

THE CUSTOMS RECEIPTS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

The business of the port of Fredericton for the first six months of the present fiscal year, April to September, inclusive, shows a phenomenal increase in the duty collected with the same period last year, as follows:

	1916	1917
April	\$8,611.32	\$17,073.41
May	11,725.06	23,214.31
June	8,860.82	11,951.13
July	10,018.18	11,815.03
August	8,336.69	18,685.12
September	5,161.04	18,685.12

Total \$52,713.11 \$104,341.56
This shows an increase in duty collected for the first six months of the present fiscal year of \$51,628.45, as compared with the same period last year and only \$7,317.42 less than the receipts for the entire fiscal year of 1916-17.

The monthly and quarterly returns furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows:

The monthly returns:

September, 1917.

Free goods	\$10,723
Dutiable	150,706
Total value	\$161,429
Duty collected	\$18,685.12

September, 1916.

Free goods	\$15,541
Dutiable	25,000
Total value	\$40,541
Duty collected	\$5,161.04

Increase in value of goods imported for September, 1917, as compared with the same month last year, \$120,888.
Increase in duty collected for September, 1917, as compared with same month last year, \$13,524.08.

The quarterly returns are:

Quarter Ended September 30, 1917.

Free goods	\$34,799
Dutiable	391,972
Total value	\$426,771
Duty collected	\$52,102.71

Quarter Ended September 30, 1916.

Free goods	\$21,000
Dutiable	256,274
Total value	\$277,274
Duty collected	\$23,515.91

Increase in value of goods for quarter ending September 30th, 1917, as compared with same quarter last year \$249,497.
Increase in duty collected for quarter ending September, 1917, as compared with same quarter last year, \$28,586.80.

DOES EACH COW GIVE A PROFIT?

Supposing that you keep a cow giving five thousand pounds of milk in a year, for which you receive seventy dollars cash, how much profit does that cow make? This is not a riddle, but simply a query that every dairyman should be in a position to answer. Leaving aside the "higher accounting" side of revenue and expenses per

cow — those persistent items of rent, interest, taxes, depreciation, etc., and taking only income from milk or fat, and cost of feed, are you then in a position to say definitely that each cow you keep does make a good clear profit above feed cost?

Whether the feed is valued at forty or eighty dollars, whether the income is fifty or one hundred and twenty dollars, is there such profit that a fair return is made to you for the labor expended? For if revenue and

expense just balance showing no margin of profit at all, there must surely be something wrong; your labor has to be paid for.

Milk and feed record forms may be had free on application to the Dairy Commissioner, Ottawa, so that the profit made by each cow may be ascertained. Perhaps some cows would show profit if fed better; some won't. Many men in all provinces on the cow testing registers at Ottawa, show thirty and sixty dollars clear profit per cow above feed cost. You may

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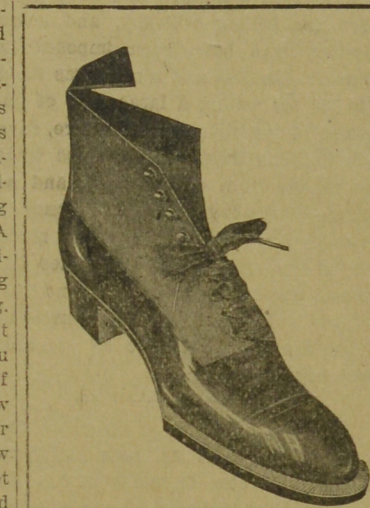
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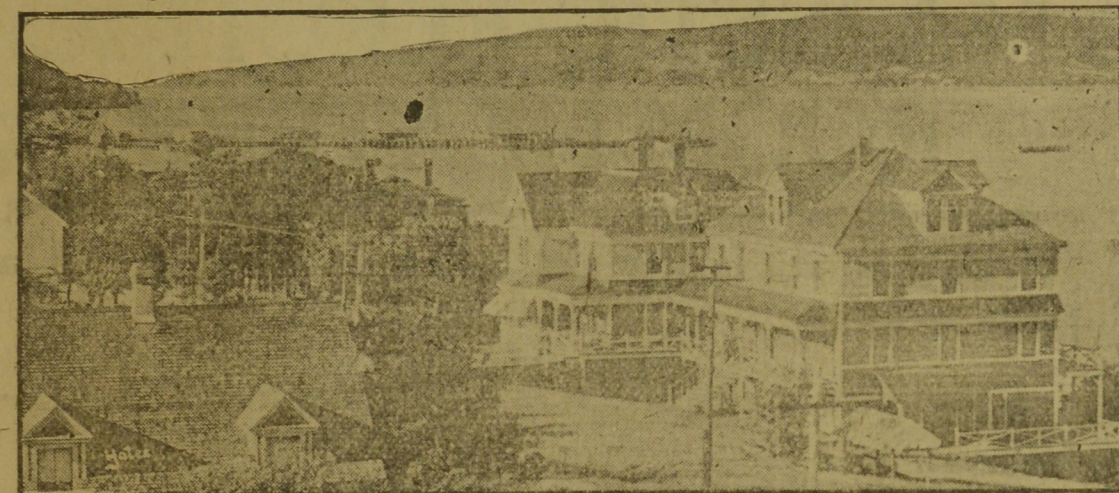


