THE STRANGE NARRATIVE

Of Walter Bates, Esquire, Subject of the King,

FORMERLY OF NEW ENGLAND

Sometime High Sheriff of the County of Kings,

BIOGRAPHER OF THE NOTORIOUS HENRY MORE SMITH.

In These Chronicles, Now Given to the World for the First Time, is Told the Tale of the Loyalists, and Their Amazing Trials Amid the Enemies of His Majesty in the Colonies.

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From Eaton's Neck the ship sailed through East River to New York.

Having a couple on board wishing to be married we called upon Reverend Mr. Leaming * who received us with much kindness and affection, most of us having been formerly of his congregation; who after the marriage reverently admonished us with his blessing that in our new home we pay due regard to church and school as means to obtain the blessing of God upon our families and our industry. We reembarked. Next day the ship joined the fleet and on the 26th day of April, 1783, upwards of twenty sail of ships under convoy left Sandy Hook for Nova Scotia-from whence our good ship Union had the honor of leading the whole fleet fourteen days and arrived at Partridge Island before the fleet was come within sight.

Next day our ship was safely moored by Capt. Daniel Leavett, the pilot, in the most convenient situation for landing in the harbor of St. John all in good health.

We remained comfortably on board ship till we could explore for a place in the wilderness suitable for our purpose of settlement. Those who came in other ships were in some cases sickly, or precipitated on shore. Here again we were favored.

A boat was procured for the purpose of exploration, and David Pickett, Israel Hait, Silas Raymond and others proceeded sixty miles up the River Saint John. On their return they reported that the inhabitants were settled on intervale land by the river-that the high lands had generally been burned by the Indians, and there was no church or church minister in the country.

They were informed of the existence of a tract of timber land that had not been burned on Bellisle Bay, about thirty miles from the harbor of Saint John, which they had visited. They viewed the situation favorable for our purpose of settlement. Whereupon we all agreed to disembark from on board the good ship Union and proceed thither. We departed with Captain Wilson's blessing, and embarked on board a small sloop all our baggage.

The next morning with all our effects, women and children, we set sail above the the Falls, and arrived at Bellisle Bay before sunset.

Nothing but wilderness before our eyes; the women and children did not refrain from tears!

John Marvin, John Lyon and myself went on shore and pitched a tent in the bushes and slept in it all night. Next morning every man came on shore and cleared away and landed all our baggage, women and the children, and the sloop left us alone in the wilderness.

We had been informed the Indians were uneasy at our coming, and that a considerable body had collected at the head of Bellisle. Yet our hope and trust remained firm that God would not forsake us. We get to work with such resolution that before night we had as many tents set as made the women and children comfortable.

Next morning we discovered a fleet of ten Indian canoes slowly moving towards us, which caused considerable alarm with the women. Before they came within gunshot one who could speak English came to let us know, "We all one brother!" They were of the Micmac tribe and became quite friendly, and furnished us plentifully with moose meat.

We soon discovered a situation at the head of Bellisle Creek suitable for our purpose of settlement with Church and school.

No surveyor was appointed until July when Frederick Hauser was commissioned with direction to survey and allot our land according to our wishes.

He commenced where we had designed for our Church and school house in Kingston with a road six rods wide and surveyed twenty-two lots numbering on each side.

* The Rev. Dr. J. Leaming of Norwalk, was elected by the clergy of Connecticut in 1783 to be their first Bishop. He however declined on the ground of his infirmities and Dr. Seabury was then

chosen.

On July 11, 1779, Norwalk was burned by General Tryon. In the conflagration Mr. Leaming's church and house were destroyed. "I have lost everything." he writes, "my furniture, books, and all my papers, even all my apparel except what was on my back. My loss on that fatal day was not less than twelve or thirteen hundred pounds sterling." He was soon after placed in jail as a Tory, and denied even the comfort of a bed. This brought on hip disease which made him a cripple for life.

Many of the early settlers of Kingston were baptized and married by Rev. Dr. Leaming.

