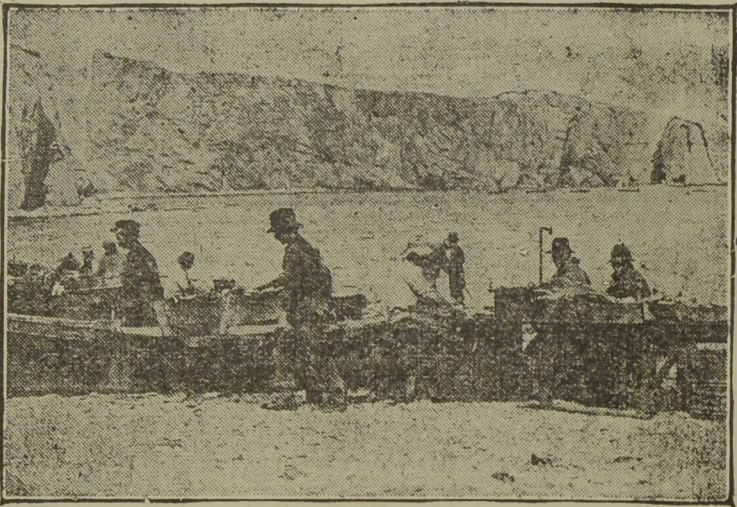


The Gaspé Peninsula Its History and Legends

The Spot Where Jacques Cartier Took Possession of the Land For God and Country Four Hundred Years Ago To Be Centre of Attraction This Week When Visitors From All Over the World Will Celebrate the Anniversary.



FISHERMEN — GASPE, QUE.

The eyes of all Canada will be turned this week towards the Gaspé Peninsula where one of the main celebrations in connection with the 400th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's voyage of discovery will take place at Gaspé, Que., on August 24-25-26. Round trip bargain fare coach excursions are being operated by the Canadian National Railways from Montreal and stations in Quebec east of that city as well as from stations in New Brunswick to Gaspé, return limit being set for Monday, August 27th.

The official programme for Gaspé opens with the arrival on Friday afternoon, August 24th, of Cardinal Redigues Villeneuve followed by a religious ceremony in the basement of the future basilica. On the same evening a banquet will be tendered under the auspices of the Travellers' Association of Montreal and the Saint Jean Baptiste Society of Quebec, presided over by Bishop Ross of Gaspé and to be followed by a fete de nuit.

Saturday's proceedings will be marked by the arrival of the liner "Champlain" of the French line with the official delegation from France, this ship being escorted into the Bay of Gaspé by fishermen in their gaily bedecked fishing boats. On this date, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a cross erected by the Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada will also be unveiled. This ceremony will be followed by a dinner given by the national committee of the general Fourth Centenary celebration committee, in addition to which there will be a fire-works display and pageant at night.

On Sunday Cardinal Villeneuve will officiate at a military mass and blessing of the corner stone of the future basilica to be erected at Gaspé. In the afternoon the S.S. "Champlain" will leave Gaspé for Quebec.

Previous to the landing at Gaspé, Que., Jacques Cartier touched at Prince Edward Island and to mark

900 odd passengers as a welcome. These will be transferred from the "Champlain" to shore by lighter. The official party of the Champlain will be welcomed at the wharf by an official reception committee headed by His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor DeBlois and will include the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada and the provincial celebration committee. A memorial cairn erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada will be unveiled by Lieutenant-Governor DeBlois immediately following the inspection of the chamber in the province building where the first negotiations leading to the confederation of Canada was held in 1864. Immediately following this and preceding the unveiling of the cairn, Dr. J. C. Webster of Shediac, N.B., on behalf of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada will present it to the province. The ceremony of unveiling will be followed by a garden party at the Government House with the liner Champlain sailing for Gaspé at 7.00 p.m.

A unique attraction of the celebration at Charlottetown will be the presence of a number of Micmac Indians in native costume supplied from the museum at Annapolis Royal, British and French warships and possibly American will also take part in the proceedings.

