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The Daily Mail at the request of a large number of our citizens publishes each day a series of historical sketches dealing with local subjects and written by local historical authors. These have been read before the York and Sunbury Historical Society at various times.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF DEVON, YORK COUNTY, NEW BRUNSWICK.

(By Mrs. Whitman A. Haines)

(Continued from Yesterday)

So Villebon with his garrison of seventy men left this part of the Country forever as far as he himself is concerned, for he died in 1700, thus reducing French influence with the Indians at Aukpaque and Meductic. It might be of interest to know that in the St. John River opposite the dwelling of George Hayes some 400 yards below the present highway bridge near the Devon shore a French vessel lies buried, presumably scuttled by Villebon at the time of Hawthorne's raid. Alexander Gibson endeavored to raise it some years ago, but failed. An axe of French manufacture with an oak handle was taken from this vessel which is in the museum of this Historical Society.

Villebon's departure did not mean that the French did not continue to occupy this section sparsely and from time to time in larger numbers. They had prosperous farms and some comfortable homes in Devon, and in the localities of Douglas and Keswick until as late as 1793. One such dwelling stood until about thirty-five years ago I am informed near the rear of the Hayes homestead union Street, North Devon. It had oaken staircases and old-fashioned French style fire-places.

When James Hayes senior settled in Devon over one hundred years ago and built the present structure, now occupied by George Hayes, this old French house had then been abandoned for some time, which, however, yielded several antiques of the French Acadian period, especially fine dishes, and other evidences of refinement. This makes the Hayes house which is still too old fashioned to admit of electricity, tho' otherwise in a good liveable state, one of the oldest houses in the Town of Devon. While on the subject of this house I might as well

mention that its front door faces the river the main traffic thoroughfare at that time and for some years after. There was a brick business near this dwelling founded by Francis Hayes, who came from Ireland. The clay was dug out of the river bank by the birches now standing there. The old brick press is still in existence in Mr. Hayes' shed, as well as fragments of bricks round about the property. The bricks used to make the fire places in the old Art's building at the University of New Brunswick were from this brick yard in North Devon.

But my history clock is gaining time. I must turn back for a brief space. On Aug. 9, 1763 John Anderson was granted a license to occupy fifty acres of any lands unappropriated on the St. John River. On June 7, 1765 he got leave to trade with the Indians on the St. John River and Bay of Fundy. At this time he was in partnership with John Lee in a fur trading company with point of origin Quebec.

He selected the Sieur de Villebon's old fort St. Joseph at the mouth of the Nashwaak, and received a grant of one thousand acres in 1767 extending one-half mile above and below the mouth of the said Nashwaak river. He named the place Monckton, which is preserved to this present day at Monckton point, in the deeds concerning this same property. Anderson was the first Magistrate on the St. John River, his commission dating from August 17, 1765.

The Queen's Rangers was organized in New York in 1776 and given 68 grants in Queensbury Parish, York County. To this regiment was added the Queens' Royal American Regiment of Virginia. The Chaplain was the Rev. Dr. John Agnew of Norfolk, Virginia who with his wife and son Capt. Stair Agnew and his wife came first to Mauderville and then to "Monckton," the thousand acre tract formerly belonging to Anderson, which they bought from Anderson's creditors in London, and built over, "Nashwaak House" which stood on the site of the old Fort Nashwaak.

(To Be Continued)

POTATO GROWERS MET

At the N. B. Seed Potato Growers' Association field day today the announcement was made that the present year had been a good one and that more potatoes were sold this year than last. It was also noted that more spuds had been shipped to the province of Quebec. Speakers today were E. M. Taylor, C. H. Godwin, C. F. Bailey, and others. The Association was reported to be in good condition. Reports were received from the various officers, and all shown to be good.

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ST. STEPHEN FAIR GETS UNDER WAY, EXHIBITS GOOD

Poultry Show, Outdoor Attractions Are Big Drawing Cards

ST. STEPHEN, Aug. 28—The St. Stephen 1934 Exhibition opened its doors at 5 o'clock yesterday with favorable weather. A good crowd was present. The exhibition this year is above the average, while the midway is ahead of previous years.

The poultry show this year is far ahead of any held here in many years and the birds are of the highest standard. Hazen Dick has charge of this exhibit.

There are some interesting exhibits in the main building. The Milltown cotton mill has a good display of their goods and Ganong Bros., Ltd., also has a large booth. J. Clark & Sons have two nice exhibits. There are stores, exhibits and several other booths, including that of the St. Croix Soap Company, which is conducting a guessing contest.