Before the lots were exposed for draft it was agreed that one acre off each adjoining allotted the place for the Church and school | religion, elected the following persons prehouse and that lot number one on the west paratory for the church, namely: side should be reserved for the parsonage. The water privilege to be reserved for those who would engage to built a grist mill and saw boards enough for our Church and school house.

Accordingly the lots were drawn and the numbers fell to the persons named in the

Whereupon every man was jointly employed clearing places for building, cutting logs, carrying them together by strength of hands and laying up log houses, by which means seventeen log houses were laid up and covered with bark, so that by the month of November every man in the district found himself and family covered under his own roof and a happier people never lived upon this globe enjoying in unity the blessings which God had provided for us in the country into whose coves and wild woods we were driven through persecution.

dence we were perfectly happy, contented Public worship was thus attended regularly God.'

the winter, and on Easter Monday met tocorner of the four first numbers should be gether, and as secondary means to promote

> WARDENS. David Pickett and Joseph Lyon.

VESTRYMEN. James Ketchum, John Lyon, Silas Raymond, Israel Hoit, Ephraim Lane, Jonathan Ketchum, Andrew Patching, James Moore, Elias Scribner, Seth Seeley, John Fowler, Thomas Sumner.

The Rev. John Sayre who ministered to is at Eaton's Neck soon after his arrival in the fall fleet removed to Maugerville. †

The Rev. John Beardsley t officiated for us occasionally, and made some preparation for building in Kingston.

On Thursday, the 7th day of October, 1784, I had the honor of the first marriage by the first minister. On the death of the Rev. John Sayre, in 1786, the Rev. John Beardsley was removed to Maugerville

The vestry appointed to hold church at the house of Elias Scribner, and Mr. Here with the protection of a kind provi- Frederick Dibblee to read the prayers.

and comfortable in our dwellings through on Sundays till July, 1787, when Rev. James Scovil came from Connecticut, with the view of removing to this province as a missionary. As an encouragement we voted him the lot reserved for the parsonage, and on the following summer he removed with his family into Kingston, and attended public worship on Sunday in the house of Elias Scribner, where he found, and much to his comfort, a full congregation of church people in the wilderness ready to do everything in God's name the exigencies of the church required.

With the coming of the Rev. James Scovil and the establishment of all the ordinances of religion, our little community was well content.

> These homes for weary pilgrims made, Like happy tents of peace they stand Amid the dark and silent shade. The Altar cheers our forest land.

No splendor clothes each humble dome, No shingled roof or painted shrine, Yet faith and hope find here a home-The Christian feels the place divine.

"Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even Thy altar, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my

C. Nice Hexekrap F Burdreks NO12 Hoyl Heze Kiah, Scribner Thos Summer -11 -6 Halley, Joaness Chicks 210 John Kelchum P. Grangh A. Moss Jonathan Knapp Israel Hoyks Jas. Ketchum D. Prokett nm Beach & L. Beach Jos Scribner B. Northrup Jos Dickeson Ino: Lyon Sam! Lock wood -60 C. Scribner John Kindricks Ges: Hupper Elras Scribner J. London Silas Raymond Kingston , Glebe Granted Lands marked there &

ORIGINAL KINGSTON GRANT, as Surveyed by Frederick Hauser, 1783.

† The Rev. John Sayre was missionary at Fair- ing with him. "This order was posted up in every field, Conn., where he had a trying experience during the Revolutionary war. In a letter dated Nov. Loyalists at the hands of both the contending parties. nothing; our people under cover of night sup-In his church the hangings were torn down, the plying us with the comforts and necessaries of leads stripped off, bullets fired through the windows | life." and the entire buildings exposed to every sort of wanton defilement. His congregation were subjected to every kind of oppression-fined and imprisoned on the most frivolous pretences. Mr. Sayre himself was confined to his house and garden and proclaimed as an enemy to his country, and all alty for disobedience) to have any manner of deal. loss included my little all."

store, mill, mechanical shop, and public house in the county and was repeatedly published in the 8, 1779, he speaks of the hardships endured by the newspapers. * * * * * Yet we wanted for