Gaspé has been called, and most appropriately so, the "land of the cod," for the cod fishing is the principal industry and the seasonable occupation of the vast majority of the people along the two long shore lines.

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the fish caught is estimated to be worth about \$1,000,000 a year with a saleable value, when prepared for market, including the by-products of the fisheries, of over \$1,500,000.

The tourist who would like to engage in the novel experiment of cod fishing, can easily do so. In practically every locality along his route he can secure the services of a fisherman who, for a small consideration, will take him out in his boat to the fishing grounds.

Where fish is so abundant there is naturally every advantage for the "sportsman" as well as for the fisher who earns his living by garnering a harvest from the sea.

Gaspé has some of the finest salmon rivers and "pools" on the American continent. There is trout in every river and stream. The angler has his choice of game fish. There is splendid sport in or near every locality.

Historical Gaspé

Nearly four hundred years ago, or to be exact, in 1534, two small sailing ships of less than a hundred tons, manned by a combined crew of sixty-one hardy sailors from the port of St. Malo, France, and commanded by Jacques Cartier, driven by a fierce storm, took refuge in an unknown but very welcome bay. When the strength of the wind had subsided they lowered their boats and went ashore.

Cartier and his men felled several large trees and erected a thirty-foot cross upon which they attached a shield bearing the glorious fleur de lys of France and the inscription "vive le Roy." And the St. Malo navigator, discoverer of Canada, in a simple but

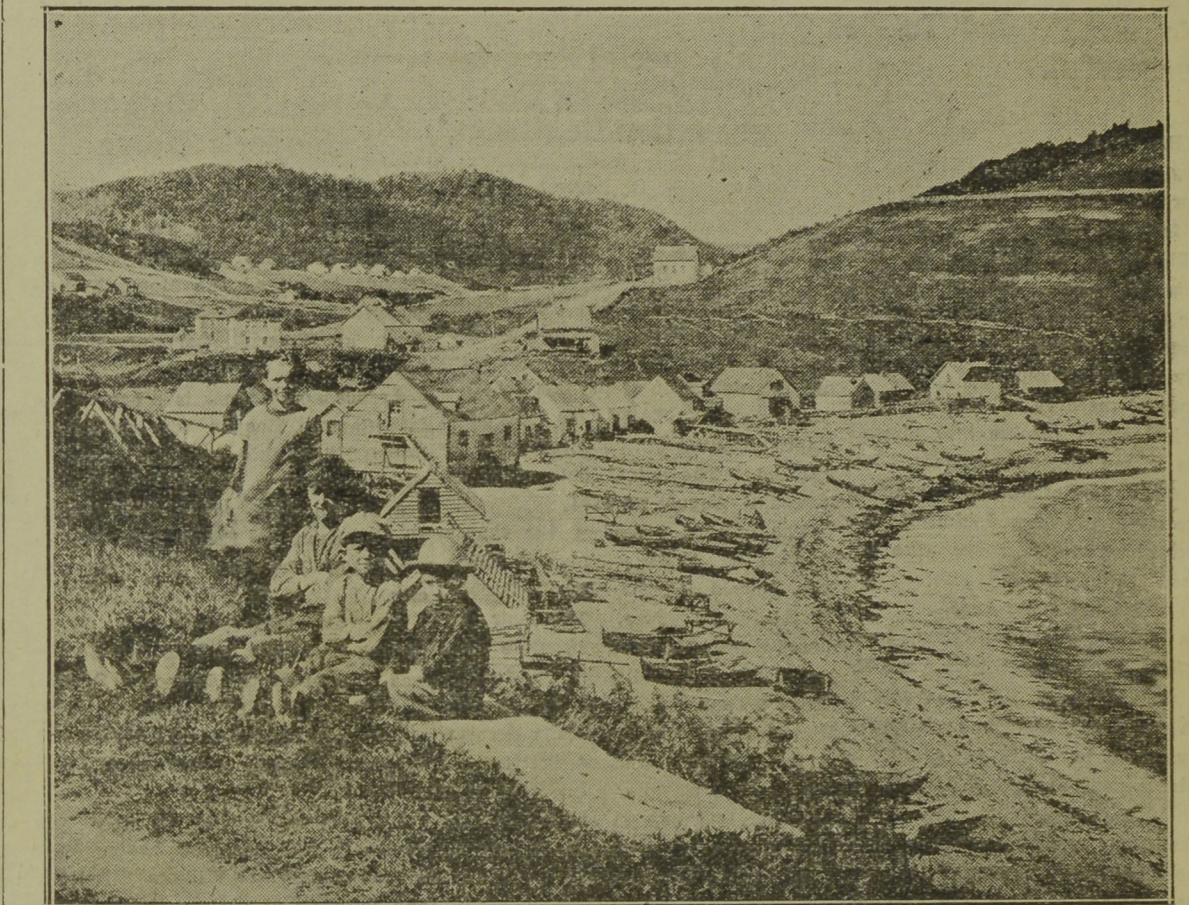
or reliable historic data to indicate that those northerners ever sighted the wild rock-bound coast of the Peninsula prior to the time of its actual discovery by Jacques Cartier, it is stated that when the St. Malo navigator arrived and met the natives he found that they possessed certain knowledge which they could scarcely have acquired had they not met white men on some previous occasion in the distant past.