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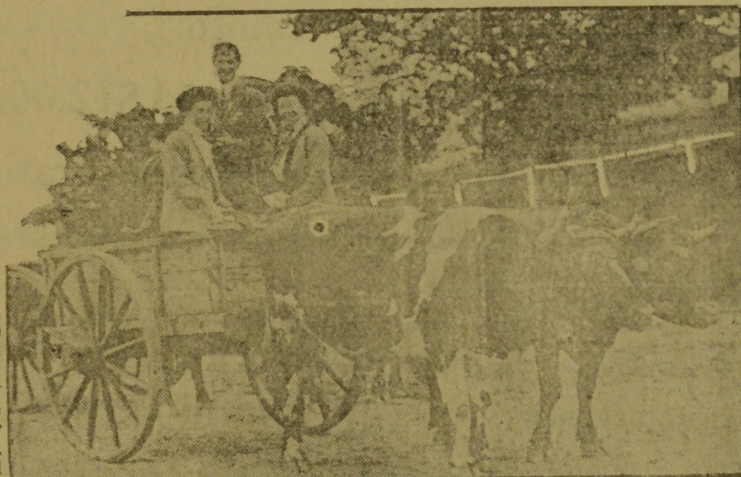
Digby Basin and Long Pier, Nova Scotia.

PARSBORO Shore with its rock bound coast of lofty crags and high walled jagged islands washed by mighty tides, the scenes of Indian legends and the struggles between the French and English, and the residence of a more modern race of hardy voyageurs, is a name little known to the tourist, but one that has an ineffable charm for him who has visited this nook of Nova Scotia.

This was the home of Glooscap, mighty god of the Micmacs. Here one finds the Five Islands, lofty and steep-sided islets in the Basin of Minas, pebbles dropped by the mighty Glooscap, so says the folk lore of the simple Redman. Attracted by their isolation, it is believed that Capt. Kidd, the infamous and successful pirate, buried here his treasure trove; and many are the deep yawning holes to be seen in these wild and eyrie islands where the bold have braved the guardian spirits of the dead pirate chieftain to find out this gold and jewels, bathed in the blood of gentle women and brave men.

Spencers Island, the Indians tell you, was formed when Glooscap overturned his melting pot; and the smaller islands near by are not common islands—they are Glooscap's dogs, turned to stone as guardians of their master's melting pot. Many are the Indians still to be found here and they believe that some day the great spirit of Glooscap will return to them; and then his chosen people will again rule over the land.

And here is Partridge Island—like lordly Blomidon opposite, rich in the beautiful amethyst—once the home of Kitpoosagunow, the mightiest fisherman of the Micmac legendary heroes. He it was who embarked in his huge stone canoe, harpooned



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the whale, tossed it into his craft as if it were a trout; and when he landed, he it was who split the leviathan of the deep with one blow of his great stone knife, tossed one half to Glooscap, and himself ate the other.

It was from the lofty cliffs of Partridge Island that a French warrior, pursued by the English, leaped to his death on the rocks hundreds of feet below. And later, it was here a blockhouse was placed when England feared the raids of Yankee privateers in the stirring days of 1812.

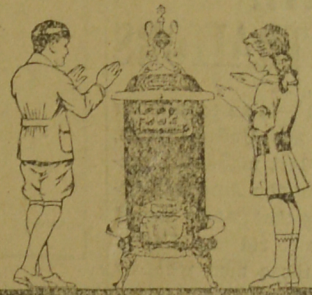
With such traditions, little wonder is it that here was developed a hardy sea faring folk. Sometimes the wife and her children accompanied the sea captain as he sailed his tiny schooner to the four quarters of the earth; but more often, he sailed away alone and for months the mother reared his children alone and superintended the

farm. Here one finds beautiful farms, thick forests, save for here and there a clearing where one can get a view of the magnificent sweep of the Basin of Minas, of the islands of Blomidon, and of the shores ten miles across the sea of silver, shores dotted with orchards and the white roofs of the farm buildings.

Men who have travelled the world over have come to Nova Scotia and declared the scenery along the Basin of Minas the fairest of it all, have marvelled at the mighty surge of those wonderful tides with their unique rise and fall of sixty feet, and have spent their summers in its cool, invigorating climate. A comfortable steamboat service operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway connects St. John, New Brunswick, with this land of legends, bold and noble mountains, and with the land of Evangeline.

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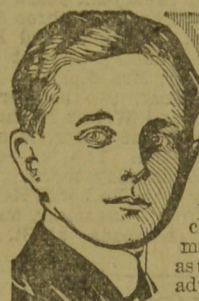
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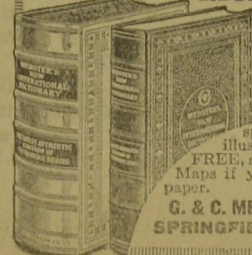
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