The fish exhibit from St. Andrews is attracting much attention with large tanks of live fish being shown. The fruit, flowers, vegetables and household exhibits are well filled, while the work of the school children from the different grades is excellent.

The showing of airplanes made by local boys display much skill. The Calais Band, one of the best musical organizations east of Boston, has been engaged for fair week to add to the enjoyment of the patrons.

The Harvey Brothers of Sullivan, Me., the champion horseshoe players, arrived in town Sunday. They are a special feature at this year's exhibition. It is their first appearance at any Canadian fair. They will meet all horseshoe players at any time. It is said they can make "ringers" while blindfolded at a distance of 40 feet, with 2½-pound shoes.

Tomorrow and Wednesday the Thorton Green Moths baseball team from Bucksport will play the Kiwanis nine, while on Thursday and Friday the Boston colored baseball team of the United States will again play the Kiwanis team.

OPTIMISTIC MEETING

A meeting of the Early Settlers' Memorial Committee was held in the city last evening with a good attendance and routine business conducted. Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman presided at the meeting. It is hoped to have the city, and several of the local societies co-operate to have the Elmcroft cemetery lot beautified and made a place where persons can visit as a spot of historic and beauty interest. A number of reports were received. It is planned to hold a lawn party and other functions later this year. Ways and means of raising funds to clear up the debt on the Elmcroft monument were discussed also.

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IVES MORROW, NEW ORGANIST AT ST. ANDREWS

Succeeds Professor H. W. Sparrow, Who Will Leave For Ontario On Monday—New Organist Prominent in Affairs of Church.

Ives Morrow, local young man, has been named to succeed Prof. H. W. Sparrow as the organist and choir-master of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Prof. Sparrow, who has held this position for the past several years is leaving next Monday for Midland, Ontario.

The new organist has been identified with the St. Andrew's Church for three years, and has taken an active part in the activities of the church. He was formerly of Toronto and has had considerable musical experience. He is highly recommended by Prof. Sparrow. He has been the representative here of T. M. Bell & Co. investment brokers, and while in this city has earned the esteem of everyone. His appointment will be learned with pleasure.

F'TON HAS ONE OF MAJOR FAIRS IN DOMINION

The Secretary says:—
Fredericton Exhibition will open its doors to the Public at 5 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, September 8th, and continue, Sunday excepted till the official closing 10 P. M., on Saturday, September 15th.

Fredericton Exhibition is 82 years old this year and according to the Halifax Recorder is the third oldest Exhibition in the world. The first major exhibition was held in and around the old Parliament Buildings in October 1852. Times have changed and we have learned much since then, but Fredericton Exhibition has kept pace with the times and is able to offer you this year the most up to date Fair of its size in Canada. The experience and knowledge of the past have been drawn on to complete a monster program for this year's Exhibition. You will find that we can still live up to our reputation as the "Most Enjoyable Fair in the East". We will endeavor to tell you from day to day some of the features of this year's Exhibition and reasons why it has built up from a small Fair to such an enviable reputation as we enjoy today.

Our reason is that the Management has always kept faith with the Public. Another reason is that they have kept pace with the time and given the people the best in every department of the show and they have diversified the departments so there is something of interest for every man, woman, boy or girl that attends the Exhibition. One person is interested in Agriculture, another in Flowers, Household Science, Children's work, etc. Some come for Education, some for Recreation. We cater to all. In fact the Exhibition is like a big dinner, some like one dish, some another and we must have all the different dishes on the menu in order to suit all the Patrons and we have so catered to them that we have obtained the place in the minds of the people as the "Most Enjoyable Fair in the East".

Don't fail to visit Fredericton Exhibition September 8th to 15th.

SPOKE AT ROTARY

Donald J. McLeod, of the Experimental Station staff was the special speaker at the Rotary luncheon at noon today. His address was on the duties of the various committees of Rotary and was instructive as well as interesting. John. D. MacKay acted as chairman.

Moscow, Aug. 28—Japanese officials reported acting directly in arrests of Russian rail employees in Manchukuo.

Saigon, Indo-China, Aug. 28—Scientist announces injection to make leprosy non-contagious.

Belfast, Aug. 28—O'Duffy, Blueshirt leader, barred from Northern Ireland.

Berlin, Aug. 28—Goebbels opens campaign to steel Germans for hard winter.

Social Functions

The marriage of Miss Muriel McDonald Burt, daughter of W. C. Burt and Mrs. Burt, to William Thomas Walker, of this city, will take place on the twelfth of Sept. at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church. Rev. G. W. Gulo, pastor, will officiate.

At the weekly luncheon at the Fredericton golf links today the guests of honor were Mrs. Paul Barry, of New York, and Miss Katherine Lynch, of Montreal.