On July 7, 1779, the British troops under General Tryon landed at Fairfield and set fire to the town. "The ungovernable flames," writes Mr. Sayre "soon extended on all sides and in a few minutes left me with a family consisting of wife and eight children persons were forbidden (under threat of severe pendestitute of food house and raiment. * * * My

t Rev. John Beardsley, of Stratford, Conn., was for some time stationed at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. During the war he was Chaplain in Col. Beverly Robinson's regiment, and with it came to New Brunswick. He was the first clergyman to officiate at St. John and Kingston, after the landing of the Lovalists. From 1786 to 1802 he was stationed at Maugerville. Retiring from active work, he then resided at Kingston, where he died in 1810. On June 24th, 1803, when at the age of 71 years,

Mr. Beardsley preached a sermon in Old Trinity church, St. John, to the Free Masons, met to celebrate the memory of St. John Baptist. A copy of this sermon, printed by Jacob S. Mott, Prince William street, is in the possession of J. W. Law-

That Christmas Money. APPLIES TO ST. JOHN. In the next few weeks people will talk

Christmas more than all other subjects

combined. And very many will count

pennies to see if they will go around. And

some will realize for the countless things

offered for sale, "that money talks." Yes,

and many a poor tired clerk will wish that they too could talk—back. To give unsel-

fishly without thought of return is the true

Christmas spirit; but how many times, oh

human nature, will the thought occur this

month "Now if I make so and so a Christ-

mas present, wonder if I will get a return

sent custom comes hard among certain

classes, who do not always have plenty of

money; among farmers and people near

towns, who keep poultry the egg supply, is

a great source of Christmas money, because prices are always very high at this season. If the old hens will only shell out the eggs

now, thinks many a mother, I can soon get

back all the money taken for Christ-

mas. The surest way we have heard to get it back is this—E. A. Hubbard of

Hatfield, Mass., says, "About one year

ago I sent \$5.00 for six cans of Sheridan's

in January my 28 hens laid 29 dozen eggs.

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but this year, 50 hens have cleared me

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"Well, Tommy, how are you getting on

Condicion Powder to make hens lay, and

The Wholesale Absorption of Whiskey not

the Correct Thing for Gentlemen. The bartender of a popular rendezvous leaned gracefully over the bar during the slack hours of business the other day and discussed his customers with a Brooklyn

Union reporter. "I notice that men nowadays order exactly what they want," he said. "Three or four years ago a man looked more or less onade or seltzer. His companions usually next year." The growing Christmas preremonstrated with or made fun of him, and he generally offered some sort of an apology to the bar-tender for ordering a non-intoxicating drink. This was particularly so with young business men, clerks and politicians. They ordered brandy smashes, plain brandy, whiskey punches, plain whiskey, or some other heavy drink. Of course, one half of them didn't want it. You can't stand behind a bar long before you find out that a large percentage of the men who are led up to the bar to drink would rather have nothing at all than liquor of any sort. Very many men have scruples against drinking hard liquor, and others find that it goes against them to drink brandy or whiskey before dinner. Still, the majority of them used to drink their whiskey straight and say nothing. When I first went into the business, 15 years ago, we used to pass out the whiskey bottle and glasses without asking a question. If the man wanted anything else he would push the bottle back and give his order. In those days, if a party of young men went into a bar-room and ordered lemomade, the barkeeper felt aggrieved, and the bystanders made fun of him. Nowadays, however, everything is changed. No one thinks anything when two or three of a group of men order lemonade, seltzer or apollinaris at the bar.

In my opinion drinkers are not so numerous as what they used to be. The man who came in for his cocktail every morning before breakfast or luncheon, and the man who took four or five good drinks of whiskey every day, no longer exists to the extent he did ten years ago. The fact is, habitual drinking over the bar is not tashionable nowadays. Men drink more at dinner than they used to, and only drink away from home for the fun of the thing. The wholesale absorption of liquor has gone out of style. Now and then, a party of students or clerks go to a place and drink until they can hold no more, but this is very seldom. Of course, there are others among the laboring classes, who deliberately make up their minds to get 'full,' and go about it in a business-like way and drink to excess, but they are now comparatively

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