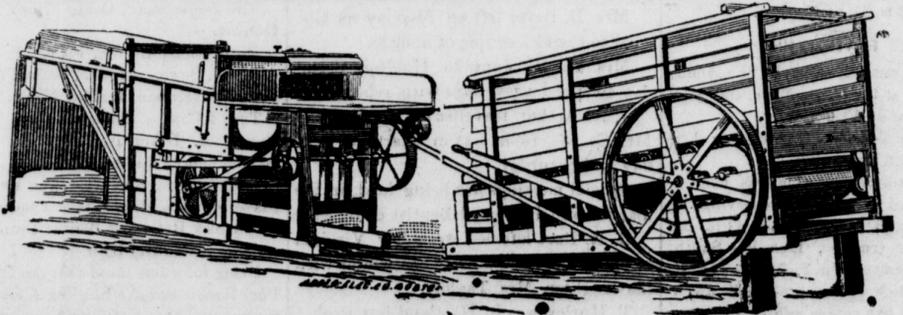
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