Cartier officially discovered Canada and took possession of the country. Neither Greenland nor Iceland claimed prior occupation of the land.

Land of Legends

In a country like Gaspé, where the people have, for so many years been practically isolated, and where they have lived among themselves with little if any contact with the outside world in many cases, it is quite natural that there should be an exceedingly rich collection of folklore, stories and legends.

Fisher folks are prone to attribute all happenings which they cannot explain, with the little knowledge they possess of the forces of nature and



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of the physical laws, to supernatural powers and in some cases diabolical interventions.

During the long winter evenings, when the stormy winds howl along the shores of the St. Lawrence and the Baie des Chaleurs, when the tempest lashed waves shriek as they batter the dark cliffs, or moan as they are crushed and smothered upon the wind sandy beaches; when the timbers of their wooden homes creak as the snow laden gales wall and lament; and an occasional lost cormorant screams its plaintive cry as it soars above the frost tipped billows of a deserted sea; the fisherman delights in narrating the weird stories and legends of days gone by. The tourist who visits the Peninsula in summer can very often get some of the folks to tell them those tales, or, they can find a number of them related in the more complete guide-book to Gaspé issued by the Department of Roads, and in other similar works.

There is probably no other part of the Province of Quebec where there are so many weird legends and tales as can be heard in Gaspé. Most of the localities have their stories of fantastic occurrences, and in most of those places the tourist will be shown the scene of some thrilling event in the past history of the town or village.

The very name of some of the localities suggests such unusual happenings: Ile au Massacre, where a band of Indians were massacred; Pointe Fregate where a frigate was wrecked; Anse Pleureuse, where a "ghost" was laid low by a missionary; Manche d'Epee, where an old sword hilt, dating back to the early arrival of the first white man, was found; and many others.

GERMAN AVIATRIX KILLED

Berlin, Aug. 19—Lucie Byczkowsky, well-known German aviatrix, was killed yesterday at Vechta when the plane in which she was riding crashed, by asphyxiation by submersion was returned by the jury.

A GLANCE AT THE LOCAL NEWS OF FREDERICTON 27 YEARS AGO

From the Files of the Daily Herald To Purchase Sheep

Mr. T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner of agriculture, will leave the latter part of this week for Ontario, where he will purchase sheep for the Provincial Government.