Miss Dorothy Burpee was a recent hostess at bridge in honor of Miss Muriel Tibert and Miss Muriel Burt, two prospective brides whose marriage will take place in the near future. There were four tables at play. Miss Josephine Burt was the winner of the prize and prizes were presented to the honor guests. The house was artistic with gladioli and sweet peas and the hostess was assisted in serving by Misses Alice Burpee, Rena Gordon, Margaret Porter and Carrie Hickson.

A pleasant affair in the nature of a chivarvari was held last evening for Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Young at their home in Aberdeen street. The couple returned by train last evening from Moncton, where they were married on Wednesday of last week. Close to three hundred were present. The couple were met at the station by a group pulling an old wagon which had been decorated for the occasion. The affair was one of the most pleasant held here in some time.

AT THE QUEEN

Among those registered at the Queen Hotel today are the following: L. E. Aizman, Montreal; J. E. Angeline, Saint John; D. J. Dunlop, Halifax; G. L. Ingram, Saint John; J. W. Black, Sackville; Reg. Brewster, Saint John; William C. Hobbessett and family, New Britain, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Black, Montreal; R. G. Johnston, Saint John; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kayes, Halifax; F. S. Fales, Saint John; J. M. Stewart, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Grass, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grass, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. R. Butland, Saint John; Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, Parrsboro, N. S.; W. K. Cox, Peoria, Ill.; C. G. Riley, Ottawa; W. J. MacDonald, Saint John; A. G. R. Armitage, Halifax, and W. F. Bailey, McAdam.

PERSONAL

Mrs. John Toner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. F. Black of St. John, and will remain until after the St. John exhibition.

Miss Muriel Smith, of the Provincial Normal School staff, has returned from a week's visit to Perth.

Mrs. A. B. Kitchen and grand-daughter, Miss Frances Kitchen, have returned from Carter's Point, where they spent the past few days.

Miss Muriel Burt, lately of the Charlotte street school staff, who spent the past week at Saint John, has returned to this city.

Col. Percy A. and Mrs. Guthrie, of Boston, Mass., are in the city today, the guests of the Barker House. They are here visiting friends.

Miss Marjorie Winton, who has been visiting Mrs. C. C. Camp for two weeks returned last night to her home in Campbellton.

Mrs. J. E. Woodworth, of Bear River, N. S., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Tibert. Mrs. Woodworth has come to be present at the wedding of her grand-daughter, Miss Muriel Tibert whose marriage to Ernest Coy, of Upper Gagetown, will take place on Wednesday at one o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Tibert.

Miss Ella Hayes, of Apohaqui, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanson, Durham Bridge. Miss Hayes is to be present at the Coy-Tibert wedding.

Dr. John Palmer, of Trail, B. C., who has been visiting his old home at Upper Gagetown, was in the city yesterday calling on friends. He is en route to England, where he will take a special course.

Miss Yvonne Poirer, of New Bedford, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Andrew Doran.

Mrs. H. W. Woods and "Bus" Woods left by motor today for Montreal.

Mrs. W. R. Fraser and daughter, Muriel, are the guests of Mrs. Fraser's sister, Mrs. J. S. Ross, Moncton.

OLD P. N. S. GRADUATE

Rev. W. B. Morgan of St. Martin's Anglican church, Ottawa, is in the city this week, accompanied by his wife and is the guest of his brother, E. C. Morgan, provincial relief commissioner. Rev. Mr. Morgan is a graduate of the Provincial Normal School, class of 1898. He later graduated from Queens' University at Kingston. This morning Rev. Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan visited the Normal School and also met several old friends in the city. They are leaving early this afternoon for Newcastle en route to their home in Ottawa.

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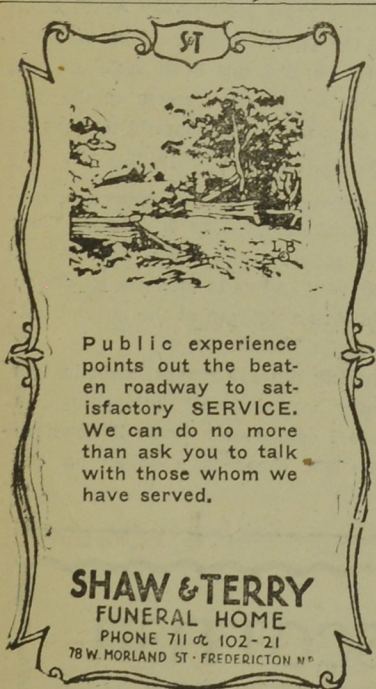
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