A Rushing Business

There has been a big rush at the City Treasurer's office during the past few days and patriotic citizens have been falling over one another in their eagerness to separate themselves from their cash for the public good. The substantial sum of \$15,000 was collected by City Treasurer Golding yesterday and today's receipts are likely to go over that amount. Last year the discount was allowed on \$40,000, and this year it is expected the total will be about the same.

Personals

Mr. Thomas Keedy, of Boston, is in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. A. Belmore.

Miss Margaret Allen, of Ottawa, superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. R. Wetmore.

Mr. W. C. Smiler, former well known Frederictonian, is here from Boston, visiting friends.

Mr. M. J. Poindexter is undergoing treatment at Mrs. Richard's Private Hospital, for carbuncle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sharp and children returned last evening from a pleasant trip to St. Andrews.

Miss Maggie Flannigan arrived home from Boston yesterday to visit her mother, Mrs. John Flannigan, Charlotte street.

ACTOR TRAINS FOR HANGING ROLE IN PART OF JUDAS

Two Boys Thought He Was Trying To Commit Suicide and Informed Police

Milan, August 20—(BUP)—The part of Judas, which Domenico Otello has played for the past 20 years in the annual Passion Play at Sordevelo, requires some strenuous training, and the humble actor's enthusiasm for his art has nearly landed him in jail.

Although Otella, in the role of Judas is able to remain at least five minutes hanging by his neck from a tree, he is continually experimenting in order to extend this period.

This year, while on a vacation at St. Vincent, his zeal resulted in embarrassing consequences. When two boys ran into the village shouting that a man was trying to hang himself, the whole population hurried to the woods where Otella was "practicing." His explanation that he was preparing himself for a theatrical performance fell on incredulous ears, and it was not until relatives travelled to St. Vincent that he was released by police.

FIRE RANGER DROWNED AT ROUYN, QUE.

Rouyn, Que., Aug. 19—Roger Desjardins, 18, a fire-ranger, was drowned last night in the water of Lake Long. Desjardins, was swimming when companions saw him suddenly disappear. Search was immediately instituted and several hours afterwards the body was recovered from the lake. The victim is survived by his father, Oscar Desjardins, fire-ranger inspector, his mother and several brothers and sisters, residing at Ville-Marie. At a coroner's inquest, a verdict of death by asphyxiation by submersion was returned by the jury.

AEROPLANES SPREAD DISEASE, SAY EXPERTS

They Lay Down Regulations To Prevent the Growing Menace.

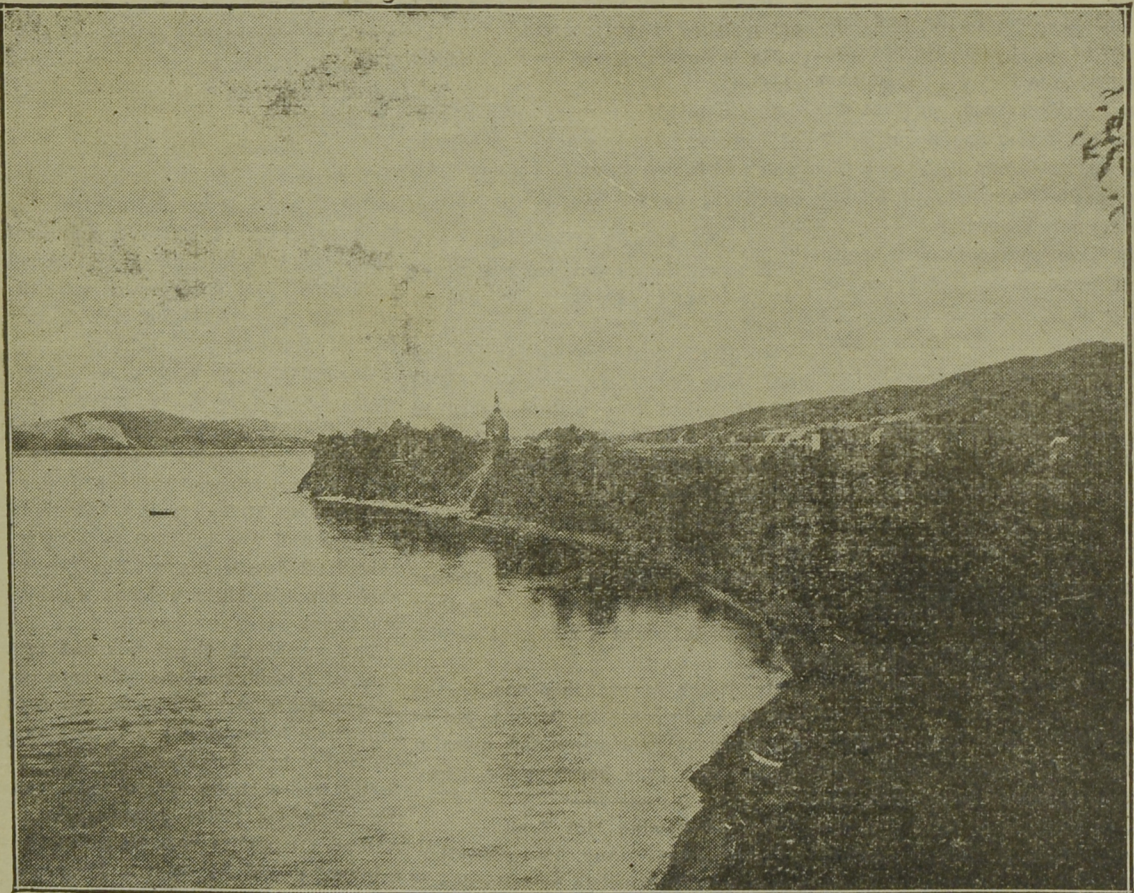
London, England, August 20— The first world-wide attempt to prevent the spread of disease by aeroplane is being made by the International Sanitary Convention for Aerial Navigation.

The Convention, signed by representatives of 23 countries at the Hague in April, has not yet been ratified by the British Government.

It lays down regulations resigned to avert the growing menace of the spread of infectious diseases—such as plague, cholera, typhus, small pox and yellow fever—by means of the rapidly increasing network of world airways.

Hitherto slower means of travel have enabled such diseases to be localized. Today with the much more rapid air transport, it would be possible for a person infected with one of these dread diseases to travel from one country to another and to pass on the disease to hundreds of others before it became manifest.

The regulations include the provision of sanitary organizations for all aerodromes, equipment for the examination and isolation of passengers and disinfection of machines, where conditions require, and the extermination of disease carriers, such as rats and insects.



SHIPS HEAD CAPE—NEAR GASPE, QUE.

this there will be an official celebration at Charlottetown on Friday, August 24th. The Canadian National Railway are also operating a round trip bargain fare coach excursion to Charlottetown for this event from stations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, going August 23rd and from stations on Prince Edward Island going August 24th, return limit being Monday, August 27th.

The French liner "Champlain" will anchor just outside the harbor on August 24th and a Royal Canadian Air Force plane will drop flowers on the

Gaspé, and the largest factor in its settlement and development.

Those who wish to learn more about the fisheries should secure the more complete guide-book of the Gaspé Peninsula, mentioned in the list of the publications issued by the Department of Roads.

An idea of the value of the fisheries of Gaspé,—and it might be stated that in addition to cod, large quantities of salmon, herring, mackerel, and lobsters are also taken along the coast,—may be gained when it is stated that

momentous ceremony, took possession of the newly discovered land for "Christ and the King."

The bay where the gallant Frenchmen landed was the Bay of Gaspé, at the extremity of the Peninsula, where now stands the pretty village of Gaspé.

According to certain historians, the Gaspé Peninsula had been visited earlier, about the twelfth century, by Greenlanders and Icelanders, who came to its shores to fish, but who never actually settled on the land.

While there are no official records